

MOR

SUMMER 2025
MAY - AUGUST

SEASONAL SNAPSHOT

Welcome to your glimpse into behind-the-scenes news as well as upcoming programming, exhibits, and events at your world-class museum.



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SUMMER HOURS

Main Museum | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Museum Store | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

*All events, shows, and programs are
subject to change.*



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MOR FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Members and Friends,

In this issue of the *Seasonal Snapshot*, you will enjoy learning more about our spring and summer events, exhibits, and happenings.

Many of you recently participated in MOR's Feasibility and Planning Study. Your perspectives were immensely helpful. The study indicated that people love our museum and view it as a cultural and educational gem. At the same time, it is evident beyond the inner workings of our leadership and staff that the museum is in need of expansive updates and improvements. The study process has been illuminating, and we have much to consider as we create the best path forward for the museum and the

community we serve. In the upcoming months, we will share more details about where we are going. Our Master Plan is ambitious, and one thing is clear: it will take MOR years to bring it to full fruition. With your help, we are building our priority list and anticipate big things ahead with lasting impacts.

One of the items in our Master Plan is the *Cretaceous Crossroads* exhibit, which will open exclusively to members on the evening of July 1 (see enclosed details). It has been over 15 years since MOR produced an original, long-term exhibit. *Cretaceous Crossroads* will showcase much of the groundbreaking work that MOR has performed over the past 40 years. This is work that has shaped our understanding of ancient life, and that helps us better understand the world around us today. In addition to showing off some incredible specimens, some of which have never been publicly seen, the exhibit will also be experiential, allowing visitors of all ages to explore, examine, and place the paleontologist hat on. I hope that you can join us this summer for a very special new exhibition opening.

In June, we will launch the long-awaited museum café called *Rocky Rex's Roasts* or informally as *The Triple R*. This little café with a dinosaur bite will feature gourmet coffee from Yellowstone Roasters, local ice cream, fresh food, and more. Connected to this, we are freshening up the front entrance with new furniture, signage, and other aesthetics. We hope this will help make a more comfortable space for members and the public to enjoy themselves.

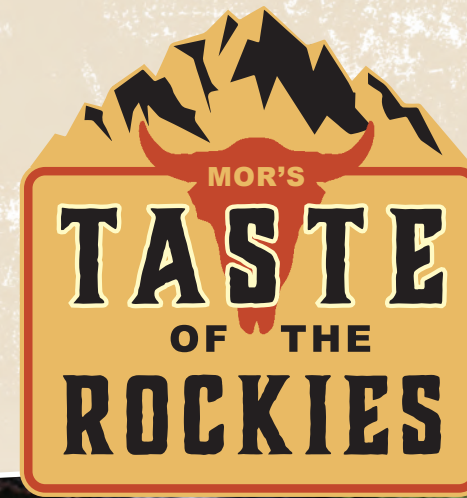
In addition to the many physical changes that are occurring, we also have many happenings this summer. This includes our ever-popular summer camps, membership outings, and lectures/workshops for little kids and adults. On Thursday, June 26, we will bring back *MOR's Taste of the Rockies*. This kickoff to summer is going to be better than ever. We have strategically lowered the price so that more of our community can join us at an event that celebrates the museum's mission, showcases Western heritage, and supports our *Opening Doors for Montana School Children* program, allowing all Montana schools and many underserved communities to attend the museum for free.

In addition to this event, we are launching *History on Tap* (HOT). HOT is a spin on our highly popular Hops & History event. In this case, due to some generous sponsors, will make the event free to all age 21+. Every Tuesday night at the Living History Farm in August, HOT will feature a brewery (with a cash bar), a short history talk, American-roots music by the Prairie Schooners, and an open mic.

There is so much going on at your museum. I hope that you will be able to join us and I look forward to seeing you at the museum.

Sincerely,

Chris Dobbs
Executive Director



Thursday, June 26

5:30 p.m. | Age 21+ | \$60-\$125 /person

Outdoors at Museum of the Rockies

Resort Casual or Western Attire Encouraged

Celebrate the flavors, music, and culture of the West at Museum of the Rockies' Taste of the Rockies! Enjoy live bluegrass from *Twang*, line dancing, and put your outdoor skills to the test with fly tying and steer roping. Sample locally inspired bites, sip craft beverages, and experience Indigenous cuisine with Mariah Gladstone of *Indigikitchen*.

From dancing and whiskey tastings to a silent auction, every moment supports world-class exhibits, educational programs, and hands-on learning experiences at MOR. Gather your friends and make unforgettable memories under the Montana sky.

**Join the celebration,
tickets are on sale now!**



Please scan the QR Code or visit
museumoftherockies.org/TOR
for details and tickets

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MOR Choose's New Café Name!



Museum of the Rockies is pleased to announce the winners of last fall's community contest to name the museum's new café. After receiving a wide range of creative submissions, the museum selected *Rocky Rex's Roasts* as the official name for its new café, which will open in June.

Community members of all ages participated, and the museum selected four individuals whose ideas helped shape the café's final name.

- **Winner: Cora Kamerman** (up to age 12 category) with "Rocky Rex's Cafe." Cora will receive a \$100 gift card to the new café. The name captures the spirit of both the museum's beloved T. rex mascot and the café's coffee-focused atmosphere.
- **Runners-Up: Cade Warren** (up to age 12) with "The Rocky Rex Cafe" and **Colleen Conrad** (age 65+) with "Rocky Rex Café." Both runners-up will receive a \$25 gift card to Rocky Rex's Roasts.
- **Honorable Mention: Arison Caruana** (age 13–17) with "RaptorRoast." Arison will receive exclusive Rocky Rex's Roasts café merchandise.

