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Program Highlights

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Summit Nature Center

September wrapped up the summer season at the center, a cooperative project with the Whitefish Mountain Resort – (located at over 6,000 feet, the center enjoys a view of the Crown of the Continent!) It was a busy summer with over 14,000 visitors during the 82 day season. The center hosted several Summer Discovery Field Trips for area day camps reaching 100 youth. Looking forward to Winter Discovery Snowshoe programs with area schools and the center open on weekends January through March.

Artist*Wilderness*Connection – artist-in-residence program

The cooperative project between Flathead National Forest, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, Swan Ecosystem Center and Hockaday Museum of Art celebrated an evening of “Forest Inspirations” on September 23 showcasing the artwork of participating artists since 2004 and memorable presentations by the 2008 artists. The artwork will be on exhibit at Flathead Valley Community College, Arts and Technology Building through October 22. Come take a peek!

A call for applications for the 2010 artist-in-residence program goes out in December. The program focus is on Flathead National Forest wildlands. Montana artists of any media are encouraged to apply (music, photography, painting, sculpture and writers). What about a Canada/Montana artist exchange? Feature wildlands across the ecosystem?

Other On-going programs....

- Upcoming winter safety/avalanche awareness educational and training programs done in cooperation with Glacier Country Avalanche Center.
- Cooperative projects/participation in area events, programs with Flathead Audubon, Flathead Community of Resource Educators (Raptor Day, Glacier High Bird Garden, Trunk Workshop, Watershed Education Committee....)
- On-going fall classroom presentations, Project Learning Tree teacher trainings.