



# Silver Bow Montessori School

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: PARENTS OF SBM ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

FROM: DON KRONENBERGER

SUBJECT: 2017 SPRING FIELD TRIP

DATE: APRIL 30, 2017

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This memo presents information regarding the elementary classroom's spring field trip to the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway and Bannack State Park scheduled for Thursday, May 18 through Saturday, May 20, 2017. The byway route and Crystal Park portions are subject to road and snow conditions at the time, and alternate Friday activities will take place if the necessary. Attached are the following:

- 1) Preliminary itinerary (we'll continue fleshing this out)
- 2) Packing list and suggestions for dressing for weather
- 3) 2017 Elementary Spring Field Trip RSVP and Planning Information Form
- 4) Driving directions

### Meals and Logistics

We will sleep in tents and campers the Vigilante State Campground at Bannack State Park. Students will camp in tents by gender with an adult chaperone or with their own parent(s) or guardian(s) in other arrangements they have chosen. We plan to eat communally at the campground. The students will do much of the planning, cooking, and cleaning duties. Students and chaperones do not need to pack a lunch for Thursday, May 18, as we will be prepared for a group picnic (sandwiches, etc.) at Crystal Park. Meals through Saturday breakfast will be provided.

### Cost

The school needs to charge participating families to recoup some of the costs of the trip. The charge for the entire trip is \$35 per person (for adults and children over three). This includes up to seven meals, bus expenses, and group camping/use fees.

### Weather

All students, parents, and chaperones should come prepared for a diversity of spring weather conditions. Wind, rain, sun, and cold should all be prepared for as there are limited options for

getting out of the weather. Pack hat, coat, gloves, and appropriate footwear. Dressing in layers allows for regulation of comfort during a variety of activities and for a range of weather conditions. Make sure to have rain gear.

**Can my child come without a parent or guardian?**

We can take care of upper elementary aged children for the entire trip, even if you (the parent or guardian) are not attending. This is subject to enough adults indicating that they will attend the trip and be willing to serve as chaperones on the bus and at the campground. This has not been a problem in the past. For lower elementary aged children who are camping overnight, it is preferable for a parent to be along, but special arrangements can be made in some circumstances.

**Do I have to attend the entire trip?**

Parents are welcome to arrive on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. The primary educational activities will be on Thursday and Friday. If you know you will not be present for part of the trip, please so indicate on the RSVP form so that we can adjust our chaperone arrangements and food preparations accordingly.

**Do parents/chaperones attend all educational activities?**

Yes, if they wish.

**Please complete and return the attached RSVP questionnaire by Friday, May 12 so that we can plan for the students' overnight arrangements and food.** You can also reply to [office@SilverBowMontessori.org](mailto:office@SilverBowMontessori.org) by email. If you know you can't make it, please let us know on the sheet or by email.

Also, please make your payment toward the costs of the trip (payable to the school) by Friday, May 12. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with me. Thank you.

# Preliminary Itinerary - SBM Spring Campout 2017

## Thursday, May 18

- 8:30 a.m. Depart Silver Bow Montessori School for **Crystal Park**  
Stops along **Pioneer Scenic Byway** TBD
- 11:15 a.m. **Picnic lunch** at **Crystal Park**
- 12:00 noon Dig at **Crystal Park**
- 3:00 p.m. Depart for **Bannock State Park**
- 4:30 p.m. Arrive at **Bannock - Vigilante** state campground  
Make camp
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner (students plan and prepare)
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire
- 10:00 p.m. Lights out (if clear skies: telescopes, binoculars, stargazing)

## Friday, May 19

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at campground (students plan and prepare)
- 9:00 a.m. **Bannack State Park - "Town Tour"**
- 10:00 a.m. Additional activities:  
**Gold panning**
- 12:00 noon Picnic lunch at Bannack State Park
- 1:00 p.m. Additional activities:  
**History search**  
**Fur and skull interpretation**  
**Cemetery visit**  
**Hike overlook trail**
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner (students plan and prepare)
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire
- 10:00 p.m. Lights out (if clear skies, telescopes, binoculars, stargazing)

## Saturday, May 20

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at campground (students plan and prepare)  
Sack lunches available for lunch picnics  
Break camp
- 9:30 p.m. Depart Vigilante Campground
- 12:00 noon Return to Butte

# SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

## **The school will supply:**

First aid kit and sewing kit  
Cookware, plates, cups, utensils, soap for dishwashing/hand-washing, matches  
Firewood (we're seeking volunteers for this)

## **Students and chaperones should pack:**

### **Clothes:**

Appropriate clothing, planned in layers, for varied weather conditions  
Extra shoes and clothing in case clothing becomes wet  
Warm jacket  
Hat for sun protection (heavy stocking hat that covers ears)  
Gloves and/or mittens  
Water repellent hiking boots  
Pajamas (suggest dry sweatshirt, sweatpants, thermals)  
Underwear and thermal underwear  
Extra socks (preferably wool or other thermal socks)

### **Toilet Kit:**

Toothpaste, toothbrush, comb and/or brush  
Washcloth, towel, and soap in a container for washing  
Sunscreen

### **Gear:**

Tent (if other accommodations are not arranged)  
Sleeping bag with stuff sack  
"Thermarest" or pad, pillow optional  
Water bottle or canteen  
Rain gear - rain cape or rain poncho  
Flashlight with spare bulb and batteries  
Extra large ziplock bags to store wet clothes or dirty items in  
Insect repellent

### **Optional extras:**

Camera packed in zip-lock bag with name  
Telescope/Binoculars  
Sunglasses  
Playing cards  
Hand warmers  
Camping stool  
Compass and maps  
Journal

# SUGGESTIONS FOR COLD WEATHER

Keeping warm is the most important part of cold weather camping. Use the C-O-L-D method to assure staying warm.

