



# Tamarack Tales

Tamaracks Resort, Seeley Lake, Montana

## Kid's Corner

Fun with nature  
For kids of all ages

**ROCKS** Rocks are everywhere. You can find them in the ground, forming mountains, and at the bottom of the ocean. The Earth's crust is made mostly of rock. Rocks are made up of one or more **minerals**. There are three types of rocks. **Igneous** rocks are formed when magma from within the Earth cools and solidifies. **Sedimentary** rocks are formed when layers of material press together and harden. **Metamorphic** rocks are formed when rocks are changed by high temperatures and pressure while still solid.

### Activity: Make A Pet Rock

Things you will need:

- er 1 rock about the size of your fist
- er A collection of leaves, twigs, pebbles, seeds, & other small things found in nature
- er Craft glue or modeling clay

Here's what to do:

Use craft glue or modeling clay to attach pieces of your collection to your rock to make a real or mythical animal. Use your imagination. Pebbles and seeds make great eyes, you can use leaves for ears, make antennae or a tail out of sticks, and even use the scales from a pinecone to make scales on your pet rock.

## Bits & Pieces

☞ The odds against hitting the jackpot on a slot machine are 889 to 1.

- II Welcome back Bouwman Family.
- II Welcome back Haugen Family.
- II Welcome back Huffman Family.
- II Welcome back Huppert Family.
- II Welcome back Krings Family.

[The average life expectancy of a toilet is 50 years.

- II Welcome back Masters Family.
- II Welcome back Sprague Family.
- II Welcome back Steffens Family.

4A balloon released into the jet stream would take two weeks to travel completely around the globe.

- II Welcome back Haas Family.
- II Welcome back Strauch Family.
- J There are 119 grooves on the edge of a quarter. A dime has one less.
- II Welcome back Mackey Family.
- II Welcome back Scott Family.

KA quart-size pail holds 8 million grains of sand.

## This Week's Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH 90° LOW 51°	HIGH 87° LOW 49°	HIGH 96° LOW 51°	HIGH 94° LOW 48°
TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	
HIGH 87° LOW 45°	HIGH 84° LOW 45°	HIGH 85° LOW 46°	

Seeley Lake Water Temperature: 74°

## Seeley Lake Interpretive Programs

► Friday, July 28 - Fly Fishing Equipment, Methon & Clinic with Andy Roy

7:30 pm @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area

► Tuesday, August 1 - A Walk on the Wild Side - Clearwater Nature Trail (bring water and bug spray)

10:00 am @ Seeley Lake Ranger Station

► Wednesday, August 2 - Kelly the Kestrel, the World's Smallest Falcon with Susan Reel

7:30 pm @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area

► Thursday, August 3 - Fireside Chat - Glacial Lake Missoula

7:30 pm at Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area

► Friday, August 4 - Smokejumper Tim Eldridge talks about Montana's most exciting career  
7:30 pm @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area

All programs are free to the public. You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket, insect repellent, and marshmallows for roasting by the fire. In case of bad weather, programs will be held at Seeley Creek Trailhead Shelter. For more information, please visit us at the office or contact the Seeley Lake Ranger Station at 677-2233.



## Learn a bit about Blue Heron



**Size:** length: 36 to 40 inches; height: 4 feet (including head and neck); wingspan: 6 feet  
**What to look for:** large size; blue-gray in appearance; long bill and neck; flies with head and neck folded back.

**Habitat:** freshwater areas, salt marshes  
**Comments:** This powerful bird spears fish or catches them by using its bill like scissors. It also feeds on frogs, snakes, mice, and birds.

## Wildflower of the Week



### Showy Paintbrush

**Size:** 4 to 8 inches tall; flower ¾ to 1 inch long  
**Habitat:** sub-alpine forests, ledges, mountain meadows

**What to look for:** flowers range from white to pale green to orange or red, in dense clusters atop straight stems; leaves strap-like at base, upper leaves display a pair of wide-spreading lobes.

**In bloom:** June through August  
**Comments:** The flowers of the Indian paintbrushes offer no landing place for bees or other pollinators; the plants depend on hovering insects and hummingbirds for fertilization.