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Summer Camp 2011

Looking for *your* next
summer adventure?

Join us for **Summer Camp 2011**, and choose from more than **20 outdoor science camps** in Gallatin Valley, Belgrade, Livingston, Ennis, Big Sky and beyond!

From marching through marshes and **fossil hunting**, to exploring creepy crawlers and becoming a **MOSS Nature Crime Scene Investigator**, a MOSS summer is always filled with **adventure, fun, friendship and learning**.

Click here to learn more, including our downloadable [Summer Camp 2011 brochure](#)

[There is no registration deadline!](#)

[Register for Summer Camps Today!](#)

At a recent Earth Day celebration in West Yellowstone, I overheard a young boy announce to his parents, "I can't do science!" I had to smile because I remembered saying the same thing to my parents when I was a child. When the boy and his family stopped at the MOSS booth a little later, I showed him our collection of animal pelts. Shane was immediately drawn to a bobcat pelt. As he began petting the fur, I asked him a few questions: "What does this feel like? Why do you think the animal has such long fur? What can you tell me about the paws?" He excitedly answered every question. We soon determined the animal to which the pelt had once belonged. As he left our booth, I pointed out to him, "You just did science!" Shane looked at me with huge eyes and smiled. As he and his family moved to the next exhibit, I imagined this young boy becoming the next Richard Louv (author of the national bestseller *Last Child in the Woods*).

Learning science is something students do, not something that is done to them (National Science Education Standards). Here at MOSS, we promote scientific literacy through interactive, hands-on and inquiry-based programs, both in the classroom and in our beautiful outdoors. We work with students who think, "I can't do science!" and through exploration, discovery, and open-ended questioning in the natural world, they learn that science is everywhere around them.

Spring in Montana is a wonderful time to explore the outdoors and discover your own scientific questions! Join us at the 13th Annual Watershed Festival on May 21st on the grounds of the Bozeman Fish Technology Center, to explore the science of healthy watersheds and take part in fun, hands-on activities for all age groups! Enjoy live music, delicious food, hands-on tours, guided nature walks, and MOSS-sponsored Duck Races! We look forward to seeing you there!

Until then, Happy Trails!

Kelly Valentine, Director of Education & Development

[13th Annual Watershed Festival](#)



NEW! MOSS Monthly Nature Walks

Have you ever wondered how a robin finds worms? Do you know about the intricate dance performed by honey bees?

MOSS will reveal these, and many other mysteries, during free monthly MOSS Nature Walks! Join us on Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Led by MOSS Executive Director, Steve Eshbaugh, Nature Walks are a fun, engaging, and family-oriented activity!

We will depart from the south end of the Bozeman Public Library parking lot. Join us as we explore our amazing ecosystem!



MOSS Volunteer Force:

Montana Outdoor Science School
proudly presents:

13th Annual WATERSHED festival

2011

Saturday, May 21st
10:00 am - 3:00 pm **Fish Technology Center**
(In Bridger Canyon, below the "M")

Featured Keynote: **Derek Goldman, Endangered Species Coalition**

What's Going On Fish Print T-Shirts & Kids' Activities Nature Crime Scene Investigators Fly-Tying & Fly-Casting Farm Animals Over 20 Exhibitors!	Film Screenings <i>Saving the Endangered Species</i> Hosted by the Endangered Species Coalition, screenings at 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm
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FREE!
and fun for all ages

Don't miss Montana Outdoor Science School's Watershed Festival on Saturday, May 21 at the Bozeman Fish Technology Center! A free, fun-filled event for people of all ages, the festival brings together local schools, lecturers, non-profit organizations, and other exhibitors to promote healthy watersheds and fisheries, and to explore our impact on local lands and water through fun, hands-on activities and science-based educational experiences!

FEATURED EVENTS

- Keynote Speaker: [Derek Goldman](#), Communications & Northern Rockies Field Representative for the [Endangered Species Coalition](#)
 - MOSS Duck Races on Bridger Creek
 - Guided Nature Hike up Drinking Horse Mountain
 - Farm Animals
 - Nature Crime Scene Investigation Booth
 - Fish Print T-Shirt Decorating Booth
 - Animal Face Painting Booth
- Film Screenings hosted by Endangered Species Coalition
 - Delicious foods and savory sweets
 - Over 20 exhibitors!

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

Bring your appetite, fly rod, hiking boots, and the entire family for an event you won't want to miss!

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Animal of the Month...Introducing Monte and Salem, the infamous Tiger Salamanders!

Tiger Salamanders, like all salamanders are amphibians. Tiger salamanders are native to Montana and much of the rest of the United States. They are the largest land-dwelling salamanders in the world, growing up to 14" in length. At night, tiger salamanders emerge from their underground burrows to go on the hunt. Look out if you're a worm, insect, or even another salamander; you are on the tiger salamander's menu!

At MOSS we are delighted to have two tiger salamanders, Monty and a recent donation, Salem. Both love to gobble up crickets and earthworms. Neither of our salamanders has much of a tiger-like pattern, from which the species gets its name. We would love to have you drop by and visit our slightly-slimy friends. They are happy to put on a show as they gobble up their next meal.

As you drive Montanan's roads this spring, keep an eye out for these amazing creatures crossing your path. While their populations are healthy, pollution and habitat loss is causing some concern for this amazing animal. And it is always best to leave wild animals alone. Please do not try to add a salamander to your pet collection.



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Promoting an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural world through quality educational experiences.

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