

What is ACES summer CAMP all about??

Cathy Hay started summer camps in Bigfork in 1995 at the Bigfork Athletic Club and later moved her summer program to the Bigfork Elementary School and finally landed at ACES!

Hundreds of children in the Bigfork area have attended the popular Summer Camps over the years and the program has developed to serve up to 75 kids per week!

The goal of summer camps is to offer the campers a chance to enjoy Bigfork as it is. We hike, bike, swim, learn, create, enjoy and make memories.

There is rarely a kid that doesn't love spending a week at CAMP.

How are we funded??

ACES is a non-profit organization that receives grant funding for their program. Unfortunately, the grant funds do not cover all of the expenses. In order to provide quality instructors and quality programming we must charge fees to participate. All fees must be paid in advance using our NEW online registration form.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW....

- ◆ Camps are for the ENTIRE week— no discounts will be given if you don't attend daily. We do not have a summer drop-in fee.
- ◆ ALL registrations and payments will be done through our NEW ONLINE SYSTEM and need to be submitted before your first day of camp! We will not be accepting paper registrations or cash this year.
- ◆ All those eligible for discounted rates must show proof of acceptance into the Free and Reduced lunch program or TANF. Once provided, you will be given a coupon code to enter at checkout on our new online system!
- ◆ A 20% deposit will be due at the time you register, with the remaining balance automatically withdrawn the 1st day of your weekly camp.

Please visit our website for more information. Under our *Programs* tab click on *Bigfork ACES Summer Camp* and you will find a link to our online system.

TYPICAL SUMMER DAY AT ACES

7:30am	Before Camp Care
8:15am	Breakfast—USDA approved!
9:00am	Camp Assembly
9:45am	Station 1*
10:30am	Station 2*
11:15am	Station 3*
Noon	Lunch and Free Play
1:30pm	Station 4*
3:00pm	Kudos and Closing
3:30pm	Dismiss—After Camp Care
5:30pm	End of Day—last pick up

*Stations include art and culture, academic enrichment, service learning, STEM and recreation, mostly pertaining to the theme for that particular week.



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SUMMER CAMPS



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Camp Descriptions

ANIMAL LOVERS UNITE

Whether it's on the farm, at the zoo, or in the wild, if you love animals, you won't want to miss this fun week of camp! Start planning your perfect zoo and learn about some of Montana's native animals!

ART OF NATURE

Nature, in a sense, is our greatest artist. All around us there is natural beauty to enjoy. This week of camp will be spent creating a connection with nature through art and experience.

CHEF ACADEMY

Cooking, baking, meal planning, nutrition and mystery boxes! This camp will teach recipe reading, measuring, safety skills and will include lots of eating, of course!

COME TO YOUR SENSES

Can you imagine life without our senses? Sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch? Our senses allow us to learn, protect ourselves, and enjoy our world. We will explore a new sense each day of the week.

FAIRYLAND

Folktales and fairies have enchanted children for years. We will revisit this magical world through art, science, music and games.

FISH AND FLOAT

We can't wait to get our canoes out on the lakes! Campers will learn all about water safety, canoe techniques and fishing for dinner!

FUN-GINEERS

Physics is in nature, at home, in sports, basically, everywhere. We will launch rockets, plan amusement parks, and attempt to figure out the universe.

GET IN THE GAME

All about favorite outdoor sports and recreation. Campers will learn teamwork, skills and drills and how to be a good sportsman!

Geology ROCKS!

Rocks, minerals, gemstones, birthstones, agates, dirt, sand, volcanos, earthquakes, fossils, caverns, stalactites and stalagmites! Our main project will be building the world!

INTO THE WILD

If you were lost in the woods, would you know how to survive? Campers will be taught the basic techniques for surviving in the elements. This year we will throw in some hikes, so make sure you have a love for hiking and good shoes!

RE-CHARGE

We will make circuits, batteries and use magnets to create our own electricity! We will even look at renewable energy!

SUMMER SCOUTS

Who doesn't love an adventure? This camp is all about learning to use a map, GPS and compass. Campers will have hands on experience locating different treasures throughout the week.

UNDER THE BIG TOP

Everyone loves the circus! Campers will learn all kinds of amazing tricks and drama, including clowning, magic, acrobatics and wild animals. They will also perform for their peers and parents at the end of the week.

WACKY WATER WEEK

How many things can you think of that involve water? We will look at all aspects of water, including health, art, science, and of course, swimming!

COLOR WARS— CAMPERS FAVORITE!

This fun culmination of the summer is our most popular camp! Includes wacky sports, cheer-offs, art and knowledge competitions! Participation is mandatory so come with your team spirit and be ready to conquer the challenges!

June 11-15	Fairyland	July 16-July 20	Get in the game
June 18-22	Animal Lovers	July 23-27	Geology Rocks
June 25-29	Come to Senses	July 30-Aug 3	Re-Charge
July 2-6	NO CAMPS	August 6-10	Into the Wild
July 9-13	Art of Nature	August 13-17	COLOR WARS

Flying ACES

Grades K-1

June 11-15	Summer Scouts	July 16-20	Come to Senses
June 18-22	Under the Big T	July 23-27	Fun-gineers
June 25-29	Get in the Game	July 30-Aug 3	Water Week
July 2-6	NO CAMPS	August 6-10	Art of Nature
July 9-13	Animal Lovers Unite	August 13-17	COLOR WARS

Red Barons

Grades 1-2

June 11-15	Under the Big T	July 16-20	Geology Rocks
June 18-22	Fairyland	July 23-27	Art of Nature
June 25-29	Re-Charge	July 30-Aug 3	Into the Wild
July 2-6	NO CAMPS	August 6-10	Fun-gineers
July 9-13	Chef Academy	August 13-17	COLOR WARS

Navigators

Grades 2-4

June 11-15	Fun-gineers	July 16-20	Water Week
June 18-22	In the News	July 23-27	Chef Academy
June 25-29	Geology Rocks	July 30-Aug 3	Get in the game
July 2-6	NO CAMPS	August 6-10	Fish & Float
July 9-13	Into the Wild	August 13-17	COLOR WARS

Aviators

Grades 3-6

June 11-15	In the News	July 16-20	Fun-gineers
June 18-22	Get in the game	July 23-27	Fish & Float
June 25-29	Chef Academy	July 30-Aug 3	Art of Nature
July 2-6	NO CAMPS	August 6-10	Water Week
July 9-13	Summer Scouts	August 13-17	COLOR WARS

Leadership

Grades 5-7

All students in 7th-8th grade will have a chance to participate in camp through our Counselor In Training Program. They must fill out an application to be accepted and spend each week as a volunteer camp counselor. This will be split in (2) 4-week sessions. Students must commit to the full 4 weeks.

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Grades 7-9