



CARBON COUNTY YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Learn about all the available youth events and programs hosted by your local businesses and organizations in Carbon County.

Families and youth can use this as a guide to fill out your calendars and familiarize yourselves with available resources the community has to offer for young families.

Check out our Carbon County Youth Instagram, where you can also find the latest news for local kids. (Scan the QR code or follow us @CCYouthPrograms).

Thank you to all businesses and organizations for sending in your information. If you have a youth event or program for kids 0-18, please reach out to alexis@rlacf.org

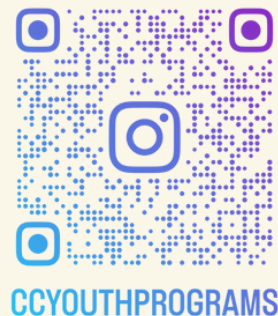




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BRIDGER PUBLIC LIBRARY



- Monthly Book Club - *Every Thursday during the school year* - Enjoy a new book every month and enjoy a passionate conversation. For more information contact: **bpl.jengelke@gmail.com or 406.662.3598**
- Story Hour for Littles - *Mondays at 11am* - Bring in your little ones for story time through an array of picture books.
- **Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program** - *For kids aged 0-5* - Receive a monthly new book in the mail. A free program, registration form required. Found on the Bridger Public Library Website.
- **1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program** - *Free program for kids not yet in Kindergarten* - Registration form required. Found on the Bridger Public Library Website.

JOLIET PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Kid StoryTime - *Wednesdays at 11am to 12pm* - Bring your kids to join book adventures with StoryTime with other fellow families.
- Adult and Child Book Club - *To be established, monthly meet ups* - Looking for participants to be involved in family-friendly reading and discussion/activity. If you are interested in joining **call 406.962.3013 to sign up**.
- Movie Fridays - *Every Friday at 2:45pm* - **For kids and tweens.**
 - Feb. 6th: Smurfs 2
 - Feb. 13th: The Unbreakable Boy
 - Feb. 20th: The Little Mermaid
 - Feb. 27th: The Swan Princess

JOLIET TIMBERNOOK



- Tiny Ones - *March 3rd to May 12th on Tuesdays from 9:30am-11:30am* - Parent and Child Outdoor Program. **Open to kids 1-8 years old**. Join in on some outdoors creative play opportunities to help foster healthy child development.
 - For more information: <https://timbernook.com/providers/timbernook-sc-mt/>



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



- **It's In the Bag**, a FREE program during the school year for children to receive easy prepared meals for the weekend. To participate, form must be completed. Form found on Red Lodge Boys and Girls Website.
- Candy Olympics - Feb. 3rd from 6-8pm - **Middle School Teen Night**. Open to teens in 6th-8th grade. Prizes awarded to the winning team.
- Valentines Dance - Feb. 13th - **Teen Night**. Open to all Middle school and High School teens.
- Cupcake and Cookie Decorating Contest - Feb. 17th - **Middle School Teen Night**. Open to teens in 6th - 8th grade.
- Sweatshirt Bleaching - Feb. 26th - **High School Teen Night**. Open to all high school teens. To ensure enough materials, please email if you will be attending to rhill@bgcofcarboncounty.org.
- DIY Slime and Stress Relief Craft Night - March 5th - **Middle School Teen Night**. Open to teens in 6th-8th grade.
- TikTok Mini Challenge Night - March 12th - **High School Teen Night**. Open to all teens in High School
- Black Light Laser Tag - March 19th - **Middle School Teen Night**. Open to all teens 6th-8th grade.
- Minute to Win It - March 20th - **High School Teen Night**. Open to all High school teens.
- All Middle school and High school activities are free and open to all 6th-12th graders in Carbon County. Scholarships and payment plans available for families with children K-5th grade, reach out to **406.446.2582**.



