

MEET YOUR SUPER FUN YMCA COUNSELORS

WISBET



Elizabeth "Liz"
 Hometown: Millbury, OH
 University of Toledo, B.A Psychology,
 M.A. Psychology
 Favorite Outdoor Fun: Hiking or a good
 run
 Best Advice: It all works out in the end,
 if it hasn't worked out, it isn't the end.
 What makes Liz in a good mood?
 Laughter or running--doing something
 outside or athletic
 Can't Live Without: Chocolate

FLOW



J.R.
 Hometown: Helena, MT
 Montana State University-Community
 Health Major
 One Thing J.R. Misses About Being A
 Kid: Don't touch the ground tag on the
 jungle gym
 Favorite Outdoor Activity: All of them
 but camping is the best
 Secret To A Good Life? Maintaining his
 inner child
 If J.R. Had A Super Power it Would Be:
 Wolverines Self Healing

FLASH



Nick
 Hometown: Fowlerville, MI
 Montana State University-Elementary
 Ed. Major
 Secret To A Good Life: Smile as much
 as possible every day
 If Nick Had A Super Power it Would Be:
 Being able to run faster than the speed
 of light
 What makes Nick in a good mood?
 Being with family and friends
 Can't Live Without: His loving,
 supportive and beautiful wife

COUNTRY



Shannon
 Hometown: Clyde Park, MT
 Elementary Education
 Favorite Outdoor Activity: Horseback
 Riding
 Secret To A Good Life: Don't sweat the
 small stuff
 Best Advice: Be yourself all the time
 Can't Live Without: Her family, but
 coffee runs a really close 2nd

SQUIRREL



James
 Hometown: Wausau, WI
 Northern Michigan University, Outdoor
 Recreation Major
 One Thing James Misses About Being A
 Kid: Still having things like the stars and
 storms be a mystery & unexplained-being
 able to wonder
 Favorite Outdoor Activity: Rock Climbing
 Best Advice: Let every moment be the
 best moment you've ever lived
 When James Grows Up He Wants To: FLY

ROWLEY



Katelin St. Peter-Blair
 Hometown: Rowley, MA
 University of Georgia, Art History Major
 Favorite Outdoor Activity: Back country
 camping and hiking
 Secret To A Good Life: Starting & ending
 the day with a smile
 Hidden Talent: A very loud clap!
 When Katelin Grows Up She Wants To:
 Start her own school where we play
 outside and explore as much as possible

RHINO!!!



Ryan
 Hometown: Issaquah, WA
 Montana State University, History Major
 Favorite Outdoor Activity: Skiing
 When Ryan Grows Up He Wants To:
 Well-let's just say he's still trying to
 figure that out!
 Favorite Dessert: Ice Cream!
 Last Road Trip: Tucson, Arizona

KITTY



Tara
 Hometown: Deer Lodge, MT
 University of Montana-
 Elementary Ed. Major
 Favorite Outdoor Activity: Hiking
 Secret To A Good Life: Drinking lots of
 water, getting some sun and laughing!
 What puts Tara In A Good Mood?: Her 7
 year old sister, Bailey
 Can't Live Without: Coffee

OUR VOICE



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Summer 2011

A newsletter from the Gallatin Valley YMCA



A NEW HOME FOR YOUR YMCA

The boxes are unpacked and our summer campers have arrived at the new Gallatin Valley YMCA. We are thrilled with our new location at 524 Professional Drive, (off Main Street between Sherwin-Williams and Batteries Plus). Now we will be able to offer more programming options year-round for our members and families. During the summer months, June through the end of August, our space is filled with the sound of laughter from both our Summer Adventure Campers (ages 6-11) and our Teen Campers (ages 12-15). We can't forget our Belgrade Campers, who are still meeting every day at Belgrade Baptist Church off of Jackrabbit Lane. But they too get to take advantage of the new YMCA space when they visit Bozeman for day camp activities.

If you haven't already, we urge you to stop by to see our new home and to learn more about our summer programs along with new school year programs and fall athletics. At the Y, we strengthen community. Join us as we work together to reshape the way in which we intentionally approach the work of nurturing youth, supporting healthy living and fostering social responsibility.

