

SUMMER IN CRESTED BUTTE IS PURE MAGIC...

And it's time to start planning for your kid's adventures. That's why we're excited to bring you the annual *CB News* Kids Summer Program Guide. In the following pages, you'll find a comprehensive roundup of camps, workshops, activities and more all offered by the valley's leading youth organizations.

From bike trails to theater stages, river days to robotic labs, art studios to mountain adventures – there's something for every age. Use this guide to plan a summer filled with creativity and adventure!

Ahimsa Jiu Jitsu

At Ahimsa Jiu Jitsu, kids build discipline, confidence, and coordination through NoGi Jiu Jitsu in a fun, supportive space - skills that last on and off the mats. Our summer program blends practical self-defense, jiu jitsu movements and submissions, games, and teamwork to help kids grow stronger, more focused, and more resilient while having a blast with friends. We also offer classes for adults and teens, creating a welcoming community where students of all ages train, grow, and thrive together. To check out a complete schedule or to learn more about Ahimsa Jiu Jitsu visit www.ahimsajj.com.

CB Library

The Crested Butte Library presents the annual Summer Reading Program from May 30 to August 1. This summer's theme is "Unearth a Story." Anyone, at any age, can participate in the program. Complete reading logs to earn prizes. Events include story times, weekly Wednesday Craft Club, and lots of fun weekend events for the whole family to enjoy. Events are always free and open to all! Keep up to date on our offerings by checking out our website, gunnisoncountylibraries.org, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



CRESTED BUTTE LIBRARY

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026
MAY 30-AUGUST 1

UNEARTH A STORY™

gunnison county
Libraries

Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 12 years or older and may not be left unattended in the library.

COMPLETE READING LOGS TO EARN PRIZES

WEEKLY YOUTH EVENTS

FUN FAMILY EVENTS

Free & Open to the Public

GunnisonCountyLibraries.org | 970.649.3565

SUMMER 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW THROUGH APRIL 15TH FOR BOTH XC AND DH RIDERS.
2026 PROGRAM DATES: JUNE 15TH - AUGUST 15TH

WWW.CRESTEDBUTTEDEVO.COM

OUR MISSION: TO PROVIDE A FUN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG CYCLISTS TO DEVELOP SKILLS AND PASSION THAT LAST A LIFETIME

With programs for athletes from 4-18 years old, CB Devo is here to help your rider develop skills both on and off the bike, having a blast with friends while riding the best trails on earth!

501 Elk. Ave
Wed. - Sun.
10 AM - 5 PM

Come play with us!

Explore, Create, Play & Learn
At our museum space in downtown Crested Butte

Become a member
Play everyday! Enjoy program discounts and members only perks

Summer art programs
For ages 3+ Check out NEW middle school offerings!

trailheadkids.org | [@trailhead_childrens_museum](https://twitter.com/trailhead_childrens_museum)

SUMMER SOCCER



U6-8 SUMMER PERFORMANCE ACADEMY
JUNE 23-JULY 23, TUES & THURS.

GOALKEEPER CLINICS
JUNE 26 - JULY 24, FRIDAYS

U9-19 FUTEDU SPANISH CAMPS
BOYS U9-15 JULY 13-17
GIRLS U9-15 JULY 20-24

RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
@ WCU, JULY 7-10


TRAIN WITH THE TITANS CAMP
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS & BOYS,
JULY 28 - 31

HIGH SCHOOL PRE-SEASON CAMP
HS BOYS & GIRLS, JULY 28 - 31


To register and for more information,
check out our website at WESTELKSOCCEr.ORG
or email WESTELKSOCCEr@GMAIL.COM



CRESTED BUTTE CLAY STUDIO PHOTO COURTESY OF CB CLAY STUDIO



AHIMSA JIU JITSU



Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. - *dates TBD*
Ages 9-14, classes are at *CB Town Hall, Fitness Room*
\$25-30 per session, *discount for siblings available*
Ages 15+ can attend adult classes
Email with questions or to book a class ahimsajj@gmail.com

Crested Butte Clay Studio

The Crested Butte Clay Studio offers 6-week class sessions for kids ages 9 thru high school in both hand building and wheel throwing as well as one-day workshops on Friday mornings throughout the summer. Students will learn how to throw on the potter's wheel and explore texture, color, and hand building techniques while making one-of-a-kind objects. Summer clay classes run from July 1 - August 14. We also offer private lessons, family sessions and birthday parties. Please visit www.crestedbutteclaystudio.com for more information.