**RED LODGE CARNEGIE
LIBRARY**

- StoryTime & Playtime - *On Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30am* - Learn and Explore with Miss Jodie through books, music, and movement. Followed by playtime, for children and caregivers to engage. Opened to All Ages, activities geared to **2-5 year old, no registration needed.**
- Handmade - *On Thursdays from 3:30-5pm* - Weekly craft workshop to work on individual projects with friendly conversation. show up and bring your own materials. **Open to ages 13+.**
- All the Dirt Garden Series - **Open to ages 13+.** Gardening class series provided by the library and All Nations Garden Club. Registration recommended, registration found on library website.
 - Exploring Color & Design with Annual Flowers - *Wed, Feb 4th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm* - This session will feature Vivian Beam from Garden Party, discussing color theory, flowers choices, and design.
 - Square Foot Gardening - *Wed, Feb 18th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm* - This session will feature Montana Master Gardener, Terri Kelleher, who will discuss small space veggie gardening.
 - Native Plants & Grasses - *Wed, Mar 4th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm* - This session will feature botanist, Doug Reynolds, as he discusses a variety of native plants and grasses in our region and how to use them.
 - Pollinators - *Wed, Mar 18th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm* - This session will feature Bee City USA Advocate, Courtney Long, who will discuss how to identify and support a variety of pollinators in your yard and garden.
- Homeschool LEGO Club - *Feb 10th & March 10th from 11am-12pm* - **Open to ages 4-14, no registration needed.** Younger children should be accompanied by a caregiver. Geared to homeschool community, but all are welcome. LEGO's provided!
- LEGO Club - *Feb 26th & March 24th from 2-3pm* - **Open to ages 6-14, no registration needed.** Younger children should be accompanied by a caregiver. LEGO's provided!
- Adults/Teen Art With Beth Korth - *Feb 14th from 11am-1pm: Collage Valentines Card & March 14th from 11am-1pm: Pet Portraits* - **Geared for ages 13+. Register for this free art workshop.** Limited seating available. Waitlist option open.
- Friends of the Library Book Sale - *March 28th from 10am-3:30pm* - **Open for all ages.** Look for your next read within a large collection of gently used books.
 - \$1 each: Hardcover and Trade Paperback Books
 - \$0.25 each: Mass Market Paperback and Children's Book



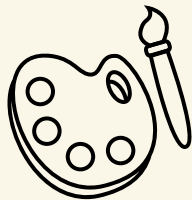


**RED LODGE SENIOR &
COMMUNITY CENTER**

- Knitting/Yarn Workshop - *Saturdays from 10am-12pm* - Enjoy a morning working on a yarn or knitting project with friendly locals. Bring your personal project and materials. Beverages available. **Open to ALL ages, no registration needed.**

HERO STEAM

- Whistler Observatory - *Friday Evenings starting at dusk* - Weather Permitting. Observe the Red Lodge Starry Night Skies.
 - Check for updates on website:
herossteam.org/whistlerobservatory



**CARBON COUNTY ARTS
GUILD & DEPOT GALLERY**

- Open Studio Figure Drawing - *Feb. 15th and March 15th from 2-4pm* - **Free for students 18 and under** - Bring sketch supplies to draw or paint a clothed model. All Skills welcomed, no registration needed.
 - Interested in becoming the **Clothed Model**, reach out to programs@carboncountydepotgallery.org. Available small stipend for model.
- Annual K-8 Student Art Show - *March 7th to March 29th* - Carbon and Stillwater students and homeschoolers showcasing their art work. Art show is free and open to the public.



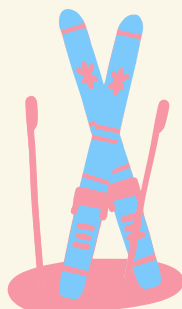
**CARBON COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY & MUSEUM**

- Music at the Museum: Faith and Perry - Feb. 13th at 5pm - A musical performance about Time Travel, Good Love and Bad Luck. **Open to all ages.**
- “Goodbye Wives & Daughters” - Feb. 27th at the Roman Theater - Music video premier. **Open to all ages.**
- Dead Lodge Ghost Investigation Evidence Reveal - March 13th from 5-6pm - Come listen about the evidence gathered from their October Ghost Investigation.
- Music at the Museum: Kid Valance - March 20th 4:30pm-6:30pm - A musical performance showcasing original songs and stories of Kid Calance as a Spirit Runner for Peace.



BEARTOOTH TRAILS

- **Volunteer Opportunity:** Cross Culinary Fundraiser - Feb. 21st at the Red Lodge Nordic Center - Looking for high school volunteers who would like to help.
 - Ski from vendor to vendor trying out different food dishes.
 - Volunteer sign up:
 - <https://www.ticketsignup.io/Race/Volunteer/MT/RedLodge/CrossCulinary2025>
 - or contact info@beartoothtrails.org



**RED LODGE AREA COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**



- **Youth Internship Program** - Available for Carbon County Teens 16-18 years old.
- Why choose an internship through RLACF
 - Paid Opportunity
 - Flexible work schedule
 - Career Readiness Material
 - Being able to try out an interested career path without committing too much of your time
- Currently we have 4 available internships
 - **Root To Rise: Garden Assistant Intern in Red Lodge Area**
 - **Roosevelt Center: Audio and Visual Tech Intern in Red Lodge**
- Interested in a Summer internship for 2026? Contact alexis@rlacf.org

Paid Internship Program

Root 2 Rise Gardens

Interested in broadening your market gardening skills under a professional? Join the Root 2 Rise garden team this summer to gain hands-on experience, diverse knowledge, and being outdoors.

We are looking for a local teen who is 16-18 years old and passionate about gardening in the Red Lodge area, as well as the business of gardening. If this sounds like you, email alexis@rlacf.org for more information!

