



**Welcome to the Mountain Adventure Tours 2011 Summer Schedule.** We are excited about your participation in our upcoming adventures! As always, please feel free to contact us with questions about our camps at any time, 208-309-1005. Sign up forms are attached as Word documents that can be printed and faxed in, or mailed to PO Box 183 Ketchum, ID 83340. (We are happy to mail forms to you if necessary.)

**Mountain Adventure Tours (MAT)** is a Children's Enviro-tainment Program that seeks to educate children about the world around them. We provide a safe and exciting environment for children to learn about the natural world, our community and the people living within it. For children ages 4-16 years old, MAT offers daily outdoor activities and tours local businesses to learn how our modern world functions. We also offer Multi-Day and Multi State Road Trips. We believe that independence, responsibility and decision-making are hugely important skills, and that children learn best by "doing". Given freedom and responsibility, children discover who they are and where their talents lie. In trying new things and expand on previous skills, they concentrate on areas that interest them, moving on when they've accomplished what they set out to do.

***Individual Camp descriptions are listed below the schedule***

**These prices do not include tax**

**Red = Mini MAT camps**

**Orange = Day camps no overnight**

**Blue = Day camps with overnights**

**Green = Multi-day overnight camps**

**Summer Schedule**

**June 2011(special rates)**

| <b>Date</b>                            | <b>Session</b>                                     | <b>Ages</b>   | <b>Price</b>    |
|--|--|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Mini MAT</b>                                    | <b>4 - 6</b>  | <b>\$415.00</b> |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Cravin Caves w/overnight</b>                    | <b>7 - 11</b> | <b>\$475.00</b> |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Mini Bugs &amp; Critter Hunters</b>             | <b>4 - 6</b>  | <b>\$415.00</b> |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>City of Rocks with Sawtooth Mountain Guides</b> | <b>8-13</b>   | <b>\$735.00</b> |

## July 2011

| Date                               | Session   | Ages   | Price     |
|------------------------------------|---|--------|-----------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>   | Mini Splash n Cave                                  | 4-6    | \$310.00  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>   | Bike & Climb w/overnight                            | 7-11   | \$450.00  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Counselor In Training (CIT) Double overnight        | 12-16  | \$450.00  |
|                                    |   |        |           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> | Mini MAT  | 4-6    | \$415.00  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> | Splash "n" Cave w/overnight                         | 7-10   | \$495.00  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> | Parent/Child Mountain Quest w/Sawtooth Mtn Guides   | 10 -14 | \$670.00  |
|                                    |   |        |           |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> | My First Road Trip (boys only)                      | 7-10   | \$570.00  |
|                                    |   |        |           |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> | Mini MAT  | 4 - 6  | \$415.00  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> | Fly Fishing "N" Fun w/overnight                     | 7-11   | \$550.00  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> | Wild West Montana (My First Road Trip for Girls)    | 7-10   | \$995.00  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> | Wild West Montana/ Glacier National Park            | 11-15  | \$1195.00 |
|                                    |   |        |           |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> | Mini Splash Bash                                    | 4-6    | \$415.00  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> | Bike, Raft and Climb w/ an overnight on the Payette | 7-10   | \$650.00  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> | ZIP LINE ADVENTURE double overnight (min 80lbs)     | 11-15  | \$525.00  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> | Payette River School                                | 12-16  | \$650.00  |

## August 2011

| Date                             | Session            | Ages | Price    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> | Mini Splash n Cave | 4-6  | \$415.00 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> | Wild West Cowpokes | 7-10 | \$640.00 |

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>   | Intro to Video Editing Camp w/overnight                  | 8-12  | \$525.00 |
|                                    |  |       |          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>  | Mini 007   | 4-6   | \$415.00 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>  | Now That's What I Call Fun Camp                          | 7-10  | \$450.00 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>  | I love Bikes @ Basecamp w/double overnight               | 10-12 | \$515.00 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> | Young Men's Journey & Survival program                   | 13-16 | \$650.00 |
|                                    |  |       |          |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> | Mini MAT   | 4-6   | \$415.00 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> | Forts & Sorts w/overnight                                | 7-10  | \$495.00 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> | Old School Adventure "eARTh Challenge" w/double ON       | 11-15 | \$525.00 |
|                                    |  |       |          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> | MINI MAT   | 4-6   | \$415.00 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> | Wild West Pioneers & Native Americans w/double overnight | 7-12  | \$515.00 |

**Road Trips and Overnights:** We believe in teaching responsibility as well as freedom and independence. Each camper and staff member share in the daily tasks that keep the camp or trip running. Every child will have age-appropriate tasks to complete. They help in the cleaning, dishwashing, re-cycling, cooking, packing, setting up and taking down of tents, with the end result that children develop a sense of pride and responsibility for their work and the role they play in making the community function. If your child does not have the proper gear for an overnight or road trip MAT can help provide it or refer you to one of the great outfitters in town who have gear for sale or rent.