Crested Butte Devo

Crested Butte Devo is dedicated to empowering our community's youth through mountain biking, mentorship and adventure, prioritizing safety, stewardship, health, and fun, overcoming challenges while building a lifelong love of sport and the outdoors. Our primary programming revolves around a 9-week long sequential curriculum, developing and honing skills both on and off the bike. Just as important as all that we hope our participants take away from their summer with us is ensuring that they have fun with their friends while doing so. With a strong belief that anything is more fun when doing it with friends, our groups are age and grade based, grouping peers out on the trails to help keep stoke high and riders engaged. Please visit www.CrestedButteDevo.com for more information, program details, dates, and pricing.

Crested Butte Mountain Resort

Get your kids ready for fun and exciting summer camps! We have different options for different age groups, but all programs will provide your child with the opportunity to build friendships while exploring the beauty of Mount Crested Butte & the Gunnison Valley. Camp CB (ages 5-8) and Mountain Adventures (ages 7-14) include a variety of outdoor activities, while Mini Riders (age 6) specifically focuses on mountain biking skill-building for your beginner rider. Programs begin June 8th and run until August 14th. For questions or to join our mailing list please email emailcbmtnadventures@vailresorts.com. See you at Camp!

Gunnison Arts Center

Get ready for a summer full of creativity, movement, and imagination at the Gunnison Arts Center! Our 2026 Summer Youth Programs offer an exciting lineup of hands-on camps designed to inspire young artists of all ages. This year's offerings include Dance Lab Mini Camp, Missoula Children's Theatre Camp featuring *The Little Mermaid*, Garden Mixed Media Art Camp, Wild Nature Mixed Media Art Camp, Mountain Mixed Media Art Camp, and Clay Adventures Art Camp. From theatre and dance to clay and mixed media exploration, there's something for every creative kid. Whether your child loves performing on stage, getting messy in the clay studio, or creating art inspired by nature, the GAC is the place to be this summer. In addition to youth camps, families can enjoy our First Friday ArtWalk & Music events and our free Sundays @ 6 Concert Series at Jorgensen Park, running June 21 (Father's Day!) through August 9. Pre-registration is required for all camps and workshops. Be sure to sign up for our newsletter to stay updated on offerings, gunnisonartscenter.org, and consider becoming a monthly member to receive 15% off camp registration.


Science, Wonder & Learning Outside

RMBL YOUTH PROGRAMS SUMMER 2026





In a beautiful outdoor setting and in the company of career scientists, we provide hands-on investigations of nature with an emphasis on the practices and processes of science. Curiosity and discovery drive the learning adventures that take place each day with RMBL. **WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US THIS SUMMER!**

INTRO TO FIELD BIOLOGY High School 	PROJECT ECO-STEM Middle School 	SCIENCE CAMP 3rd - 5th Grade 	NATURE CAMP K - 2nd Grade 
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High School Introduction to Field Biology Course:
Applications Available Now!

K-9 Summer Camps: Sign up for Nature Camp, Science Camp & Project Eco-STEM — now first-come, first-served with early access periods:
Feb. 1-14: RMBL Community | Feb. 15-28: YP Alumni
Mar. 1-15: Gunnison County Locals | Mar. 16+: Public

RMBL
SCIENCE. OUTSIDE.

LEARN MORE:
visit rmbll.org/youth-programs
email Youth Programs Manager at youthscience@rmbll.org
Scholarships Available