Benefits:

- ✓ Hands-On Experience in the garden
- ✓ Networking Opportunities at the local farmer's market
- ✓ Enhance Gardening Skills on a business level

Why Choose Us?

- ✓ Professional Mentorship
- ✓ Career Growth and Knowledge
- ✓ Inclusive Work Environment
- ✓ Paid Opportunity and Flexible Scheduling

CHECK THEM OUT

Instagram and Facebook: [@root2risegardens](https://www.instagram.com/root2risegardens)
Website: root2risegardens.com

CONTACT ALEXIS@RLACF.ORG FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Paid Internship Opportunity

CONNECTING PEOPLE BUILDING COMMUNITY
RED LODGE AREA Community Foundation
ROOSEVELT CENTER

Who can Apply:

- A Carbon County Teen aged 16-18

Open Position:

- Roosevelt Center Events / Audio & Visual Intern

What will you be doing:

- Learn & practice live concert sound and lighting
- Streaming virtual meetings
- Design event marketing & PR campaigns
- and so much more!

Some events you may help in:

- ◊ Red Lodge Summer Fest
- ◊ All Ages Open Mic Night
- ◊ Montana Shakespeare in the Park

Want more information?

alexis@rlacf.org

**CARBON COUNTY EARLY
CHILDHOOD COALITION**



- **Meets on a monthly basis** to discuss best practices and ensure all childcare providers are receiving equal opportunities. This coalition consists of childcare providers and educators within Carbon County. We are looking to expand this group to parents, businesses, and local community members who are passionate in Early Childcare!
 - If interested, email alexis@rlacf.org or call at 406.446.2820
- **Current State of Early Childhood and Childcare in the County and Montana Forum** - April 11th 10am-3pm at the Red Lodge Senior Center Building - In partnership with Beartooth Community Front Forum, the Coalition will be doing a deep dive to help spread awareness of what childcare looks like today, as well as sharing resources to the audience.



ROOSEVELT CENTER

- Open Mic Night - From 6-8pm in the Harper Recital Hall. Come share a special talent in front of your peers or enjoy a night out in the audience. You are not required to preform. **Open to ALL ages!**
 - **Save the Dates:** Feb. 5th, March 5th, April 12th, May 7th, June 4th
- Farmer's Market - March 28th. Enjoy homemade goodies.
- Missoula Children's Theater will make their way to the Roosevelt from Feb. 2-7th to produce **The Jungle Book**. Performances on Feb. 6th and 7th. Volunteers are welcome. Contact alexis@rlacf.org.



DSVS



- February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Panel Discussion - Feb 10th from 4-5pm at the Red Lodge Carnegie Library - **Geared to 14+**. A chance to learn more about dating violence from survivor stories, expert panel discussion, and Q&A session for more info.
- State of Mind Theater Group Performance - March 9th from 6:30-7:15pm at the Red Lodge Senior Center - **All Ages welcomed**. Community listening about mental and behavioral health, sharing resources, and exploring strategies.
- State of Mind Theater Coffee Hour - March 10th from 9:30-11am - A discussion about mental health in our community led by a community figure.

RED LODGE CLAY CENTER

- Family Clay Class - Feb 8th and March 15th from 10:30am to 12pm - **Open to families with children 6-12 years old. All are welcome**. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. \$20 class fee, online registration required. Looking to get your kid thinking creatively with a hands-on activity, bring them to Family Clay! Class themes vary from each class. No experience necessary.



**ROBERTS COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Want to learn how you can get more involved in your community reach out to the Roberts Community Foundation for more ways to help your town thrive, as well as **earn community service hours!**

- o Email: robertscommunityfoundation@gmail.com



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Check out the Little Free Libraries around the county! These are little bookshelves located around the area with books for all ages to be traded, borrowed, or taken on a new adventure.

- To find your nearest Little Library check out this website or app to locate your new book adventure.
 - o <https://littlefreelibrary.org/map/>



Little Free Library®
Take a Book. Share a Book.

RED LODGE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

All programs below can be found on our website rlacf.org.

