

OUR VOICE

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A newsletter from the Gallatin Valley YMCA

WINTER BASKETBALL 2011

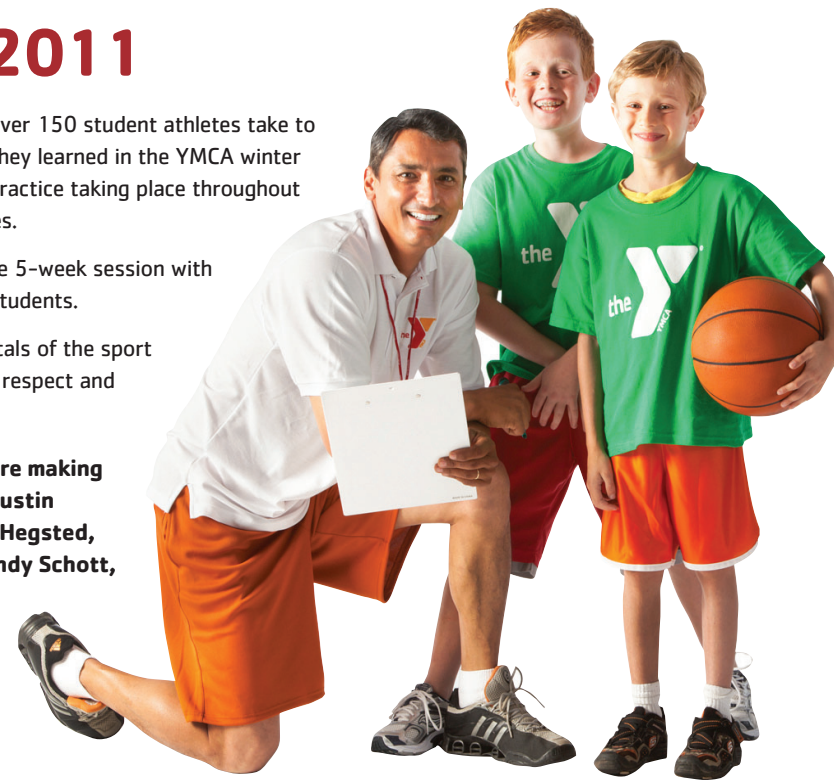
The squeak of gym shoes can be heard again on the hardwood as over 150 student athletes take to the courts showing off their new basketball skills and free throws they learned in the YMCA winter basketball program. Games take place on Saturday mornings with practice taking place throughout the week lead by our awesome team of volunteer basketball coaches.

Belgrade and Bozeman teams are playing each other throughout the 5-week session with lots of cheering from parents and friends supporting these young students.

Throughout the winter league, participants will learn the fundamentals of the sport along with integrating the 4 YMCA core principles, caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

A big thank you to all our volunteer basketball coaches who are making this basketball program great with their positive coaching : Austin McPherson, Brian Brown, Josh Perkins, Dan Springer, Andrea Hegsted, Tammi Baxter Benjamin, Casey Kulbeck, Tamara Spangler, Randy Schott, Debby O'Reilly, Michael Andrews, Justin Hegsted, Jennifer Kidney, Adrian Swenson, Mike Springer, Mark Fasting, Andrew Ash, Debby O'Reilly, Josh Perkins, John Schwarz, Jeremy Skinner, Austin Pesanti, John DePew and John Davis.

We couldn't do it without you and truly appreciate the time you sacrifice to make a difference in the lives of our young athletes.



"MY CHILD WAS TAUGHT TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GAME. HE HAD A GREAT TIME."

Proud YMCA basketball parent



WEAR YOUR DANCIN' SHOES AND YOUR PARTY HAT

Are you ready to have a great time with your family? Then plan on joining us for our inaugural SnowBall family dinner, dance and fun on Saturday evening March 5th. The party begins at 6pm at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman. We will serve a "grown-up" dinner along with a children's buffet dinner for our younger fans. A kids craft area will be available to keep the young ones entertained while you take a look at all the silent auction items ready to be won. There will be lots of fun family adventures to bid on, as well as, items geared towards families and kids, and oh, yes, relaxing items for moms and dads too! The tunes will start following dinner with our DJ taking any and all requests to get our party into full swing. Throughout the evening we are lucky to have a spectacular photographer, Rob Wilke, of Wilke Photographics offering family and fun photos that you can purchase right on the spot and take home with you. This unique event is geared towards families, so bring mom, dad, grandma and grandpa along with all the kids and their friends! [con't next page](#)

NOTE WORTHY

Summer Adventure Camp (1st-5th grade)

Registration opens March 1st

YMCA Camp Child (1-Week Residence Camp outside Helena). June 19-24th for 3rd-5th grades

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YMCA Camp Child (1-Week Residence Camp outside Helena). July 24-29th for 6th-8th grades

Registration opens March 1st

SnowBall Family Dinner & Dance

Saturday, March 5th, 6pm

Strong Kids Annual Campaign

Begins March 7th. This very important annual fund raising drive supports the YMCA and all the youth programming and financial aid offered to families.

KUDOS TO

J-Tech Communications for our nifty new website about to be unveiled.

Kurt Palmquist for our new website design

AND TO

Health Balance for sponsoring our Winter Basketball program. **THANK YOU!**

We love sponsors!! If your company would like to sponsor any of our programs we'd love to share our opportunities.