NOTE WORTHY

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

Registration Closes: Wednesday, JULY 13th

Flag Football Mini-Camp (K-4th grade) August 1st-4th, 8am-noon

Registration Closes: Wednesday, JULY 27th

Adventure Guide Camp (K-5th grade) August 19th-21st.

Registration Closes: Friday, AUGUST 12th

Flag Football League (K-4th grade)

Registration Closes: Friday, AUGUST 12th

SnowBall Family Dinner & Dance

Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 at 6pm

Special Thanks to the Gallatin Gateway Inn for agreeing to host our event!

KUDOS TO:

The many that made our move possible-

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| Locati Architects | Rich Baumann |
| Simkins-Hallin | Brandon Smith |
| Jerry Pape | KBZK-Z7 |
| KTVM- 6 & 42 | |
| Qwest-Bozeman, Field Service & Network Team | |
| Clear Fly Communications | |
| Cutthroat Communications | |
| Daryl Schliem and The Bozeman Chamber of Commerce | |

The YMCA exists because businesses and people in our community provide their support and resources. We thank you!

NEW Y TEAM STAFF



Ciara Wolfe-Associate Director

If you're lucky enough to meet Ciara, our Associate Director, you'll quickly find out that she "LOVES" the YMCA and it's mission of empowering youth, promoting healthy lifestyles and social responsibility.

Ciara brings 8 years of leadership in the nonprofit sector, with prior experience as the Program Director for both the Whatcom Family YMCA in Bellingham, WA and Montana Outdoor Science School, and most recently as the Exec. Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Park County. Ciara's combination of experience and education, holding a B.S. in Earth Science from Montana State University and a M.S. in Nonprofit Management from Regis University, brings new opportunities for our programs and families.

When she's not making new friends, Ciara spends time digging in the garden with her two kids and husband, trying her luck at catching a trophy trout or swishing down the slopes at the ski hill.

HOWDY to Julie Hofbauer, our handy-dandy intern from MSU. Julie has proven herself as a great YMCA team member helping us move and get settled in our new home. Julie will be with us only until the first part of August, when she will return for her senior year at MSU, majoring in Community Health. Thanks Julie!!

Y Give To the Y?

Because when you donate, you are helping your community. Each year, the Gallatin Valley YMCA not only provides financial assistance to individuals and families that might not otherwise be able to participate, but utilizes donations to subsidize each and every program we offer. We want everyone to play, grow and thrive so try to we keep our fees affordable. To do this, we depend on charitable donations from caring individuals and businesses that want to make a true difference in the lives of kids, families and the people of our community.

JOIN THE YMCA FAMILY BY BECOMING A MEMBER

Beginning June 27th, the Gallatin Valley YMCA invites you to support the mission of the YMCA by becoming a member. The Y is a cause for strengthening community. That's why we're here working with you every day, making sure that you, your family and community have the resources and support you need to learn, grow and thrive. With a focus on developing the potential of kids, improving individual health and well-being, and giving back and supporting our neighbors, your membership will bring about meaningful change not just within yourself, but in your community too!

A membership at the Gallatin Valley Y comes with some nice perks:

- Discount on programs and athletic leagues exclusively for Y members.
- Early registration for programs (especially important for programs that have limited enrollment).
- Free family activities throughout the year to engage, educate and entertain your children and family.
- Opportunity to rent YMCA space, when not occupied by current YMCA programs, at a discount. (YMCA members receive a discount off the hourly rate).
- Participation in the AWAY Program. (Always Welcome at YMCA's) . Traveling in the state of Montana and want to enjoy a swim? No problem, with the AWAY program, your membership card entitles you to visit any YMCA in Montana (Butte, Dillion, Missoula, Helena and Billings) or more than 2,000 locations across the country and worldwide. Some restrictions may apply-please inquire with our Membership Coordinator for exact details for the YMCA you will be visiting.

When You Join The Y You Belong To A Place Where:

Parents find a safe, positive environment for children to learn good values, social skills and behaviors.