Mountain Mentors

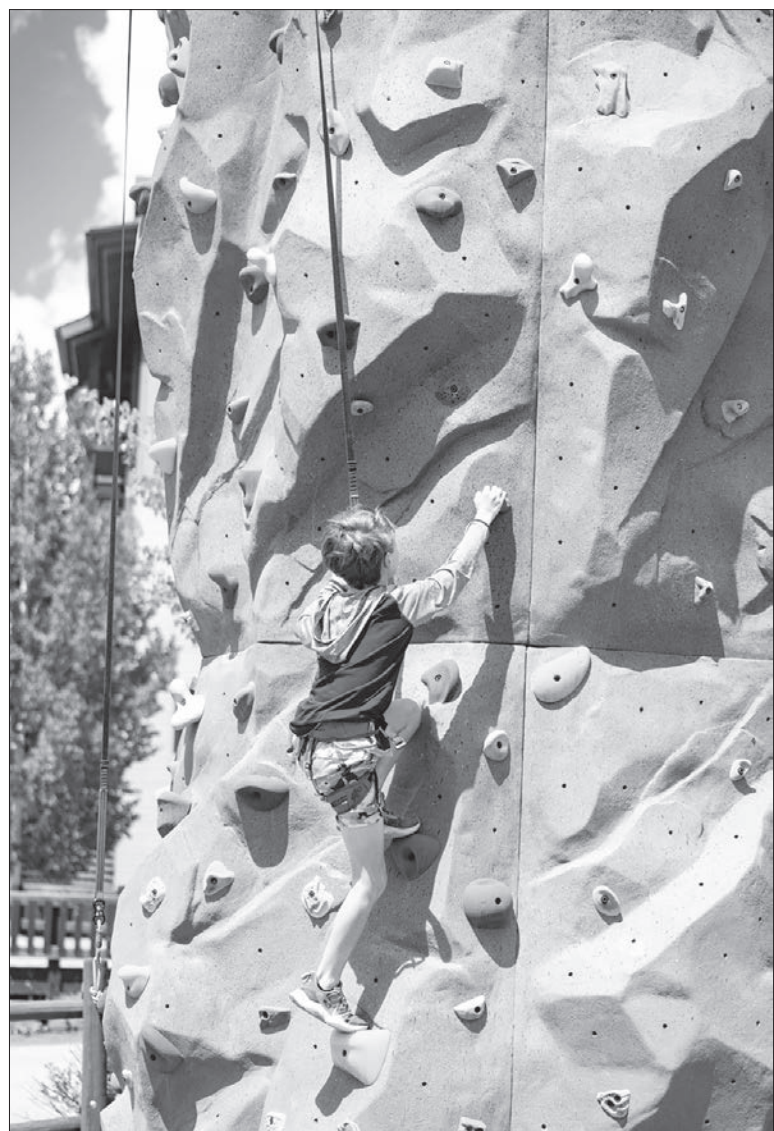
Empowering Youth through Outdoor Education. Programming for ages 5-15 in small groups with professional coaches and guides leading daily adventures with a focus on fun! Mountain biking, paddle boarding, first aid skills, camping etiquette, and backcountry decision making are offered in our core curriculum. Our youngest athletes will enjoy riding smooth trails through the wildflowers. Summer-long progression sessions help our intermediate athletes take their skills to the next level. The advanced athletes on our team will tackle technical human-powered singletrack and enjoy cooling off in alpine lakes. Private Lessons are offered for all ages, including adults, for mountain biking, backcountry skiing, and other disciplines. Sign up to improve your skills and confidence in the mountains!

Mountain Roots

Mountain Roots is thrilled to bring back our beloved Yes! to Adventure Summer Camps in 2026. In Big, Wide World Adventure Camps, rising K-6th grade campers get outdoors to explore the beauty and wonder of the Gunnison Valley through field trips, hands-on nature learning and discovery. This summer, Big, Wide World will run in Gunnison on Monday/Wednesday and in Crested Butte on Tuesday/Thursday, giving families flexible options to join the fun. We're also expanding opportunities for middle schoolers with Backcountry Cooking camps, offered two mornings a week in 3-week sessions, where kids will learn to cook over campfires, car-camping stoves, and backpacking stoves—building confidence and outdoor skills. Plus, we're thrilled to bring back Whimsicles, where middle schoolers develop entrepreneurial and culinary talents by creating and selling gourmet popsicles at the Crested Butte Farmer's Market. In Gunnison, early elementary students can also enjoy an afternoon garden camp following GWSD summer experiences, connecting kids to food, land, and community all season long.

Crested Butte Mountain Theatre

Youtheatre Camp is back at the Mallard! Create theatre magic all summer long with programs that will ignite your imagination through crafts, activities, music, and more! Summer 2026 includes the return of our Theatre Drop In Week ~ June 29-30 & July 1-2 For rising K-8th grade artists, this week is all about exploring different types of theatre through acting games, crafts, even improv and some clown! With each day a little different from the rest, young artists can join us for one or all four days. This week is a wonderful opportunity for young artists who are new to theatre to come give it a try! Then join us all summer long with our K-5th camp, Going on a Troll Hunt!, the return of our Greatest Showman program for 5th-8th graders, and Teens on Stage will be exploring the Elizabethan era during a half day program in July! We are also excited to announce that our partnership with Trailhead is back with programming for K-8th graders. More information coming soon! Registration is now open.