**Scholarships Available:** Mountain Adventure Tours hopes that every child has the opportunity to experience our adventures. We encourage anyone who is interested to call and inquire about scholarships. Additional funding is also available from special MAT donors. To sponsor a child, see our enrollment form, call 309-1005 or e-mail [joelle@mountainadventuretours.org](mailto:joelle@mountainadventuretours.org).

## Program Descriptions

**Mini MAT:** A safe and fun introduction to "Enviro-tainment" for the youngest adventurers. Campers will spend time exploring the Wood River Valley and beyond. Mini MAT is designed by our counselors and will have an exciting theme. See specific mini mat themes below.

**Mini 007:** Has anyone ever told you that you look like a secret agent? Get ready to use the most powerful tool known to man, our imaginations. We will engage in undercover operations around

the Wood River Valley. We'll create our own disguises to go unnoticed even by those who know us best! We will solve a crime by studying clues and using our detective intuition.

**Mini Bugs and Critters** - Do you love creepy, crawly little critters? Come explore with us while we find insects of all shapes and sizes! We will venture out into the woods of Ketchum to find some interesting insects. We will also take a trip to the Botanical Gardens to see what kind of bugs crawl around their gardens! Be prepared to creep and crawl around in the mud just like the bugs!!

**Splash Bash/Mini Splash Bash:** Here at Mountain Adventure Tours we know how much you all love to get wet, and so do we! Get ready to explore the rivers and lakes of Idaho. Our time will be spent checking out local water life, swimming, splashing and just having a great time.

**Cravin' Caves:** Young adventurers explore caves and discover how they were made. Check out Mammoth cave, Shoshone Ice caves, Boy Scout cave and Indian caves of Southern Idaho. Take a break from the blue-bird skies and go underground to see what's inside. Close-toed shoes and helmet required.

**Splash n Cave:** is combo of Cravin Caves and Splash Bash. This is also available as a mini camp.

**Now That's What I Call FUN Camp:** Throughout the summer we will visit MAT's favorite spots, old and new. Campers will enjoy Enviro-tainment from Dierkes Lake, Magic Reservoir, BaseCamp, Craters of the Moon, Bruneau Sand Dunes, The Big Lost River, Easley and of course all of our favorite hidden spots that only campers and staff know about (if we told everybody they wouldn't be a secret). When we're not out exploring, swimming, trekking, and getting dirty we will tour local businesses throughout the Magic and Wood River Valley and go anywhere that people invite us, to show us what they do. Don't forget that every place we visit we leave looking exactly the same, if not better, by picking up litter and caring for our environment. This camp may change due to weather, age group or time of year.

**Forts & Sorts:** The ultimate "play in the woods" camp. Construct shelters from the primitive forest materials used by hunters, Native Americans and pioneers. Make a shelter from fallen trees, branches and/or stones, then stay overnight in your newly constructed fort at the MAT ranch or BASECAMP.

**Intro to Making an Adventure Video w/Overnight:** As your children tour businesses, climb mountains and swim during their daily adventures they will learn how to make a video. One hour each day will be focused on downloading and editing video with an end of the week final video production. BYO Digital Video Camera, Flip camera, I Touch or Digital Camera with a movie function and let's make some adventure movies.

**Wild West Cowpokes:** Saddle up buckaroos, and get ready to go back to the wild, wild, west. Bring your cowboy hats along with your imagination because this is going to be a fun filled week. Includes 2 days horseback riding with an overnight by the campfire just like in the old days. Horse Back Riding provided by Mystic Saddle Ranch and Wild Horse Creek Ranch.

**Fly Fishing "N" Fun:** Start by learning the basics from some of the top guides at Silver Creek Outfitters, Lost River Outfitters or Ketchum on the Fly. Your child will progress from casting in a pond to the glory of catching a wild trout on the Big Wood or Big Lost River. When we are not fishing, we'll be exploring, playing and telling fish stories around the campfire!

**Payette River School w/ double overnight:** Does your child ever dream of becoming a raft guide during the summer months? This camp is the gateway to a college summer profession. Explore raging whitewater in the beautiful Payette River Valley where MAT and Payette River Company will prepare you for problem solving, outdoor, Dutch oven cooking, basic medical and emergency evacuation and river knowledge. Learn how to flip a raft back over and get in, read white water and guide paddle strokes while observing an impressive combination of native birds, fish and wildlife.

