



Beargrass Summer Camp Weekly Themes 2017

Who is the Beargrass Summer Camp Program for? Students going into 2nd through 5th grade who want to engage in meaningful, fun, and place-based activities. You do not need to be a CFS student to attend – in fact, we encourage new families to participate!

Week 1: June 12-16 – Nature’s Cartographers

Get ready to investigate our local place! Using a variety of paper skills and crafts, we will create our own awesome nature journals to take into the field with us. We will practice our cartography skills as we map our adventures and special places. Our observation skills will show us new ways to “read” the natural world around us and enjoy the magic of Missoula’s outdoors. And, of course, we will have lots of treasure hunts!

Week 2: June 19 – 23 – Biking through Missoula

Let’s get on our bikes and ride this week of camp! We will explore Missoula on two wheels, visit great cycling organizations like Free Cycles and Adventure Cycling Association, and make our own map of "Best Places to Ride with your Kids in Missoula." Bikes and helmets are required, but please contact the CFS office if this is prohibitive.

Week 3: June 26 – 30 – Awestruck Astronomers

Let’s learn about outer space! We will explore our closest neighbor, the moon, and continue our journey to the outer reaches of our universe! We will investigate larger than life phenomenons like gravity, meteor showers, and the big bang. Then, we will end the week with a trip out of our atmosphere to the U of M’s Planetarium!

Week 4: July 3, 5-7 - Nature’s Dining Room (*) There will be no camp on Tuesday, July 4th (***)**

Become an explorer, a chef, and a master gardener while learning about the delicacies that Mother Nature serves. We will cook with goodies from the CFS garden, turn local plants into delicious delicacies, and learn how to make baked goods out of backyard weeds. This week, we will play, eat, plant, and enjoy the CFS garden. Please mark any dietary restrictions on your enrollment form.

Week 5: July 10-14 – Trailblazing with STEM

Get into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math with different challenges and activities during this investigative week of camp. We will build, create, and explore with lots of interesting materials, while simultaneously making predictions and testing our own experiments. Be prepared to challenge your curiosity and get ready to innovate!

Week 6: July 17-21 – Hiking the Hills

Campers will get their feet moving this week as we venture into the amazing outdoor spaces of our special home. We will picnic on a hilltop, explore the flora and fauna of Missoula’s mountainsides, learn about famous explorers, and create mountain masterpieces. And, of course, we’ll be learning about our local ecosystems as we go. Get ready for a fun-filled week spent loving and learning about the Great Outdoors!

Week 7: July 24-28 – Power Wranglers

Explore, create, and construct during an energized week filled with learning about renewable resources. Power cars and ovens from the sun and make wind turbine blades that we’ll put to the test. We will end the week by combining wind and solar to power our own off-grid school community model. Come prepared for an electrifying experience!

Name of Participant _____

Week 8: July 31 – August 4 – The Power of Play

A summer should be filled with play! Go wild with adventure this week as you and your camp friends determine the week's itinerary. Will we explore Missoula's trails on bikes? Will we splash away the summer heat in the river? Will we play hide-and-seek in a hidden forest? It's all up to you! The only certainty is that there will be lots of play!

Week 9: August 7 – 11 – Trash to Treasures

Repurposing old things is the focus of this fun-filled camp. Every activity will involve creativity, hands-on exploration, and an opportunity to discover that many things do not need to be thrown away. We might, for example, make a secret world out of recyclables or mandalas made from yard debris. There will be no limit to our creativity!

Week 10: August 14 – 18 – We are a Village

Become a kindness hero and discover the power in helping others. This week is filled with special service projects that help our local place. Each exciting project will transform you into a hero of rivers, animals, wilderness, and community. It's fun helping our village!

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or need clarification in any way. We look forward to a fun summer with you!

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