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Help Get Children Outdoors!



MOSS Upcoming Events

Support MOSS and our neighboring organizations at any of these upcoming events:

June 11--10:00-12:00

Frogs Family Day with Museum of the Rockies

June 25--3:00-6:00

Great American Campout with REI

June 30--3:30-6:30

Chestnut Mountain Trail Hike with Gallatin Valley Land Trust



Watershed Festival 2011
Special thank you to our Sponsors and Exhibitors!

Are you ready for *your* adventure?



Join MOSS for Summer Camp 2011!

Featuring more than **20 outdoor science summer camps** in Gallatin Valley, Belgrade, Livingston, Ennis, Big Sky and beyond!

From bug netting and exploring spineless creatures to backpacking and searching for the fastest animal alive, a MOSS Summer is always filled with **adventure, fun, friendship, and learning.**

REGISTER TODAY!

Thank you to all of our Watershed Festival sponsors, exhibitors, families and friends who supported the event! Watershed Festival was a success with over 20 exhibitors and over 750 attendees!

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MOSS Volunteer Force: We Need You!

Join the MOSS team as a volunteer! We are looking for enthusiastic, dedicated, and passionate volunteers to help serve our mission, reach hundreds of students and campers through inquiry-based scientific learning, and promote the natural outdoors.

MOSS Teen Lead Explorers
Encourage your teenager to join MOSS this summer as a volunteer Teen Lead

406.582.0526
www.outdoorscience.org

MOSS Summer Special Sign-Up!

Looking for **last-minute summer camp plans**? Excited to register for summer camps but can't find the time? Need help deciding which camps to pick?

Don't worry, we hear you! MOSS will open our doors on **Saturday, June 18th from 10:00-2:00** for Summer Camp Sign-Up! Join us at the offices to learn about our exciting summer camps, meet our newest turtle family members, and take a hike up Drinking Horse trail!

Please call our offices for additional information at 406.582.0526

MOSS Outdoor and Adventure Education: A Strengths-based Approach

New program offerings at MOSS will provide students a unique blend of outdoor and adventure inquiry-based learning

As we prepare for Summer Camp 2011, I am constantly thinking of how we can evolve and improve our science-based programs here at MOSS. I personally have been an advocate of strengths-based education through outdoor learning and adventure education. Strengths-based education encourages participants to intentionally use their talents to achieve success in the environment in which they are placed (Passarelli, Hall, & Anderson, 2010). Studies have shown participation in outdoor and adventure education has been associated with developmental outcomes such as personal growth, enhanced interpersonal skills, and group development (Ewert & Garvey, 2007).

MOSS views the outdoor classroom as a background for effective instruction through inquiry-based learning, and a place for our children to communicate what they are learning in the classroom and in life. To follow the strength-based education philosophy and grow our programs, we are designing new experiential activities to help our children identify their own skills and talents. These new courses will also help students relate these talents into the process of academic and personal growth.

We at MOSS understand the need for Outdoor and Adventure programs for all school children, and we are committed to making these programs a reality for our community in 2012. Students will interact with nature and learn about our local habitat while

Explorer! Teens will explore their natural surroundings in leadership and service-oriented projects!

Please call 406-582-0526 or e-mail us at admin@outdoorscience.org. We'd love to hear from you!

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participating in outdoor activities, including hiking, camping, paddling, rafting, rappelling, fishing, swimming, and snow sports. Get ready for some exciting outdoor opportunities to connect the learning of science to nature and appreciation of our beautiful outdoors through strength-based stewardship and adventure programs.

Sincerely,

Brad Benne, Director of Programs and Office Management

MOSS "Name That Turtle" Contest!

If you haven't met our newest family members, please stop in the MOSS offices and meet our two new turtles! A special thank you to the Toner family for donating the turtles to MOSS.

While we thought of some clever names for the turtles, we thought it would be fun to have a Gallatin County community-wide turtle naming contest! Please mail or e-mail possible names and we will announce the two winners in the MOSS July newsletter!

Here's what you need to do to be eligible in the MOSS "Name That Turtle" Contest:

- E-mail or mail your selected name to the MOSS offices (please see address below)
- Include a short paragraph why you selected the name
- Include your contact information so we can reach you if you are the selected winner!

Submissions need to be received by June 30th. A MOSS panel will review all submissions and we will release the names of our two newest family members in the July newsletter.

Winners will also receive a complimentary MOSS sweatshirt!



Please mail submissions to:
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PO Box 502
Bozeman, MT 59771
or please e-mail submissions to:
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