

Top Ten Reasons to Come to Camp at the Montana Natural History Center

1. **We have fun outdoors.** Our camps visit natural areas every day. We are as excited as your kids are to get outside to learn and explore!
2. **We have a small staff-to-camper ratio.** This means lots of interaction between campers and instructors. Our staff-to-camper ratio is 1:7 in K-5th-grade camps and 1:4 in our preschool camps.
3. **We make scientific literacy cool.** Every camp is based on a unique science-based natural history curriculum.
4. **We have experienced outdoor educators.** Our staff have education backgrounds and experience working with kids in the natural world.
5. **We have a stellar safety record.** Our staff are CPR and First Aid certified, have passed extensive background checks, and meet safe driving criteria.
6. **We offer scholarships!** Our goal is to provide opportunities for all kids to experience nature.
7. **We offer the value of unstructured play.** Although our camps are structured around science curriculum, we build in free time for exploration and discovery.
8. **We go on awesome field trips.** Bird Banding at Rock Creek, UM Electron Microscope Lab, Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge, Chief Looking Glass, Council Grove, UM Zoological Museum, and Fort Missoula Native Plant Garden...to name just a few.
9. **We have amazing partnerships which means amazing presenters.** Animal Wonders, Avian Science Center, Parks and Rec, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers, and the Forest Service.
10. **We have a fabulous home base.** The Center has just finished a huge renovation providing brand-new, improved learning space and facilities.