



Montana Natural History Center

Your Base Camp for Discovery

120 Hickory Street
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 www.MontanaNaturalist.org



Preparing for your Half-Day Camp

We are excited your child is going to be spending the week with us, exploring the mysteries of Montana's wildlife and landscapes. This notice will help you prepare for the week. Contact us if you have any questions!

--IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!--

Times: All half day camps meet from 9:00 – 1:00. Please give us a call by 8:30 am if you are going to be late, or miss the day.

Meeting Location: We start and end each day at the Missoula International School located at 1100 Harrison in the lower Rattlesnake (the old Prescott school building) in the modular classroom on the north side of the school. Look for the Montana Natural History Center sign. You may drop your child off any time between 8:00 and 8:45. See the map for directions to the Missoula International School.

Shuttle from MNHC for DROP-OFF ONLY: If you have another child enrolled in a different camp at the Montana Natural History Center, or would prefer to drop off at MNHC in the morning, you may elect to bring your child to MNHC at 120 Hickory Street for drop-off between 8:00 and 8:45. Students in the half-day camp will ride the school bus shuttle to the Missoula International School at 8:45 where they will spend the day. **The shuttle will leave promptly at 8:45.** Students **must** be signed in on the shuttle list at MNHC.

Pick Up: ALL students are to be picked up at the Missoula International School at 1:00.

Emergency Phone Numbers: MNHC offices: 327-0405 / Missoula International School: 542-9924

Preparing for Adventure...

What to Bring:

- Outdoor clothing for the weather
- Backpack
- Filled water bottle
- Sun hat
- Rain jacket and pants if weather predicts rain
- LUNCH!!!!!!
- Water shoes (old tennis shoes or sandals)
- We can provide sunscreen and insect repellent unless you have a preferred brand!
- *Please do not bring personal radios or other electronic devices*
 - ❖ We'll provide snacks throughout the day.
 - ❖ If any students are taking or need to carry a prescription (including epi-pens and inhalers) the prescription should be labeled with the date and included in the student's backpack. The student is responsible for carrying the prescription at all times. Staff are not responsible for lost prescriptions. Parents may instruct staff as to how and when the student needs to take the prescription.
 - ❖ Volunteer Opportunities: Parent volunteers are welcome to participate! Contact MNHC to let us know if you would like to attend part of camp!

During your child's week of camp we will be exploring our local natural areas, taking short field trips, playing games, using our creative talents in arts and crafts activities, and making all kinds of amazing discoveries! Each camp varies by theme and a specific schedule for your camp, including field trip locations (within walking distance) and planned activities, will be available at check-in on the first day of camp.



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Field Trip Locations: Greenough Park and North Hills close to the school

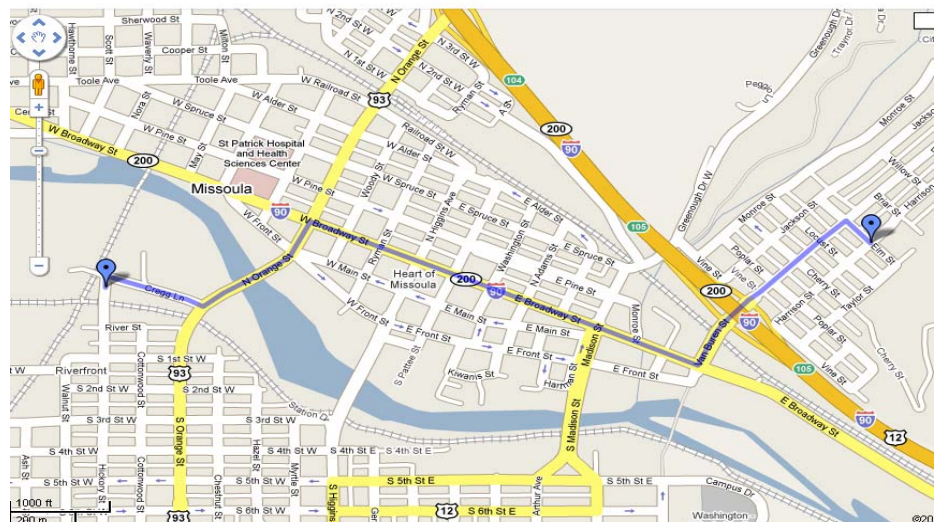
SAMPLE schedule for your week of camp:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Welcome Opening Circle and Names	Welcome, opening circle and creative project	Welcome, opening circle and game or learning activity	Welcome, opening circle and field trip preparation	Welcome, opening circle and game
10:00	Introduction to this week's theme	Scavenger Hunt	Walk to the park for lunch and activities	Game Walk to our field trip site	Outside for exploration!
11:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:30	Exploration outside. Catching insects? Looking for animal signs?	Learning about food webs, life cycles, habitats, and more!	Creative Arts...music, drawing, dancing, painting and more	Exploring out in the field. Watching birds? Looking for wildlife?	More time outside to look for insects, wildlife, birds and other great things!
12:00					
12:30	Snack and Story	Snack and Story	Snack and story	Snack and Story	Snack and Story
1:00	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle

Children who are dropped off before 8:45 will play games, work on creative projects, listen to stories and participate in short activities until camp begins at 9:00. Please pick up your child no later than 1:00 pm at the Missoula International School.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Registration fee (minus \$50 deposit) is refundable ONLY if a cancellation is made by 5:00 pm the Tuesday before the start of a camp. Withdrawals after this deadline forfeit the entire fee. Membership fees are non-refundable and must be paid at time of initial registration.

Map to the Missoula International School:
 MIS is located in the old Prescott School building at 1100 Harrison in the lower Rattlesnake:



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