Families come together to have fun and spend quality time with each other.

Children and teens play, learn who they are and what they can achieve and are accepted.

Communities thrive because neighbors support each other and give back.

OUR WISH LIST

There's nothing better than the sound of happy campers and the Y is filled with laughter and chatter from our Summer Day Campers. But kids will be kids, and they tend to give our toys, games and outdoor equipment a pretty good beating, so we are always happy to accept new or gently used items for our kids. Items that we always need are:

- Board Games-ages 6-12
- Outdoor Games-Jump Ropes, Frisbees
- Arts & Craft Supplies
- A Camp Stove
- Tents
- Hand Wipes
- Markers and Crayons
- Small Refrigerator

- Play Dough
- Legos
- Toy Trains
- Dress Up Clothes
- Old Sheets
- Books
- Elmer's Glue
- Flat Screen Computer Monitor

As always we are grateful for your support of the YMCA!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Do you have skills in coaching, working with children, fundraising, or would just like to help out with special events? The YMCA has a variety of volunteer opportunities available. We are always looking for responsible, caring, dedicated individuals who will help us carry out the YMCA mission.

- Flag Football Coaches K-4th (Fall)
- Basketball Coaches K-4th (Fall/Winter)
- SnowBall Committee (fundraising event)

SUMMER'S ALL ABOUT FUN AT THE YMCA

This summer your YMCA is offering a great line-up of camps geared towards fun, learning, exercise and exploration. Camps run weekly with a new theme each week. Please check our website for a detailed description of each week throughout the summer, www.gallatinvalleyymca.org. And as always, financial assistance is available for any of our athletic programs. At the YMCA we think everyone should get a chance to PLAY!

Happy Camper!



Rock Climbing at Spire

Our kids get worn out with ZUMBA!



And they said we couldn't tire him out!

YTC CAMP NEW

New this summer, the Y is proud to offer our YTC Camp geared towards our "more seasoned campers" (ages 12-15). Each week this camp integrates life skills, such as balancing a checkbook or changing a flat tire, along with a day of community giving to other area non profits and then 3 days full of FUN! If you're looking for a great place for your teen to gain new experiences and be surrounded by positive mentors, then look no further than your YMCA. Check our website for a complete summer schedule, www.gallatinvalleyymca.org

ADVENTURE GUIDES NEW AUGUST 19TH-21ST

GAZING AT THE STARS, STICKY FINGERS FROM GOOEY S'MORES AND MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME...ALL PART OF OUR ADVENTURE GUIDES CAMP THIS AUGUST!

YMCA Adventure Guides is a parent-child program designed to help foster a lifetime of companionship and to strengthen the relationship between children (Ages: K-5th grade) and parents. As an Adventure



Guide, you and your child will join a unique "Circle" with whom you'll participate in games, camping trips, and ceremonies, while fostering a sense of self-esteem, personal worth, and quality family time.

The immediate gain is evident - spending time together, but the long-term gains are even more significant. Not only will you build a solid foundation for a friendship that will last a lifetime, but you will also be helping to build and develop a set of skills that your children will carry with them into adolescence and adulthood.

Our first YMCA Adventure Guide Camp will be held at Luccock Methodist Camp near Piney Creek/Livingston, MT. Your camp fee includes 3 meals per day (dinner on Friday night, 3 meals Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday prior to departure). There are heated cabins for all campers along with bath houses, tons of outside activities, hiking, campfire rings and more.

A full schedule of activities will take place including an evening kick-off event. "Circles" will meet once a month throughout the 2011-2012 year for fun activities that promote parent-child bonding.

Looking for Sponsors for our 2011 Flag Football & Basketball Leagues

WHEN YOU SPONSOR SPORTS LEAGUES AT THE YMCA YOU ARE SUPPORTING...sports programs that emphasize family involvement, team building, individual development, healthy competition over winning at any cost, and developing the values of respect, responsibility, caring, honesty, faith and fun over shaping the next superstar. YMCA sports programs are open to all, regardless of ability to pay. Please call for a complete list of sponsorship opportunities.