## C - Clean

Since insulation is only effective when heat is trapped by dead air spaces, keep your insulating layers clean and fluffy. Dirt, grime, and perspiration can mat down those air spaces and reduce the warmth of a garment.

## O – Overheating

Avoid overheating by adjusting the layers of your clothing to meet the outside temperature and the exertions of your activities. Excessive sweating can dampen your garments and cause chilling later on.

## L - Loose Layers

A steady flow of warm blood is essential to keep all parts of your body heated. Wear several loosely fitting layers of clothing and footwear that will allow maximum insulation without impeding your circulation.

## D – Dry

Damp clothing and skin can cause your body to cool quickly, possibly leading to frostbite and hypothermia. Keep dry by avoiding cotton undergarments and clothing that absorb moisture. Always brush away snow that is on clothes before entering a heated area. Keep the clothing around your neck loosened so that body heat and moisture can escape instead of soaking several layers of clothing.

Do not sleep in the same clothes that you have worn all day. They are damp and will cause you to chill. Bring sweats and/or thermal underwear to sleep in. Keep the thermals and sweats for sleeping in only. Do not wear them during the day to keep them the driest. Wear clean, dry wool socks and a stocking hat on your head while sleeping to keep warmer.

## **Clothing**

As a precaution, pack clothes in large ziplock bags to keep dry. You may wish to put together an outfit for each day. Lay out pants, place shirt, underwear and socks on them and roll up tightly. Place in a large ziplock storage bag. Each day, pull out one bag.

## **Footwear**

As with other clothing, use the layer system for footwear. Start with a pair of silk, nylon, or thin wool socks next to your skin. Then layer on a pair of heavier wool socks. If your feet become damp, change into another pair of dry socks at the first opportunity.

# 2017 SBM Overnight Spring Field Trip RSVP and Planning Information Form

Please list attendees:

Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Grandparents: \_\_\_\_\_

Others: \_\_\_\_\_

We plan to participate in the events on the following days (list names and approximate arrival times beside the day if everyone is not attending all days indicated):

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday

I am willing to chaperone same-gender students in a cabin: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will ride the bus up on Thursday morning? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who will ride the bus home on Saturday morning? \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

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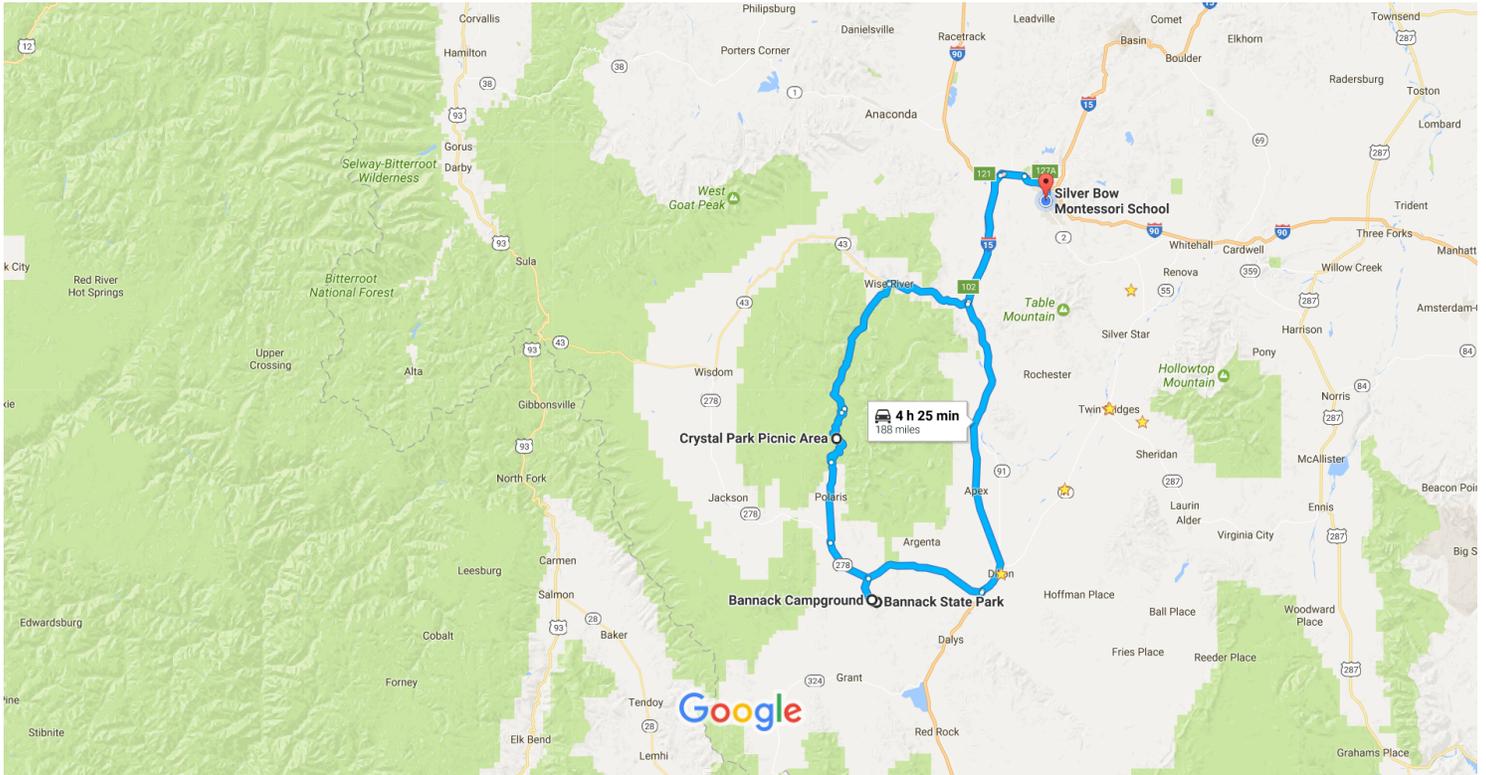
Any special requests or requirements regarding accommodations? \_\_\_\_\_