CBMR SUMMER CAMP
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UNLOCK YOUR CALM THIS SUMMER



THE MINDFUL TOOLBOX SUMMER CAMP 2026

- ✓ June 8 - August 21
- ✓ Monday - Thursday 9-5 (half day available), Friday 4-8
- ✓ Crested Butte
- ✓ Mindful play, Crafts, Balance activities, Focus games, Tools to navigate stress, & more!
- ✓ Sign up for our newsletter to be the first to know more!
- ✓ Registration opens March 1
- ✓ Discounted bulk pricing or drop-ins
- ✓ Devo pick up Mon & Wed

www.TheMindfulToolbox.org

the mindful toolbox

480.266.9875

The Outdoor Studio

Outdoor adventure meets art and photography — building confident kids through exploration of Colorado's wild landscapes.

5-8 years old

Full schedule & Registration at www.theoutdoorstudio.org



JUNIOR MOUNTAINEERS CAMP



LOCATION: Western Colorado University is the basecamp for all JMC programs. Overnight camps begin on campus before departing for weeklong adventures in Colorado's backcountry, with a new destination and outdoor recreation opportunities featured each week.

FEES: Range from \$235 to \$1350 per week depending on camp selection

DATES: June 1-August 19

DAY CAMP INFO: Monday-Friday | Times: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Ages: 5-12

OVERNIGHT CAMP INFO: Sunday afternoon – Friday

Camps Offered for 6-12 Graders (based on 2026-27 school year)



For more info or to register for JMC call 970.943.2109 or use this QR code



CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN THEATRE'S

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

YOUTH THEATRE CAMP

Create theatre magic all summer long!

Summer 2026 includes the return of our Theatre Drop In Week! For rising K-8th grade. Explore different types of theatre through acting games, crafts, even improv and some clown! With each day a little different from the rest, young artists can join us for one or all four days. It's a great opportunity to give Theatre a try!

Then join us all summer long with our K-5th camp, Going on a Troll Hunt!, the return of our Greatest Showman program for 5th-8th graders, and Teens on Stage to learn about theater of the Elizabethan era!

Info @ cbmountaintheatre.org | cbmountaintheatre.org

CLAY STUDIO
LEARN • MAKE • MEET

Summer 2026 Kids & Teen Schedule
July 1-August 14

KIDS & TEEN CLASSES and WORKSHOPS

<p>CLASSES \$260 for 6-week session</p> <p>AGES 9+ WEDNESDAYS 9-11am wheel & handbuilding 6 weeks: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5</p> <p>AGES 12+ WEDNESDAY WHEEL 11:30am-1:30pm 6 weeks: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5</p> <p>HIGH SCHOOL WHEEL FRIDAYS 11:30am-1:30pm 6 weeks: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug 5</p> <p>PRIVATE LESSONS Privates are available for 1-8 people Sign up on our website under private lessons!</p>	<p>WORKSHOPS AGES 9+ FRIDAY MORNINGS 9-11AM \$45 per workshop</p> <p>JULY</p> <p>July 3 Coil Planter Pots July 10 Handprint Bowls July 17 Sculpted Animals July 24 Bobble Heads July 31 Pressed Flower & Leaf Mugs</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p>August 7 Pinch Pot Creatures August 14 Patterned Coil Plates</p> <p>Summer registration opens March 16</p> <p>Register @ www.crestedbutteclaystudio.com 423 Belleview Ave (in the alley)</p>	
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BE crested butte WILD

Mountain Adventures: For campers ages 7-14. Join us in exploring the Gunnison Valley on one of our Adventures. Choose from Biking, Mt. Play Day, Lake Day, Rafting, Rock Climbing, Fly Fishing & Ropes Courses.


June 8 - Aug 14, 2026
Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm *

Mini Riders: For riders 6 years old who can ride a pedal bike and are looking to strengthen their skills in mountain biking. Every Friday!

Camp CB: For campers ages 5-8. Participate in an array of activities on Mt. Crested Butte, including chairlift rides, nature hikes, Adventure Park activities, arts & crafts, sports and more.

***10 packs available for local families!**
For more information or to join our mailing list please email:
cbmtnadventures@vailresorts.com

CBMR Kids Summer Camp



Outdoor Studio

The Outdoor Studio is a summer art and photography program for kids ages 5-8 that takes creativity outside and lets nature lead the way. Running June 9 through August 20 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the program explores the Gunnison Valley through meadows, rivers, trails, and quiet places where kids can move, notice, and make art. Each week, children connect with one local Colorado animal and one natural element — like earth, water, wind, or sun — through art, photography, and physical movement. By pairing creative, mindful activities with climbing, walking, digging, and imaginative play, kids build deeper cognitive connections to what they're learning. Animal behaviors and natural elements become mirrors for emotions: slowing down like a gopher, flowing like water, pausing like a fox in the wind. This approach helps children better understand their feelings, regulate their bodies, and build confidence and creativity through experience.

