



Kinnikinnick Summer Camp Weekly Themes 2017

Who is the Kinnikinnick Summer Camp Program for? Students going into Kindergarten and 1st 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 – Galivanting in the Garden

This week, we will spend most of our time playing and learning from the CFS garden. We'll also get to visit other local gardens to learn how many different ways there are to grow things. We'll have fun planting and harvesting, create some yummy garden-fresh treats, build fantastical fairy gardens, learn from the chickens and enhance our wildlife and pollinator habitats!

Week 2: June 19 – 23 – Marvelous Mud and Divine Dirt

This week focuses on digging, creating, planting, and exploring as we dive into a childhood wonder – mud! We will hunt for bugs, make delectable nature pies, explore the garden, and create artistic masterpieces. Leave your nice clothes at home this week, because CFS students are powered by dirt!

Week 3: June 26 – 30 – Montana Creatures Big and Small

Come join us to discover Montana's wild side! We will learn to think like a deer, hunt like a bird, and hide like a reptile. We will visit the Zoological Museum and learn about the amazing adaptations that allow animals to survive in the Missoula Valley. We'll even splash away the heat in our local creek as we discover the micro-organisms that call the Rattlesnake home.

Week 4: July 3, 5-7 - Wilderness Explorers (There will be no camp on Tuesday, July 4th).

Learn how to survive in the wild! We will learn how to build a campfire, build an emergency shelter, and identify edible plants. Students will become survival experts as they learn orienteering skills and backcountry cooking. The magic of the great outdoors will be our guide this week!

Week 5: July 10-14 – A Bug's Life

Indulge your curiosity as we investigate the insects that live all around us. There will be plenty of adventuring this week as we explore the lives of our local creepy-crawlies! During this fun-filled and educational camp, we will become bugs and create make-believe homes for ourselves. We will search for insects in the nearby hills and streams, learn how to use field guides to identify unknown bugs, and visit the Missoula Insectarium!

Week 6: July 17-21 – Time Traveling through Missoula

Visit different phases in Missoula's history as we explore how Missoula has changed over the eons. We will explore the mysteries of Glacial Lake Missoula. We will discover how Native Americans originally used the land and where they settled. We will re-live the life of early homesteaders and will learn about the coming of the railroad. This week requires lots of field trips and tons of imagination!

Week 7: July 24-28 – Water, Water Everywhere!

This week is all about one of our most precious natural resources – water! We will explore our local watershed, play at our favorite splash parks, and investigate the water cycle. We'll also practice fun ways to help conserve water and protect our water habitats. Dive into this week for gallons of watery fun!

Name of Participant _____

Week 8: July 31 – August 4 – Creating a Caring Community

This week, we will become kindness heroes and discover the joy in helping others. Every day, we will engage in fun-filled acts of service that show our classmates, our community, and the Earth that we care. We will hold a toy and book drive, plant flowers for senior citizens, make special art for our loved ones, and give TLC to our local parks. And one entire day will focus on ourselves and ways to show self-love!

Week 9: August 7 – 11 – Fabulous Fly Fishing Fun

Have you ever wondered about what fish eat and how to use that knowledge to catch a trout? At our Fly Fishing camp, we will explore insects, learn how to mimic them, and tie our own flies. We will practice casting, build our own fishing rod, and put our skills to the test on the river. In the process, we will learn more about our close ecosystems and develop a respect for Missoula's insects, fish, and waterways.

Week 10: August 14 – 18 – Exploring Our Place

Explore the diverse wonders our special home has to offer! We will saunter to the PEAS farm, have a picnic in a local park, and take a journey to a secret swimming hole tucked in the woods. This week will be filled with field trips as we spend time with friends revisiting some of our favorite spots and discovering new treasures.

*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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