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Any special medical concerns or requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Silver Bow Montessori School

1800 Sunset Rd, Butte, MT 59701

#### Get on I-15 S/I-90 W from Harrison Ave

- ↑ 1. Head east on Sunset Rd toward Paxson Ave 7 min (2.3 mi)

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- ↶ 2. Turn left onto Paxson Ave 249 ft

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- ↷ 3. Turn right onto 4 Mile Vue Rd 0.2 mi

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- ↶ 4. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Harrison Ave 0.1 mi

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- ↗ 5. Turn right to merge onto I-15 S/I-90 W 1.7 mi

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- ↗ 0.2 mi

#### Continue on I-15 S. Take MT-43 W to Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway in Wise River

- ↗ 6. Merge onto I-15 S/I-90 W 38 min (38.0 mi)

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- ↗ 6.4 mi

-  7. Take exit 121 for I-15 S toward Dillon/Idaho Falls  

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0.7 mi
-  8. Continue onto I-15 S  

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18.2 mi
-  9. Take exit 102 for MT-43 toward Divide Wisdom  

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0.3 mi
-  10. Turn right onto MT-43 W  

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12.5 mi

### Drive to Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway

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- 1 h 6 min (26.8 mi)
-  11. Turn left onto Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway  

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20.8 mi
  -  12. Continue straight onto Pioneer Mountains Scenic By-Way  

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1.2 mi
  -  13. Continue onto Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway  

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4.8 mi

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1 h 51 min (67.2 mi)

### Crystal Park Picnic Area

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Highway 278 W, Polaris, MT 59746

-  14. Head southeast on Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway toward Comet Ridge Rd  

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6.2 mi
-  15. Slight left to stay on Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway  

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11.8 mi
-  16. Turn left onto MT-278 E  

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7.5 mi
-  17. Turn right onto Bannack Bench Rd  

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2.9 mi
-  18. Turn left onto Bannack Rd  
 Destination will be on the right  

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0.5 mi

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58 min (28.9 mi)

### Bannack Campground

Dillon, MT 59725

-  19. Head southeast on Bannack Rd  

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0.5 mi

↑ 20. Continue onto Hendricks Mill Rd

 Destination will be on the left

0.2 mi

3 min (0.7 mi)

## Bannack State Park

721 Bannack Rd, Dillon, MT 59725

### Get on I-15 N from MT-278 E

30 min (21.7 mi)

↑ 21. Head northwest on Hendricks Mill Rd

0.2 mi

↑ 22. Continue onto Bannack Rd

1.0 mi

↪ 23. Turn right onto Bannack Bench Rd

2.9 mi

↪ 24. Turn right onto MT-278 E

17.3 mi

⤴ 25. Turn left to merge onto I-15 N

0.3 mi

### Continue on I-15 N to Butte. Take exit 127A from I-15 N/I-90

58 min (68.0 mi)

⤴ 26. Merge onto I-15 N

61.1 mi

↪ 27. Take the Interstate 90 E exit toward Interstate 15 N/Butte

0.3 mi

⤴ 28. Merge onto I-15 N/I-90

2.9 mi

↶ 29. Keep right at the fork to stay on I-15 N/I-90

3.4 mi

↪ 30. Take exit 127A for Harrison Ave S

0.2 mi

### Follow Harrison Ave to Sunset Rd

5 min (2.0 mi)

↪ 31. Turn right onto Harrison Ave

1.9 mi

↪ 32. Turn right onto Sunset Rd

 Destination will be on the left

0.2 mi

1 h 34 min (91.7 mi)

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These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.