**Wild West Montana Adventure(My first road trip for girls):** For the 6<sup>th</sup> year MAT presents the Montana Adventure. Like many folks in the 1800's we are headed to the famous Ruby Valley. We will visit two very much alive ghost towns, Virginia City and Nevada City, to see what it was like to live in the 1800's. Just when you think this trip can't get any better we head to Yellowstone for a day trip. Between fly fishing, horseback riding, car singing, swimming, and searching for wildlife we will still have plenty of time to ADVENTURE!

**Wild West Montana (Advanced) –** For the first time MAT camp heads to Glacier National Park for a guided tour on foot and by boat. Evenings will be spent in a cabin just outside the park. This trip is open to Wild West Montana vets and new campers. Once again this trip is just for girls!!!

#### **ZIP LINE ADVENTURE:**

This camp is headed to Horseshoe Bend to meet with the best zip line guides in Idaho. With a series of 7 zip lines ranging from 175 to 1800 feet this is the ultimate adrenaline rush. Campers will start with a beginner course with the opportunity to go as far as they feel comfortable. Age limit is flexible, but it is mandatory that your child weighs at least 80 lbs with NO exceptions. This will be a double overnight so bring your sleeping bag and good times!

**BIKE RAFT AND CLIMB -** Get ready for a BIG adventure! !! We are headed to our private bike course at the ranch followed by a visit from the professionals at Road and Dirt in Hailey. Next, we head to Stanley for a ride down the Payette River with the experienced guides from Payette River Company. Our final adventure will be an overnight at BaseCamp followed by a half day of climbing with Sawtooth Mountain Guides. In between these hardcore activities we will do what we do best here at MAT – HAVE FUN. . .

**MAT Old School Adventure –** This camp is for the older children of the MAT. Over the last 13 years we have created many rich memories between campers and this week is our reunion. Come one come all to the “eARTh Challenge” as our Old Schoolers will put their minds to work in a creative, logical, sustainable manner to build the “keepsake of the 2011 class”.

**City of Rocks Climbing Adventure –** Journey south of the Wood River Valley to City of Rocks. Spend the days climbing beautiful slabs of granite with the exceptional leaders from Sawtooth Mountain Guides. Sleep beneath the stars, learn to prepare and appreciate wonderful food and make wonderful friends. The campers will learn about the pioneers who traveled through the area in wagons from an official City of Rocks Ranger. Then on our way home we will stop off at an Idaho Potato packing plant followed by a soak in the geothermal waters of Oakley Hot Springs.

**Wild West Pioneers and Native Americans-** To wrap up our summer season the children here will set off with some of our best Custer County Historical Museum guides to see what and why people came to Idaho. GOLD!!! The kids will learn to pan for their own gold and learn what it was like to live back in the old days. Who was here before the Pioneers? Native Americans! We will travel around to ancient sites and markings of the Native Americans then build and sleep in our own traditional Native American Lodge.

**Parent & Child Mountain Quest:** Between emails, texts, schedules, plane flights, soccer practice, friends, and iPads, when do you spend quality time with your child? Here is a chance to

unplug, and tune into the outdoors and your child. Grab your backpack as the MAT team with Sawtooth Mountain Guides take us on an epic 3 day quest into the beautiful wildness that surrounds Ketchum. You might want to bring your swimming suit as we will be cooling off in the serene alpine lakes along the way. Now what is the "Quest" you might be asking yourself? To reconnect with ourselves and children, not just in the mountains, but everyday.

**My First Road Trip: (Boys Only)** Do you remember your first road trip? Stopping for the bathroom, eating popcorn in the back of the car, camping from your family truck, seeing parts of the world that are lost when in flight? Well this is the summer to make memories. Boys only, as we head off in the MAT van to explore Idaho, camp along the way and have a brilliant time!

**Young Men's Journey & Survival Program:** This journey from Ketchum to BaseCamp over the Pioneer Mountains will not only test your young man, but give him the tools to succeed in today's world. Travel light, learn fire starting, shelter building, how to gather food and water, how to travel safely, your overall survival/ program. From the physical to the mental change of becoming a man we will ask ourselves questions:

Where does wisdom come from?

Where does courage come from?

How do I care for the earth?

How do I care for others and myself?

What is my purpose, special qualities, strengths and weaknesses?

This is the time of passing on tradition and knowledge so we may have the strong leaders of tomorrow.