



## Beargrass Summer Camp Weekly Themes 2018

### **Week 1: June 11-15 – 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 Kids in Missoula." Bikes and helmets are required, but please contact the CFS office if this is prohibitive.

### **Week 2: June 18 – 22 – Art in the Park**

Find inspiration in nature for this art-filled week! We'll experiment with pleinair painting and make an Andy Goldsworthy-inspired nature sculpture. We'll use nature as our guide as we make homemade art supplies like paintbrushes and paper. We'll saunter to local galleries and create our own masterpieces. And can't you just imagine the smiles we'll create with our face paintings? We'll even try our hands at clay sculpture at a local studio!

### **Week 3: June 25 – 29 – Wandering through Wildflowers**

Get ready to explore Montana's beautiful wildflowers! Students will take to the fields and forest to photograph the native wildflowers of early summer. Each student will create their own personalized Wildflowers of Missoula guidebook. We will learn to identify noxious weeds and discover kid-friendly ways to stop their invasion. We will also make lots of flower crafts and play ecology games! All students are welcome, but not required, to join us in July and August for a continuation of this exploratory camp.

### **Week 4: July 2, 3, 5, 6 - Around the World (\*\*\*) There will be no camp on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> (\*\*\*)**

This week will focus on some of the different countries and cultures from every continent around the globe. We will cook traditional recipes, play games from other cultures, and create art using different styles and techniques. This camp will help us to gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the ways people live – we'll spend a lot of this week exploring the ways in which we are all the same, yet different. Pack your bags and get ready to explore our world!

### **Week 5: July 9-13 – Western Exploration**

Come explore the history of our land! Forget cowboys and sheriffs – this week will focus on the parts of our history that are usually overlooked. From Native Americans to French settlers to gold miners, Montana has a rich and fascinating story to tell about our journey to statehood and beyond. We will create traditional art, explore oral history and legends, visit historical monuments, and even cook over a campfire. Join us and gain a deeper appreciation for how Missoula came to be!

### **Week 6: July 16-20 – Bugs and Blossoms**

Get ready to explore Montana's bugs and the flowers they pollinate! We will take to the woods to photograph the native flowers and insects of mid-summer and create our own personalized Bugs and Blossoms of Missoula Guidebook. We'll explore the magic of pollination by playing in the dirt, splashing in the water, and exploring how different habitats are home to different species. We'll even explore how some bugs can help stop the invasion of noxious weeds! This week is a perfect continuation for students who attended Wandering through Wildflowers and an exciting opportunity for new students to explore the symbiosis between insects and flowers.

**Week 7: July 23-27 – Exploring our Place**

Ahhh, Missoula in the summertime...What better way to spend a week than sauntering through 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 on our local trails, checking out Silver's Lagoon, playing at the All-Abilities Playground at McCormick Park, and visiting the Art Museum. The list of field trips is endless and one day will include a choose-your-own-adventure. We can't wait to visit beloved favorites and explore new places with you!

**Week 8: July 30 – August 3 – 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 6 – 10 – Watersheds and Wildflowers**

Get ready to explore two of the most magical things in Montana – Water and Wildflowers! Students will take to the hills and streams to explore how water, or the lack of water, effects the growth of different plant species. We'll explore the plants of the creek bottom and compare them to the flowers growing in our sun-baked hills. We'll become native plant heroes and learn some kid-friendly ways to help protect our water and watershed. Each student will even create their own personalized Watersheds and Wildflowers of Missoula Guidebook. This week is a perfect continuation for students who attended week 3 and/or 6 and an exciting opportunity for new students to explore the magic of local wildflowers.

**Week 10: August 13 – 17 – Nature's Dining Room**

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.