"We were blown away by the creativity and enthusiasm of all our participants and their 300+ entries," says Alicia Harvey, director of marketing at Museum of the Rockies. "Our community's passion for dinosaurs and great coffee came through in every entry. We are proud to have a name representing the museum's mascot and the welcoming space we are creating."

Rocky Rex's Roasts, a little café with a dinosaur bite, will offer a variety of Bozeman's Yellowstone Coffee Roasters coffee, specialty drinks, grab-and-go sandwiches and salads, pastries, ice cream and snacks, providing museum visitors with a place to relax and recharge.

For more information, visit museumoftherockies.org/café.

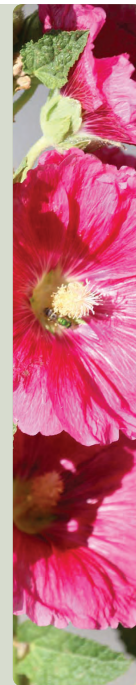


Living History Farm

Daily Beginning
on Monday, May 19
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Included with membership/
admission

Join us at the *Living History Farm* to gain a profound appreciation for Montana's rich agricultural history and the resilience of those who called this land home. This immersive exhibit transports you to a bygone era, where you will discover the Tinsley House, outbuildings, and the picturesque gardens and groves that complete the farmstead.



MOR DEPARTMENTAL INSIGHTS



Left: MaggieJo during MOR's Homestead Holiday last December, interpreting Métis winter and holiday traditions. **Right:** Outreach Program Manager Ashley Hall, left, and MaggieJo during an outreach program at the Belgrade Farmers Market.

EDUCATION



Exploring the Past, Inspiring the Future

MaggieJo Widdicombe, Outreach and Museum Educator

My name is MaggieJo Widdicombe, and I am a recent graduate of Montana State University with a B.S. in Earth Sciences, specializing in

Paleontology. I work as an Outreach Educator at Museum of the Rockies. I have had the opportunity to combine and share my lifelong passion for: paleontology, science, zoology, museums, Montana history, and Indigenous history. My love for museums ignited when I was just three years old, desperately begging my parents to stop at every museum on our way back from our annual trips to visit family in Missoula. Growing up in Ashland, Montana, next to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, I've always felt a deep connection to this land and its history. As a proud descendant of the Red River Metis, Little Shell Band of Chippewa, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, my identity is shaped by a blend of Indigenous cultures and a profound respect for the natural world.



Ashley and MaggieJo in the E.L. Wiegand Digital Learning Studio.

Recently, I was hired to help develop the museum's new primary paleontology exhibit, *Cretaceous Crossroads*, a groundbreaking exploration of the ancient world before *T. rex* and *Triceratops* roamed the Earth. This exhibit will bring to life the incredible fossils from the Two Medicine, Judith River, and Bearpaw Formations, some of the most significant paleontological discoveries from 83 to 71 million years ago. As part of my role, I'm passionately creating curriculum and activities for K-12 students, developing five outreach kits to engage young minds in the awe-inspiring world of ancient life. I'm also working to create a pop-up museum, hands-on workshops, and programs for people of all ages, both virtually and in person. In September, we'll be launching Discover Science! *Cretaceous Crossroads* statewide, offering an immersive experience through K-12 outreach kits, gallery programming, pop-up museums, and other exciting initiatives. I couldn't be more excited to

help bring the wonder of paleontology and the rich history of this land to communities across Montana, inspiring the next generation of explorers, scientists, and storytellers.



Above: The Wankel rex dig site. **Right:** 'Big Mike', the bronze replica of the Wankel rex (MOR 555) at the museum entrance.



Above: B-Rex (MOR 1125) displayed at Museum of the Rockies. **Center:** The B-Rex dig site. **Far Right:** Montana's *T. rex* (MOR 980) displayed at Museum of the Rockies.

PALEONTOLOGY

T. rex Territory

John B. Scannella, Ph.D., John R. Horner Curator of Paleontology



In 1902, an expedition from the American Museum of Natural History discovered fossils of a gigantic carnivorous dinosaur in eastern Montana. In 1905, this animal was formally given its name: *Tyrannosaurus rex*, the 'Tyrant Lizard King.'

T. rex has become an icon of prehistory and MOR houses one of the largest collections of *Tyrannosaurus* fossils. Before you even enter the building, you are greeted by 'Big Mike,' the bronze replica of a nearly complete skeleton discovered by Kathy Wankel in 1988.

In MOR's Hall of Horns & Teeth, you can meet 'Montana's *T. rex*,' one of the few mounted *T. rex* skeletons in the United States. Nearby, a series of *T. rex* skulls, ranging from the small juvenile 'Chomper' to the massive 'Custer Rex,' shows how this dinosaur changed as it grew. Included in the series is 'B-Rex,' the only confirmed female *T. rex*, discovered by, and named after former MOR Chief

Preparator Bob Harmon. Study of 'B-Rex,' led by MOR Research Associate Dr. Mary Schweitzer, revealed preserved tyrannosaur soft tissues. This summer, *SUE: the T. rex Experience* from the Field Museum in Chicago, is on display at MOR. This exhibit centers on a huge *T. rex* from nearby South Dakota and the animals that lived alongside it.

