



# TAMARACK TALES

TAMARACKS RESORT, SEELEY LAKE, MONTANA

## Kid's Corner

Fun with nature  
For kids of all ages

### Trees

Step outside for a moment and take a look around you. What do you see? Green grass, the shimmering lake, and hundreds and hundreds of towering trees. So many trees, you can't even count them. Trees have three parts: The **crow**n is the top of the tree where the leaves, branches, seeds, and flowers are found. The **trunk** is the stem of the tree. It is covered in bark to protect it. The trunk holds the branches up toward the sunlight, and food travels up the trunk to the branches and leaves. The **roots** are underground. They hold the tree in place and pull up water and food from the soil.

#### Activity: Make a Bark Rubbing

Things you will need:

- Thin drawing paper or tracing paper
- 4 thumbtacks
- Assorted crayon stubs with the paper peeled off

Here's what to do:

Use the thumbtacks to pin a piece of paper against the tree trunk at eye level. Rub the flat length of the crayon across the paper. As you rub, the pattern of the bark will appear. You can change the crayon color as often as you like. See how many different kinds of trees you can find by comparing the patterns on your bark rubbings. Remember to remove the thumbtacks from the tree and take them home with you when you are done.

## Bits & Pieces

- \* The full moon on May 31 is the second full moon this month, an event that is called a Blue Moon.
- \* Welcome back Pro Fun!
- \* An individual Little Brown Bat can consume 900 insects an hour during its nighttime forays.
- \* Welcome back Emily, Kyle, Leah, Andrew and Taya!
- \* Welcome back Lisa, Al, Sidney, and Richard!
- \* There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- \* Welcome back Ed, Gayle, Lauren, Leslie, Kelsie, Jamie and Teri!
- \* Welcome back Hal and Alice!
- \* The international telephone dialing code for Antarctica is 672.

## Event Horizon

### Alpine Artisans 15th Annual Loon and Fish Festival

#### Saturday:

- 9AM - 6PM: Art & Craft Fair at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Children's activities, exhibits, arts & crafts and many other activities at various times throughout the day.
- 11AM - 3PM: Book signing by Montana authors at Grizzly Claw Trading Company.
- 2PM - Loon Viewing Walk with Lynn Kelly. Meet at the Community Hall.
- 7PM: Montana Loon Society Presentation, Seeley Lake Community Hall

#### Sunday:

- 9AM - Stroll to the Wildlife Viewing Blind with Donna Love. Meet at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station.
- 11AM - Wildflower Hike to Holland Falls with Diann Ericson. Meet at Holland Falls trailhead.
- 11AM - 3PM - Book signing by Montana authors at Grizzly Claw Trading Company.

For a full schedule of events with descriptions and directions to meeting places, visit the office and pick up a brochure.

## This Week's Weather

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HIGH 62° LOW 34°	HIGH 71° LOW 43°	HIGH 71° LOW 41°	HIGH 64° LOW 39°
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
HIGH 75° LOW 42°	HIGH 83° LOW 47°	HIGH 87° LOW 48°	

## Moon Phases



## Learn a bit about the American Beaver



**Size:** Head and body, 3-4 feet long; tail, 11-21 inches long.

**What to look for:** Chunky, dark brown body with a broad, flat, scaly tail, short legs, a short neck and a broad head with massive, orange-faced incisors.

**Habitat:** Freshwater environments wherever there is suitable woody vegetation.

**Comments:** It is not unusual to find a beaver dragging around 20 pound pieces of wood with it's jaws.

## Wildflower of the Week



Mountain Shooting Star  
(Dodecatheon jeffreyi)

**Size:** Plant 5-40 cm tall; flower 2-3 cm tall.

**Habitat:** Moist to wet sites in foothills and montane zones from BC to Idaho and Montana

**What to look for:** Leaves: basal, oblong to spoon shaped, 3-20 cm long. Flowers: lavender to magenta with 5 linear lobes swept backwards from a yellowish collar.

**In bloom:** May to August

**Comments:** The fine, powdery pollen is released from the flower by vibrations caused by bees - a process known as 'buzzing.'