- **Early Childhood Grant** - Provides funding to enhance the developmental, educational, and supportive environment of young children (ages 0-8) and their families through various opportunities and childcare.
 - Currently open and accepting applications. For more information or questions contact Red Lodge Area Community Foundation at [406.446.2820](tel:406.446.2820)
- **Youth Enrichment Grant** - Provides funding for classes, workshops, participation fees, conferences, transportation, and other services to help support youth development.
 - Families can apply on behalf of their child. For more information or questions contact Red Lodge Area Community Foundation at [406.446.2820](tel:406.446.2820)
- **Carbon County Childcare Directory** - Visit our website to checkout the current available childcare options in Carbon County.
 - <https://www.rlacf.org/programs/youth/early-childhood-coalition/>



CART

- Public Transportation for ALL of Carbon County - Local rides 5 days a week from 8am-4pm. Occasional trips to Billings/Laurel available.
 - Call CART 24 hours in advance to reserve a seat, immediate call service available if possible. CART serves people of all ages and abilities → 406.426.4506

RED LODGE KIDS CORNER

- A non-profit children's store that sells gently-loved childcare items, such as clothing, shoes, toys, and other essential gear.
- Holding onto overgrown items your family no longer uses or needs, donate these items over to the Kids Corner!
- Store Hours:
 - Monday/Wednesday/Thursday: 1pm-5pm
 - Friday/Saturday: 11am-5pm
 - Sunday: 12pm-4pm
 - CLOSED TUESDAY



CARBON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

CCPH is a request-receiving agency for needs requests for families that have children. Requests can be confidential and can be for ANY need a family with children in Carbon County may have.

Possible categories of needs can include (but are not limited to):

Baby items: Beds and bedding, Car seats (certified child passenger technician and install and check car seat),

General financial needs (utility bills, rent assistance)

Furniture and appliances (Dressers, couch, dining tables and chairs, refrigerators, washers, microwaves, space heaters, AC window and portable units, stoves, dryers, etc.)

Kitchen and dining (pots and pans, dishes, silverware, towels, etc.)

Miscellaneous (Bus passes, gas cards, groceries, school backpacks, vehicles, supplies, clothes for adults, clothes for children, laptop, tablet computer)

Safety and cleaning (Carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors, medical lock boxes, fire extinguishers, child proofing items, face masks, vacuum cleaners, cleaning supplies, plastic storage drawers etc.)

Services (car repairs, extermination, legal help, medical/dental, HVAC repairs, plumbing, roofing, cleaning, dumpster/haul away etc.)

- **Announcing the new Certified Lactation Counselor, Allyson Moore.** She will be responsible for:
 - Providing comprehensive lactation support and counseling
 - Assisting with latching, positioning, and managing milk supply
 - Offering guidance on preparing for returning to work while breastfeeding
 - Developing/implementing breastfeeding education programs and resources
 - Collaborating with local healthcare providers to ensure continuum of care for breastfeeding families.
 - To schedule an appointment contact Allyson at 406.446.9941 or amoore@carbonmt.gov
- **Other Available resources:**
 - Education and Resources for pregnant and postpartum women.
 - Free Welcome Baby Boxes for new parents put together by St. Agnes Church
 - Childhood immunizations and travel vaccines



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BEARTOOTH BILLINGS CLINIC

Looking for a close to home pediatric care? Contact Beartooth Billings Clinic at **406.446.2345** or **info@beartoothbillingsclinic.org**. Some services they offer for upcoming and new families:

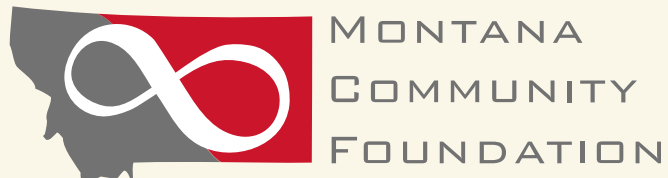
- Prenatal Care
- Pediatric Care
- Postpartum Care for new moms



MONTANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Scholarships have opened. The Deadline is March 31st to have applications submitted.

- <https://mtcf.org/scholarships/scholarship-directory>
- Need help, contact scholarships@mtcf.org or 406.262.7711



RED LODGE ADELINE'S ATTIC THRIFT STORE

- Head into our local thrift store to shop for good quality second hand items at reasonable prices. Items for purchase available for ALL ages.
 - Lots of children clothing, shoes, toys, games, and more! Check out the Kids section in the book room, All children books are free!
 - Store hours:
 - Tuesday-Saturday from 10am to 4pm
 - Donations Accepted, hours for drop off:
 - Tuesday-Saturday from 10am to 4pm
 - CLOSED SUNDAY

"I'LL HELP" CARBON COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Follow "I'll Help" Carbon County Community Connections on Facebook!
This group is a safe place for individuals to ask for and give help to one another through hard times.

RED LODGE LITTLES

Follow Red Lodge Littles on Facebook!

This group is for a family with little ones looking to connect locally with other parents to coordinate:

- Outdoor Adventures
- Weekly Play Groups
- Family-Friendly Activities
- Making new friends
- Staying Connected
- Monthly parent meet-ups



CARBON COUNTY YOUTH PROGRAMS

Follow @ccyouthprograms on Instagram to stay up to date on all youth-oriented activities, opportunities, and resources (Like this newsletter!) Stay connected and get involved!

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Youth events and Programs
- Funding resources
- Seasonal Newsletters
- And so much More!