In addition to all the *T. rex* at MOR, other tyrannosaurs are also roaming the halls. The *Cretaceous Crossroads* exhibit, opening this summer, features *Daspletosaurus horneri*, a tyrannosaur that lived millions of years before *T. rex*. From MOR, you can set out on Montana's Dinosaur Trail and see *T. rex* and relatives in museums across the state. As fieldwork continues, and fossils in museum collections are analyzed and studied, we continue to learn more about the 'Tyrant Lizard King.' This year, as we celebrate the 120th anniversary of its naming, take a moment to imagine what it would be like to come face to face with *Tyrannosaurus rex* in the wild and remember that Montana is *T. rex* territory.



Step into the world of SUE the *T. rex* to uncover the mysteries about the life of this fearsome fossil.

Come between two titans with full-scale casts of SUE and *T. rex*'s nemesis, *Triceratops*. Experience a unique multimedia show transporting you to the Cretaceous forest alongside SUE. Learn how the fossil was unearthed, and how scientists continue to make discoveries about SUE, the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* specimen ever discovered.

SUE: The *T. rex* Experience was organized by the Field Museum and is part of the Griffin Dinosaur Experience, made possible by generous support from Kenneth C. Griffin.

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NEW! *Cretaceous Crossroads*

Come experience our new *Cretaceous Crossroads* exhibit, set to open July 1 at 6 p.m. to Members

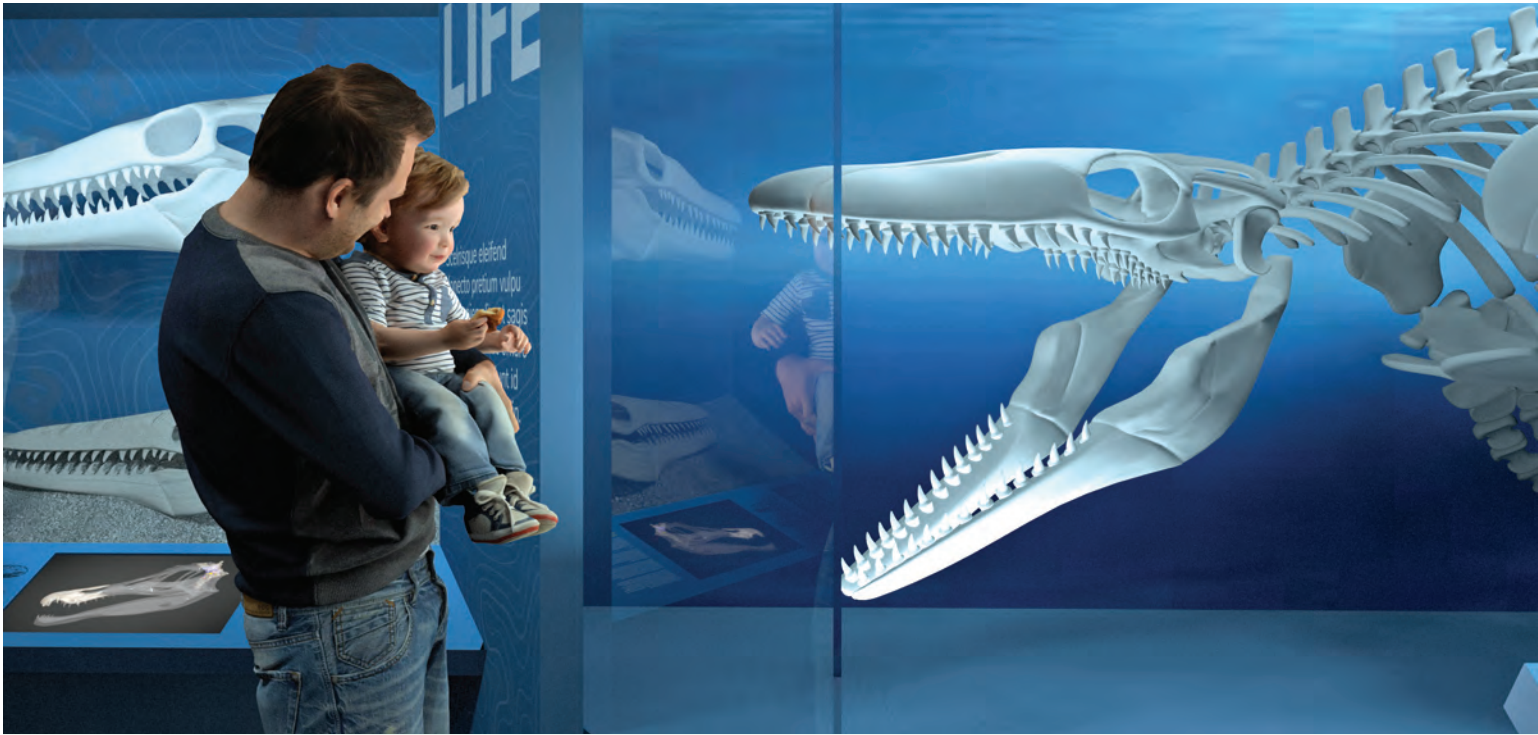
Cretaceous Crossroads will highlight the 40 years of groundbreaking paleontological fieldwork and research in the Late Cretaceous Two Medicine, Judith River, and Bearpaw Formations. Showstoppers in the exhibit will include a mounted *Daspletosaurus*, *Maiasaura*, and a large *Mosasaurus*.



