

## Billings Summer Program 2024

We are so excited to bring summer programming to Billings! This year we will be offering activities during the last two weeks of June. Students have the opportunity to sign up for either a half-day or a full-day of program each week. There will also be two different opportunities to go backpacking. For more details, read on!

Please read the program descriptions (attached) and then [REGISTER HERE](#)

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<b>Backpacking Trips: \$1100</b> <i>Limited financial aid may be available for this trip.</i>	<b>Overnight Trips:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Spectacle Lake June 17-21</b></li><li>• <b>Ross Lake June 26-30</b></li></ul>
<b>Week One</b> (June 17-21, no class on Wednesday, June 19th): <b>\$500</b>	<b>Full-Day Program: Exploring Seattle</b> 9am - 4pm
<b>Week One</b> (June 17-21): <b>\$210 AM or PM // \$395 AM and PM</b>  <b>Week Two</b> (June 24-28): <b>\$265 AM or PM // \$475 AM and PM</b>	<b>Full and Half-Day Program at Billings</b> <b>AM Session: 9am - 12pm</b> <b>PM Session: 1pm - 4pm</b> Choose from the options below. Students attending both morning and afternoon sessions will have a supervised one-hour lunch break.

## WEEK ONE Program Descriptions:

### **Overnight Trip: Spectacle Lake**

This trip will be open to 6th and 8th graders by application for those who are interested in a multi day backpacking trip to see the beautiful Spectacle Lake! For current 6th graders, it will be an opportunity to try out backpacking with Billings and learn basic backpacking skills: how to pack and use backcountry camping and kitchen gear, how to filter water, how to travel as a group, and more! 8th graders, on the other hand, will get extensive outdoor leadership training, going from “how to do” to “how to teach” in addition to learning more advanced safety and risk management protocols.

### **Exploring Seattle: Full Day, Off Campus**

Join us for an urban adventure as we explore different neighborhoods in Seattle. Find inspiration from local and international artists and celebrate creativity as we visit museum exhibits, sculptures, street art and city landmarks. Collaborate around a social justice theme to create a piece of art. Visit Beacon Food Forest to learn about permaculture, build trellises, and cook a meal with locally sourced produce. Get your feet wet and whet your appetite for a fun week of learning together!

### **Voice Acting: Full Day, On Campus**

Stretch your vocal acting skills and learn to make all sorts of sound effects while making a play! In this course, students will rehearse and record the radio play MAUREEN, a spooky mystery about, well, just where is Maureen and what has happened to her and, uh, why are there two of her now? There's a part for everyone as we learn vocal acting techniques and the art of foley.

### **AM Session: Writing for Dungeons & Dragons**

Are you ready for a quest, adventurer? Join us as we explore campaign design, character creation, and backstory writing in the world of Dungeons & Dragons! Whether you're an experienced dungeon master, a frequent player, or still at level one, this is an opportunity for you to hone your writing skills and delve into a brand new world of your own creation.

### **AM Session: Flag Football**

Join our resident football expert and former High School coach and teacher, Hoover, for a week of flag-football. Students will learn fundamentals of football, basic plays, practice sportsmanship, and, most of all, have lots of fun! See you in the huddle!

### **AM Session: Video Game Music**

Let's dive into the history of 8bit video game music! We'll pull up the original Nintendo and Sega games like Mario and Sonic and look how the composers came up with such iconic music with such limited resources. We'll try to make some 8bit music of our own while also taking some time to play through some of the games.

### **PM Session: Fundamentals of Animation**

Are you an artist ready to dip your toes into the wonderful world of animation? This class will spend its time going over the twelve fundamentals of animation and pre-production techniques in preparation for our Stop-Motion Animation class in week two!

### **PM Session: Climbing**

Take some time to explore the Billings climbing wall! We'll play games, learn about climbing techniques, rope systems, and have lots of time to be on the wall! All students who take this course will end as belay-certified Billings students!

### **PM Session: Youth Intro to Ceramics**

Handbuilding techniques and projects galore! Students will have time to explore the materials and play, as they work on projects guided by their own interests. Mugs, boxes, a very special trophy? We will try and do a kiln unload together at the end of the week if schedules allow.

## WEEK TWO Program Descriptions:

### **Overnight Trip: Ross Lake (June 26-30)**

Want to explore the backcountry in the incredible North Cascades? We will begin this 4-night backpacking trip at Ross Dam on Ross lake, and make our way north to Lightning Creek over the course of four days. Each day we will hike between four and six miles along the picturesque Ross Lake, and each night we will camp at beautiful group campsites along the lake. From the Lightning Creek group site we will take a boat back to our starting point. This trip is perfect for those looking to challenge themselves, demonstrate backcountry leadership, and have a blast outside! *Participants must be a current 7th or 8th grader and have been on a Billings backpacking trip to attend.*

### **10 Minute Plays: Full day, on campus**

Do you have a great idea for a short play? In this course, we'll write, act, and refine our great ideas into performable works for the stage, learning about character and plot development, playable action and the power of stage directions. Any and all genres are welcome!

### **AM Session: Stop Motion Animation**

This class is a direct follow-up to Week One Fundamentals of Animation - we will be using the skills we picked up in the previous class to dive straight into a short stop-motion clip of MAUREEN as performed by the Week One Voice Acting class. This session will handle everything from character design to story-boarding to production, so get ready for a busy five days of non-stop stop-motion!

### **AM Session: Cooking**

Whether you are a seasoned chef or a beginner in the kitchen, let's have fun making something delicious! Each day of this camp we will learn cooking techniques, explore ingredients and recipes and sample our creations.

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### **PM Session: Block Printing and Letterpress Art Class**

In this class we'll have fun using block prints, hand typesetting and a letterpress to make art on paper, fabric and clothing!

### **PM Session: Ultimate Frisbee**

Discover a sport where character, community, and competition are as balanced as a frisbee in flight! Ultimate Frisbee is rapidly joining the ranks of popular team sports like soccer, volleyball, football, and basketball. Athletes will learn a variety of throwing and catching techniques, along with the ins and outs of competitive play and strategy. All skill and experience levels are welcome!

### **PM Session: Jewelry Making with Amy and Julia**

Join Amy and her daughter Julia (Billings Alum) to make a variety of wearable fashions. Let's make earrings, bracelets, necklaces and rings! Learn new techniques and get creative with beads and wire. Make jewelry for yourself or as beautiful gifts for others.