THE SNOW BALL

All monies raised from the SnowBall will go directly towards funding our youth sports and summer programs. With the economic downturn, the Gallatin Valley YMCA receives many requests from families that can not afford even our low fees. Your attendance at our SnowBall and generous giving helps us meet our mission of NEVER turning anyone away because of inability to pay.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to our sponsors of the SnowBall:



WON'T YOU PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING DIFFERENCE IN A YOUNG ATHLETE'S LIFE BY JOINING US FOR AN EVENING OF FAMILY FUN?

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING THE YMCA AT 994.9622.

SPONSORSHIPS & CORPORATE TABLES STILL AVAILABLE



Plan on joining the fun ...

at The Gallatin Valley YMCA's inaugural SnowBall, Saturday, March 5, 2011 with an event sponsorship, purchasing a corporate table or by offering an item for auction.

This unique family friendly event kicks off the YMCA's annual campaign which supports all of the Gallatin Valley YMCA's youth sports programs and summer day camps. Through generous contributions from donors like you, the YMCA is able to offer all kids the chance to participate regardless of ability to pay.

During 2010, the Gallatin Valley YMCA offered over \$5,000 in financial assistance and scholarships to area families and youth. With sponsors like you, we will be able to continue our mission of providing healthy and safe programs that promote the YMCA's core values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility. We sincerely thank you for your thoughtful consideration of sponsorship or purchase of a corporate table and look forward to promoting your company at this family fun evening.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Top Hat Sponsor \$5,000 - Please call for a complete list of benefits.

Silver Sponsor \$3,000 - Please call for a complete list of benefits.

Bronze Sponsor \$1,000 - Please call for a complete list of benefits.

Supporter Sponsor \$500

- Recognition as Sponsor in event program.
- Your company listed as a Sponsor in all pre and post-event materials.
- Acknowledgement during dinner.
- 2 dinner tickets.

Corporate Table Sponsor \$250

- Reserved seating for 8 with preferential seating for client/employee hosting.
- Listing in event program as corporate supporter.

Auction Item Sponsor

We would be extremely grateful if your company chose to donate an item, service, vacation package, product, etc..to be displayed and sold during our silent auction. It's a terrific way to showcase your company or donation.

- Listed in Auction Program
- Acknowledgement during dinner.
- Listed on E-Newsletter blasts

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR AWESOME AUCTION COMMITTEE:

Laura Asbell, Maureen Michaud, Stephanie Dennee, Karen Rutzen and Julie DesJardin. Thanks Ladies!

SUPER FUN IN THE SUN SUMMER CAMPS

Looking for a great way for your student to spend the summer? The Gallatin Valley YMCA has the answer! This summer, "fun" is the word as 1st-5th grade students will have the opportunity to join their friends for all new weekly themed camps that include field trips, swimming, crafts and much, much more.

The Gallatin Valley YMCA Summer Adventure Day Camp provides a safe environment for children to run, play, build self-esteem, and encourage positive sportsmanship skills. Our 2011 summer day camps for students 1st-5th grade begins June 13th for Bozeman & Belgrade. We will have a separate camp site in Belgrade.

Mondays and Fridays campers will stay mainly at the campsite or at local parks or sites, except for special occasions. Field trips and other off-site activities will take place mainly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Camp will run daily from 7:30am-5:30pm, except for holidays. Cost per week is \$125 with a one-time registration fee of \$25 for the entire summer.

A complete schedule of weekly themes will be listed on our website as well as our new on-line registration form. Space will be limited so please register early. We can't wait to share lots of fun with your student(s) this summer!



STATE YMCA DAY IN THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE

REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL 6 MONTANA YMCA'S SPENT THE DAY IN HELENA SPEAKING WITH SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT THE MISSION OF THE YMCA.

Butte, Billings, Missoula, Helena, Dillion and your Gallatin Valley YMCA all received standing ovations in both the House and Senate for work on behalf of children, families and seniors in their communities.



BOZEMAN REPRESENTATIVE, FRANKIE WILMER & INTERIM CEO ANDREA STEVENSON AT YMCA STATE ADVOCACY DAYS IN HELENA

RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA HONORING THE YMCA

WHEREAS, YMCAs throughout America have provided immeasurable benefits to people of all ages for over 160 years and the Montana Alliance of YMCAs has served our communities since 1885 when the first Y was organized in Helena; and

WHEREAS, thousands of families in Montana benefit directly from the YMCA's extensive programming for all ages through their focus on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 Montana children and youth benefit each year from the YMCA's swimming, sports and camp programs that build athletic, social and interpersonal skills, build self-esteem, and make lasting friendships; and

WHEREAS, more than 300 Montana high school students learn about civic responsibility by participating in the annual YMCA Youth in Government program which includes the student legislature program; and

WHEREAS, no person is turned away for inability to pay, the Montana YMCAs provide more than \$2.3 million of annual support to our communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,640 individuals volunteer at the Y each year making the Montana Alliance of YMCAs one of the largest volunteer-driven organizations in Montana.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES and SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA that the Montana Alliance of YMCAs be recognized for its contributions to the citizens of Montana and that January 21, 2011 be declared "Support the Montana Alliance of YMCAs Day."