Above: *Mosasaurus* cruising the seaway. **Right:** *Daspletosaurus* on the hunt.

Cretaceous Crossroads conceptual renderings created by Bluewater Studio in consultation with Museum of the Rockies.





Cretaceous Crossroads a new dinosaur exhibit opens Wednesday, July 2, 2025. Renderings by Bluewater Studios.

EXHIBITS

A Go Big or Go Home Summer with Museum of the Rockies

Scott A. Williams, Director of Exhibits and Taylor Planetarium



"Go Big or Go Home"- that's my philosophy when it comes to exhibits, so I am happy to say Museum of the Rockies is going BIG for summer 2025! What started as just a conversation between myself and the John R. Horner Curator of Paleontology, Dr. John Scannella, as we walked the paleo-exhibit halls in February 2021 is about to become reality. The topic of conversation was that MOR needs more dinosaurs on exhibit and how to make that happen. This chat was then followed by brainstorming, conceptual art, budgeting, proposals from exhibit design/fabrication firms,

discussions with companies that can make mounts for large fossil skeletons, consultation with other paleontologists, interpretive planning, content review, working with paleoartists to create new art, detailed design of the space, graphic design, final proofing, hundreds and hundreds of hours of meetings, and demolition of existing spaces. But now, here we are, four months from opening *Cretaceous Crossroads*.

Opening at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, to members, *Cretaceous Crossroads* will showcase MOR's paleontology collection, which was started over 40 years ago. We are focusing on the part of the Late Cretaceous period from 82-72 million years ago when there was a massive transition happening



Spark: The Universe in Us.



Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival.



Montana Skies.

in paleoenvironments. A large Western Interior Seaway (WIS) was transgressing and regressing (expanding and contracting) and new groups of dinosaurs were becoming dominant land animals: ceratopsians (the horned dinosaurs), hadrosaurs (duck-billed dinosaurs), and tyrannosaurids (the large family of dinosaurs which includes the carnivorous *Tyrannosaurus rex*).

In the WIS, large marine reptiles like the big mosasaurs and the long and short necked plesiosaurs ruled. *Cretaceous Crossroads* will tell this story through real fossil material, casts, 3D prints, touchscreen interactives where you can "meet the paleontologist", smell stations, augmented reality, interactive stations, touchables, and much more. Want to know more about Egg Mountain? Come face to face with a *Maiasaura* and its nest? How about a full-grown *Daspletosaurus*? Want to "swim" with a 25-foot long *Mosasaurus*? How about smelling some dinosaur poo? *Cretaceous Crossroads* will take you there!

Still not enough dinosaurs? *T. rex* in particular? Well lucky for you, we have *SUE: The T. rex Experience* front and center in our changing exhibit space until September! This exhibit comes to us from our friends at the Field Museum of Chicago and stars the most complete, best preserved *Tyrannosaurus rex* ever found- SUE! The exhibit showcases a skeletal cast of SUE; a life-sized, fleshed-out reconstruction of SUE munching on a duckbilled dinosaur; interactives; AV show; smell stations; and a *Triceratops* that's about to become a meal. We've gotten rave reviews for this exhibit. If you haven't seen it yet, hurry up, SUE's looking forward to eating you....er, I mean, meeting you!

We will also have a fun new planetarium show too! *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage* takes you on a journey to the Red Planet, the farthest voyage ever made by humans. What does it take to make it to Mars? In this new show, you'll discover the many challenges astronauts will face and how creativity, communication, and collaboration are essential for deep space exploration. Need more Planetarium? There will be an updated *Montana Skies* show, and continuing *Spark: The Universe in Us* and the popular *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival*!

So, we've definitely gone BIG this summer and we hope to see you at MOR! For more information on schedule and showtimes visit the MOR website!





■ CULTURAL HISTORY

Cultural History Welcomes a New Team Member

Yvette Towersap, Associate Curator for Indigenous History



Pishayu taviyo! Good day everyone!

I joined the MOR team as the new Associate Curator for Indigenous History in January 2025. I have always been interested in tribal histories and sharing different stories with Native peoples and the general

public. I have a background in tribal governmental relations and tribal consultation for cultural and natural resources, so I am familiar with heritage management.

As an enrolled Shoshone-Bannock tribal member from Fort Hall, Idaho, I came to Bozeman to attend graduate school at Montana State University. I am a second-year doctoral student, studying US Western history and Native American history. My past historical research includes tribal gender roles in the nineteenth century, studies on tribal memory and the Bannock War, traditional tribal leadership roles and diplomacy, the reduction of the Fort Hall Reservation to create urban communities, tribal material culture and clothing, and most recently, tribal health histories.

As a native historian, I have been asked to present on tribal history at various museums, universities and non-profit organizations. After attending a

lecture at MOR, I met a Montana tribal member who asked where I was from. I told him that I was Shoshone-Bannock from Fort Hall. A lady overheard me tell him that I was from Fort Hall, and she stopped to visit.

While I was visiting with her, Micheal Fox, former curator of cultural history at MOR, overheard me, and he then visited with me. We learned we had similar interests in Native American history and working with tribes. Micheal told me about a job opening and encouraged me to apply. A few months later, here I am working with MOR's amazing staff. I am excited to help the public understand how important Native history is for regional and US history.

