



# Clark Fork School

## Beargrass Summer Camp Weekly Themes 2019

**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 17-21 – NATURALLY MISSOULA**

We are lucky to live in such a beautiful, wild place. During this week of camp, students will explore different wild areas to play with their friends, both old and new. Imaginations will be our guide as we explore different trails and take dips in local creeks. We will add in some team building games and activities to facilitate and encourage positivity during free play, and help promote kindness, inclusion, and open-mindedness. This week, campers will find new treasures in well-known places and explore the unknown in places where they have never before been.

### **Week 2: June 24-28 – MISSION IMPOSSIBLE**

Intriguing clues, fun puzzles, a hidden treasure...sound like fun?!? We will work together to find hidden messages, crack codes, and unlock secret items. We will make maps, investigate new things, and find our inner detectives. This week, we find out the mission impossible might just be possible after all.

### **Week 3: July 1, 2, 3, and 5 (\*\*There will be no camp Thursday, July 4th \*\*). POWER WRANGLERS**

Explore, create, and construct during this energized camp! After learning the nuts and bolts of renewable energy, we will transform into engineers - we will power cars and ovens with the sun and see how much power we can create with our wind turbine blades. We'll explore kid-friendly ways to save power and saunter to rooftops that create electricity from the sun. We'll even engineer our own hydropower! We'll end the week building our own off-grid school community model. Come prepared for an electrifying experience!

### **Week 4: July 8 - 12. 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.

\*\* This camp is for students who are capable of confidently and competently riding their bikes from Clark Fork School to downtown Missoula AND back up the hill to our school at a reasonable pace. All bikes must fit the student well and be in good condition.\*\*

**Week 5: July 15-19. VIDEOGRAPHING, BEARGRASS STYLE**

Campers this week will make their very own movie! We will work together to investigate a theme through the video lens, allowing students to film, edit, create, and showcase their masterpiece. Students will make music, learn editing techniques, and use their creativity to create a masterpiece. Final showing of the film will be on Friday afternoon.

**Week 6: July 22-26. EXPLORING OUR PLACE.**

Ahhh, Missoula in the summertime...What better way to spend a week than exploring the Garden City! Some of our explorations may include a visit to the Public Library, a stop at the local bread shop, enjoying lunch at Caras Park, hiking the M, checking out Silver's Lagoon, playing at the All Abilities playground at McCormick Park, and visiting the Art Museum...the list is endless and one day will include a "Choose Your Own Adventure!" We can't wait to visit beloved spots and explore new places with you.

**Week 7: July 29-August 2 STORYTELLING CAMP**

Stories can be told in so many different ways. Stories seen in tracks can tell us who was there, who they were following, and if someone escaped or became lunch. Stories from letterboxes can lead us through the woods, over rocks, and through fields to hidden treasures. Stories can share history of a region, both natural and human-made, and we can see how our surroundings can give us clues to the stories of Missoula. During this camp, students will learn to read tracks, read the landscape, and tell stories of their own - both fact and fiction!

**Week 8: August 5-9. 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! This camp is always a favorite and fills up quickly, so sign up early.

**Week 9: August 12-16. FORTS, FORESTS, AND FIRES**

Take a walk in the woods and build forts during this week of summer camp! We will hike around Missoula, learn about survival shelters, build fun forts, and go on a trip to Fort Missoula to learn about fire towers and local fire history. We will even visit the Smoke Jumpers' Center to learn from our local experts!

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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