It is encouraging to see how the MOR staff diligently and faithfully work with tribes to develop exhibits, bring speakers to share tribal perspectives, and brainstorm new events and opportunities for sharing indigenous history. It is great to join a well-rounded team of professionals at MOR.

Working on the *Under a Common Sky* exhibit will be a significant focus of my work in the coming year. This involves collaborating with 14 tribes of the Northern Rocky Mountains to share their tribal narratives, stories, and art. I look forward to working with an incredible and fun team at MOR.

■ DEVELOPMENT & MEMBERSHIP

Membership and Development Welcome a New Addition to the Team!

Jennifer Miller, Associate Director of Membership & Development



Laurie moved to beautiful Bozeman five years ago from Las Vegas, Nevada. After visiting Montana State University during a college

tour for her son, she immediately felt a connection to the area and knew she wanted to make it home. Just two months later, Laurie and her husband, along with their three children, packed up and made the move to Bozeman.

Laurie holds a Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology & Audiology from the University of Nevada, Reno. She spent several years working as a Speech Therapist in schools across both Nevada and Montana, where she supported students ranging in age from 3 to 21. While she found great fulfillment in helping students with their communication needs, Laurie was eager to transition her skills into the non-profit sector. She went on to serve as a Program Coordinator for the Montana World Affairs Council, where she planned events, coordinated conferences, and worked on fundraising efforts, all while bringing speakers to schools throughout the state.



Now, Laurie is excited to join the museum as their Fundraising and Special Events Manager. She is passionate about being part of the Museum's mission to foster community engagement and provide access to world-class exhibits and experiences.

Originally from California and Nevada, Laurie has also lived in Oregon and Tennessee. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time outdoors, traveling to new destinations, baking and reading.

ASTC Travel Passport Benefits

With your MOR membership, you are eligible for free or reduced general admission when you travel 90+ miles outside of Bozeman to visit over 360 museums and science centers worldwide through the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) Travel Passport Program*. Remember to take your current MOR membership card or download it to your phone when you travel to receive this benefit!

Learn more and search for participating venues at astc.org

*ExplorationWorks in Helena is within a 90-mile radius of MOR and is therefore exempt from ASTC reciprocal benefits. MOR offers 20% off daily admission fees for all ExplorationWorks members.



MOR MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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EARLY LEARNING, HOMESCHOOLS, KIDS NIGHT

Sensational Babies (0-18 months)

Redstart Classroom
Included with membership/admission
• Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 from 1 – 2 p.m.
• Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 from 1 – 2 p.m.

Little Learners (Ages 1-3)

Redstart Classroom
Included with membership/admission
• Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 from 10 – 11 a.m.
• Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 from 10 – 11 a.m.

Preschool Pioneers (Ages 3-5)

Redstart Classroom
Included with membership/admission
Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15 from 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. and 1 – 2:15 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12

Homeschool Monday

Free for homeschooling families to attend once per school year; registration required

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Kids' Night at the Museum: The Great Outdoors (Ages 5-10)

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Redstart Classroom
\$45/member, \$55/non-member
Capacity: 16 participants

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Preschool Pioneer Spring Celebration

Hager Auditorium
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Ages 3-6
Included with membership/admission
Registration Required



Explore Yellowstone in the Martin Children's Discovery Center

Daily from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 5 p.m. | Ages 0-8
Included with membership/admission



GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Presenting Prehistory Paleo Lecture Series | Denali's Dinosaur Trackways with Cassi Knight

5:30 p.m.
Hager Auditorium
Included with membership, \$5/non-member
RSVP required

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Cosmos & Cookies: A Member-only Series of Events

6 – 7:30 p.m.
Bair Lobby & Taylor Planetarium
Included with membership
Registration is required

Join us for our members' opening preview of our new show *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage* generously sponsored by Ken and Karen Kress, followed by a special viewing of *Dark Side of Light*.

6 p.m. | Doors open / Refreshments
6:15 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
6:45 p.m. | Break
7 p.m. | *Dark Side of Light*

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Virtual Fossil Fridays

9 – 9:30 a.m.
Free and open to the public via Zoom

THURSDAY, MAY 8

The Black Market of Dinosaur Fossils with Keynote Speaker Riley Black

Award-winning author Riley Black and MOR reveal the hidden world of fossil smuggling and black-market dinosaur trade.

Bair Lobby
\$135/person
Registration Required

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Astronomy Day

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Hager Auditorium & Taylor Planetarium
Included with membership/admission
Planetarium Shows are free for MOR members, \$5/non-member/show age 5+.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Raptor Meet and Greet: Baby Raptor Awareness

9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Hager Auditorium
Included with membership/admission

MONDAY, MAY 19

Living History Farm Opens

Daily from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Included with membership/admission



THURSDAY, MAY 22 Elise R. Donohue Lectures on the American West in Memory of Walter M.

Rosenberry Presents
Compliments of Hamilton and Sargent: A Story of Mystery and Tragedy on the Gilded Age Frontier with Maura Jane Farrelly
5:30 p.m.

Hager Auditorium
Included with membership, \$5/non-member
Registration required

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Annual Members Meeting

5:30 p.m.
Hager Auditorium
Included with membership

MOR JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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EARLY LEARNING, HOMESCHOOLS, KIDS NIGHT

Thank you to all the families who have joined us for Early Learning programming over the last few months. Our team will be hosting a variety of programs in the summer, including free drop-in events. Make sure to check our online calendar regularly. We look forward to seeing you back in Early Learning classes in September!

Explore Yellowstone in the Martin Children's Discovery Center

Daily from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 5 p.m. | Ages 0-8
Included with membership/admission



Living History Farm

Daily from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Included with membership/admission

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Dino-mite Picnic

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ages 3 – 6
\$18/member, \$22/non-member
Registration required
Capacity: 18 participants

GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Raptor Meet and Greet: Owls

9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Hager Auditorium
Included with membership/admission

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Birds and Brews (Age 21+)

6 – 8 p.m.
\$20/member, \$25/non-member
Indreland Audubon Wetland Preserve & Bozeman Brewing Company



SATURDAY, JUNE 7

From Fleece to Fiber

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Living History Farm
Included with membership/admission

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Planting the Past: Crafting Historic Seed Boxes

9 – 11 a.m.
Living History Farm
\$30/member, \$35/non-member
Registration required
Ages 12+



THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Taste of the Rockies

5:30 p.m. | Age 21+
\$65 per person
Outdoors at Museum of the Rockies



Please scan the QR Code or visit museumoftherockies.org/TOR for details and tickets

Lead Sponsor:



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Living History Farm
Daily from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Included with membership/admission

EARLY LEARNING, HOMESCHOOLS, & AFTER-SCHOOL

Explore Yellowstone in the Martin Children's Discovery Center
Daily from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 5 p.m.
Ages 0-8
Included with membership/admission

THURSDAY, JULY 10
Garden Wonders
10 – 11:30 a.m.
\$12/member, \$15/non-member
Ages 3 – 6
Registration required
Capacity: 15 participants

WEDNESDAYS JULY 9, 16, 23
Music at the Museum
9:30 – 10 a.m.
\$8/member, \$10/non-member
Ages 2.5 – 6
Registration required
Capacity: 15 participants

GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, JULY 1
Cretaceous Crossroads
Member Opening
5:30 p.m.
For MOR Members Only

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
Cretaceous Crossroads
Public Opening
9 a.m.
Included with membership/admission



THURSDAY, JULY 3
Raptor Meet and Greet: Falcons
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Hager Auditorium
Included with membership/admission



TUESDAY, JULY 8
Birds and Brews (Age 21+)
6 – 8 p.m.
\$20/member, \$25/non-member
MAP Brewery & Glen Lake Rotary Park

FRIDAY, JULY 11
Crafting with the Tinsleys
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Living History Farm
Included with membership/admission



SATURDAY, JULY 12
Cretaceous Crossroads
Family Day
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Included with membership/admission



SATURDAY, JULY 19
From Fleece to Fiber
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Living History Farm
Included with membership/admission

MOR AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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EARLY LEARNING, HOMESCHOOLS, & AFTER-SCHOOL



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6
Garden Wonders
10 – 11:30 a.m.
\$12/member, \$15/non-member
Ages 3 – 6
Registration Required



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20
Music at the Museum
9:30 – 10 a.m.
\$8/member, \$10/non-member
Ages 2.5 – 6
Registration Required

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27
Music at the Museum
9:30 – 10 a.m.
\$8/member, \$10/non-member
Ages 2.5 – 6
Registration Required

Explore Yellowstone in the Martin Children's Discovery Center
Daily from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
& 1 – 5 p.m.
Ages 0-8
Included with membership/admission

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
Dino-mite Picnic
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Ages 3 – 6
\$18/member, \$22/non-member
Registration Required
Limit 18 participants

GENERAL & MEMBER PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
From Fleece to Fiber
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Living History Farm
Included with membership/admission

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
Birds and Brews (Ages 21+)
6 – 8 p.m.
\$20/member, \$25/non-member
Sunset Hills Cemetery & Bozeman Brewing Company
Registration Required

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
Explore MOR: Fairy Lake Fossil Hike (Ages 18+)
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fairy Lake Trailhead
\$35/member, \$40/non-member
Rain date: Saturday, August 16
Registration Required



TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
Raptor Meet and Greet: Migration
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Hager Auditorium
Included with membership/admission

Living History Farm
Daily from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Included with membership/admission



TUESDAYS IN AUGUST
MOR's History on Tap (Age 21+)
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Living History Farm
Free admission (first come, first in, 200 adults max)
See the back cover for details and ticket link.

MOR TAYLOR PLANETARIUM

With a 40-foot dome and 110 reclining seats, join us for immersive shows that change with the seasons. Show Pricing is Free for MOR members, \$5/non-member (Age 5+), and Free per non-member (Age 0-4). Tickets can be obtained at Visitor Services desk. Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable. Please arrive 10 – 15 minutes early to be seated, as the doors close promptly at the top of the hour. Food and beverages are not allowed in the planetarium.

All shows require tickets – please inquire at Visitor Services. Showtimes are subject to change.

ASTRONOMY DAY PLANETARIUM SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

10 a.m. | *Flight Adventures*
11 a.m. | *Galileo*
1 p.m. | *Supermassive Black Holes*
2 p.m. | *Big Astronomy*
3 p.m. | *Einstein's Gravity Playlist*
4 p.m. | *Dark Matter Mystery*

Showtimes are subject to change.

MAY 4 – MAY 25, 2025

Monday – Thursday

1 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
2 p.m. | *Montana Skies*
3 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*

Friday – Sunday

10 a.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
11 a.m. | *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival*
1 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
2 p.m. | *Spark: The Universe in Us*
3 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
4 p.m. | *Spark: The Universe in Us*

MAY 26 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Monday – Thursday

10 a.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
11 a.m. | *Montana Skies*
1 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
2 p.m. | *Spark: The Universe in Us*
3 p.m. | *Mars: The Ultimate Voyage*
4 p.m. | *Spark: The Universe in Us*

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TAYLOR PLANETARIUM SHOW DESCRIPTIONS

Mars: The Ultimate Voyage

Join us on a journey to the Red Planet—the farthest voyage ever made by humans. What does it take to make it to Mars? In this new show, we'll discover the many challenges astronauts will face and how creativity, communication, and collaboration are essential for deep space exploration. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Generously sponsored by Ken and Karen Kress.

Montana Skies

Enjoy an original Taylor Planetarium show that is recommended for ages 10+. This live narrated show will cover the stars and planets you can see in the skies this evening. You will see Orion and the nearby nebulas in the sky, Taurus and supernova remnants, and much more! Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival

Join Celeste and Moon on a journey through time for an exciting adventure to experience Earth as it was in the very, very distant past. Witness the fascinating transformations these animals underwent over millions of years, creating giant creatures, armored beasts, and super-predators until the day a cataclysmic impact event caused a mass extinction on Earth. Recommended for families and children 6-13.

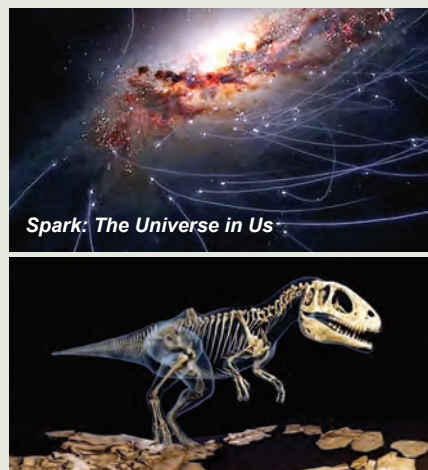
Spark: The Universe in Us

From the air we breathe to the ground we stand on, we owe it all to the stars! Narrated by Diego Luna (best known for playing Star Wars' Cassian of Andor), journey across space and time to witness the origin of the life-giving elements that make up our solar system, Earth, and us. *This new show is recommended for ages 8+.*

Sponsored by the Sheehy Family Foundation | Richard and Denise Sheehy



Montana Skies



Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival



HAGER AUDITORIUM

The Tale of Horns and Teeth

MAY 4 – SEPTEMBER 1

Monday – Thursday

10:30 a.m. | *The Tale of Horns and Teeth*
11:30 a.m. | *Bird and the Tree*
1:30 p.m. | *The Tale of Horns and Teeth*
2:30 p.m. | *Bird and the Tree*
3:30 p.m. | *The Tale of Horns and Teeth*

Showtimes subject to change.



The Bird and the Tree

HAGER AUDITORIUM SHOW DESCRIPTIONS

The Tale of Horns and Teeth

The Tale of Horns and Teeth is a captivating short film created by Ted Rechlin specifically for the Museum of the Rockies. It tells the story of *T-Rex* and *Triceratops*, and how they evolved over time. The film takes the audience on a journey through the prehistoric world, showcasing the fascinating growth and development of these iconic creatures. 25 minutes, recommended for all ages.

The Bird and the Tree

Whitebark pine trees grow in some of the steepest, harshest environments in North America. How these trees have come to define an entire mountain ecosystem is the result of an ancient relationship with the bird that plants their seeds- the Clark's Nutcracker. This show tells the story of one of nature's greatest duos and reveals how two very different organisms have co-evolved to live intertwined lives that are at the center of a remarkable web of life in the mountains. 20 minutes, recommended for all ages.



GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

Share all that you love about MOR with your friends and family. With a gift membership, you can experience our exhibits, programs, and classes together. So, share the joy this season and give a gift that lasts all year long.

Purchase a gift membership at the Front Desk, call 406.994.6054, email members@montana.edu, or online at museumoftherockies.org/gift.

MOR HAPPY CAMPERS

2025 SUMMER CAMPS

Attention parents of children entering 1st to 12th grade in Fall 2025!

Join Museum of the Rockies' engaging STEAM-themed summer camps, where your children will dive into paleontology, history, natural sciences, art, physics, and more! They will learn from passionate instructors and museum experts while staying active, making friends, exploring exhibits, enjoying the outdoors, and creating unforgettable memories.

5-Day Camps | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday – Friday

- \$300/camper for museum members, \$340/camper for non-members. (All camps except those with field trips.)
- *Exploring Yellowstone* 5-day camps with 1-day YNP field trip: \$425/camper for museum members, \$465/camper for non-members. The YNP field trip requires earlier drop-off and later pick-up on that day.
- *Fossil Fanatics* 5-day camps with 1-day state park field trip: \$415/camper for museum members, \$455/camper for non-members.

4-Day Camps (week of July 4) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday – Thursday

- \$245/camper for museum members, \$275/camper for non-members. For the week of July 4th, camps will run just 4 days (Monday-Thursday) due to the observance of the holiday. Pricing reflects this discrepancy pro rata.

Week	GRADES 1 – 2	GRADES 3 – 5	GRADES 6 – 8	GRADES 9 – 12
JUNE 16 – 20	<i>Astronauts in Training</i> <i>Backyard Ballistics</i>	<i>Jr. Paleontologists</i>	N/A	N/A
JUNE 23 – 27	<i>Jr. Paleontologists</i>	<i>Astronauts in Training</i> <i>Backyard Ballistics</i>	N/A	N/A
JUNE 30 – JULY 3	<i>Jr. Paleontologists</i>	<i>Art and Science</i>	<i>Little Museum on the Prairie</i>	N/A
JULY 7 – 11	<i>Art and Science</i>	<i>Exploring Yellowstone</i>	<i>Fossil Fanatics</i>	N/A
JULY 14 – 18	<i>Astronauts in Training</i>	<i>Exploring Yellowstone</i>	N/A	<i>Fossil Fanatics</i>
JULY 21 – 25	<i>Little Museum on the Prairie</i> <i>Exploring Yellowstone</i>	N/A	<i>Art and Science</i>	N/A
JULY 28 – AUGUST 1	<i>History Hunters</i>	<i>Little Museum on the Prairie</i> <i>Monsters and Mysteries</i>	N/A	N/A
AUGUST 4 – 8	<i>Monsters and Mysteries</i>	<i>Museum Masters</i> <i>History Hunters</i>	N/A	N/A

Online Registration, Refunds, and Waitlist

Registration is online only at museumoftherockies.org/camps or by scanning the QR Code

- Registration opens for current MOR members on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10 a.m.
- Non-member registration opens the following week on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 10 a.m.



All camp sales are final and nonrefundable.

To be added to the waitlist for sold-out camp sessions, please email programs@montana.edu with the information below. For waitlist requests to be processed in the order they are received, caregivers must submit all requests via email. We are unable to track the order of incoming waitlist requests made over the phone at this time.

- Caregiver name and contact information
- Child(ren) name
- Dates, camp title, and child age range of the desired camp session(s)

A select number of need-based scholarships are available through our *Opening Doors Fund*. If you would like your child to be considered for a scholarship, please email a request to programs@montana.edu prior to January 13, 2025.

For questions, please email our education team at programs@montana.edu.



Thank you for joining us for the SUE member-only exhibition opening!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the member opening of *SUE: The T. rex Experience* on February 7. Your presence helped make it a memorable celebration of paleontology and community.

Exclusive member events give you a first look at our exhibitions before they open to the public, an opportunity to fully immerse yourself in the wonders of our museum. Stay tuned for the dates of our upcoming blockbuster exhibit openings.

Thank you for being an essential part of our museum community. We look forward to seeing you at our next member exhibition opening!

THANK YOU!

MAY 1 – MAY 2

Support MOR During Give Big Gallatin Valley!

We're excited to join Give Big Gallatin Valley, a 24-hour day of giving that brings our community together to support local nonprofits.

From 6 p.m. on May 1 to 6 p.m. on May 2, your donation to Museum of the Rockies will help fund educational programs, preserve our fossil collections, and enhance visitor experiences. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference!

As a valued member of our museum family, you know the power of science and history to inspire. Please consider giving and sharing our campaign with your network.

Scan the QR code or visit GiveBigGV.org during the event and choose Museum of the Rockies as your nonprofit of choice.

Thank you for helping us spark curiosity and learning for generations to come!



You Are Invited: Annual Members Meeting

We are excited to welcome you to our Annual Members Meeting on May 29, an evening dedicated to celebrating you, our valued supporters.

Join us to connect with fellow members, reflect on the year's accomplishments, hear exciting updates, and explore what's ahead for Museum of the Rockies.

Event Details:

Thursday, May 29
5:30 – 7 p.m.
Museum of the Rockies

Thank you for being a vital part of the Museum of the Rockies community. We look forward to celebrating with you!

MAY 29

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A NEW SUMMER SERIES



MOR'S HISTORY ON TAP

Join us every Tuesday in August for **MOR's History on Tap at the Living History Farm**, where folk music, engaging history conversations, and brews come together. Musicians are welcome to share their talents with the crowd at various times during the event.

When: Tuesdays in August, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

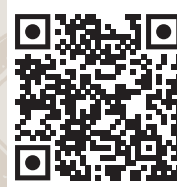
Where: Living History Farm at Museum of the Rockies

Who: Ages 21+ | Free admission (first come, first in, 200 adults max)

Featured Breweries: A different Montana brewery each week

What to Expect:

- Live American Roots music with *Prairie Schooners* and an open mic. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and share their musical talents with the crowd.
- A unique history chat each week, connect with the past in an informal, engaging way.
- The cash bar will offer a rotating selection of local brews for purchase. The Last Call is at 7:30 p.m., and the Living History Farm gates will close at 8 p.m.
- Bring your own chairs, blankets, non-alcoholic beverages, and a picnic dinner (outside alcohol prohibited). A food truck may be available, but it is not guaranteed.



Purchase tickets by scanning the QR Code or go to museumoftherockies.org/hot

No reservations are needed, so arrive early, find a spot, and enjoy an evening of history, music, and community.

Please consider making a donation at each event to support the museum's mission: Museum of the Rockies (MOR) invites all people to discover natural science and cultural history. The museum's exhibits, collections, programs, and research create a community resource that brings the world to Montana and shares the Northern Rockies with the world.

**Tuesdays
in August!**