Led by experienced outdoor art educators, The Outdoor Studio is playful, messy, and rooted in curiosity, movement, and connection.

RMBL

RMBL Youth Program's purpose is to guide and inspire the next generation of scientists while fostering curiosity, wonder, and a deep respect for the natural world. RMBL's nature and science camps take place at our field research station in Gothic, Colorado, and surrounding public lands. In this outdoor classroom and alongside career scientists, young people engage directly with ecosystems, participate in hands-on scientific investigations, and learn to observe and care for the environment. Our programs guide children through the practices and processes of science using interdisciplinary, collaborative, and fun activities. Curiosity, care, and a sense of stewardship shape each day's learning experiences with RMBL. We hope you'll join us in the fun this summer as we explore, learn, and grow alongside nature! Visit rmbll.org/youthprograms/ or email youthscience@rmbll.org for more information. Registration open now!

The Mindful Toolbox

Give your child the gift of mindfulness this summer! Mindfulness camp includes crafts, balance activities, focus games, mindful play, tools to navigate life's stress, relaxation comfy cozy time and more! Session Dates: June 8- August 21, Monday through Thursday, full day 9am-5pm or half day 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm, daily mindfulness class from 4-5pm, Every Friday Kids Yoga Party 4-8pm, 311 5th St. unit 3, Crested Butte & local parks, discounted bulk pricing or drop ins, payment plans offered, Monday and Wednesday after Devo mindfulness camp includes pick up from Devo at 1pm until 5pm. Registration opens March 1st. Sign up at www.TheMindfulToolbox.org Contact: TheMindfulToolbox@gmail.com

Trailhead Children's Museum

Explore, Create, and Play with the Trailhead this summer! The Trailhead offers art and play programs for children ages 3-14 five days a week, all summer long. Your young artist will explore new and exciting art mediums and skills, spend time in the natural beauty of Crested Butte, and create all day with friends new and old. We invite your emerging artist to follow their creative passions and curiosities and join us at the Trailhead this summer! NEW this summer, the Trailhead will be offering elevated art workshops for middle schoolers! Trailhead Summer Programs. Monday-Friday: 3-5 year olds (MUST be potty trained) 9 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Rising 1st-5th graders (MUST have completed Kindergarten) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information on middle school programs and the museum, visit: trailheadkids.org.



THE TRAILHEAD CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

PHOTO ROBBY LLOYD



WCU JUNIOR MOUNTAINEERS CAMP PHOTO COURTESY OF WCU

WCU Junior Mountaineers Camp

Junior Mountaineers Camp (JMC) is back on the Western Colorado University campus again this summer, AND we're adding overnight adventure camps for middle and high schoolers, featuring backcountry hut trips, expedition trips, and more! JMC is a state-licensed summer day and overnight adventure camp that blends athletics, outdoor recreation, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) learning. Led by experienced staff and Western students, JMC provides a safe, active, and inclusive experience for campers. Families can register by the week, with each week offering a unique theme and outdoor recreation activities. JMC has five different camp programs, with each including outdoor recreation, STEAM learning, and unplugged summer fun! JMC Day Camps – Weeklong, STEAM-based camps on the Western Colorado University campus. JMC Adventures – Adventure-focused weeklong day camps exploring the Gunnison Valley. JMC Hybrid Adventures – Two days of adventure day camp + three days/two nights of overnight camping. JMC Huts – Weeklong overnight camps in huts and cabins across Colorado. JMC Expeditions – Weeklong overnight camps fully immersed in the Colorado backcountry

For more details on JMC Summer 2026 offerings, please visit <https://western.edu/junior-mountaineers/> or call Bree Hare, the JMC Director, at 970.943.2109. Registration for Overnight Camps is open! Day Camp registration opens on Sunday, March 1st at 8:00 a.m..

West Elk Soccer Association

At WESA we foster soccer development and provide a fun, high quality experience for youth and adults living in the Gunnison Valley. Through our work we envision a community with a strong love of soccer that prioritizes sportsmanship, leadership, and skill development through investment in the player, coach, referee, and team. We currently have year-round programming for ages 10U to 19U. Join us this summer for a variety of summer camps, we have options for every age U6-U19! westelksoccer.org.



WEST ELK SOCCER ASSOCIATION PHOTO BY ALEX FENLON



SUMMER CAMP 2026








- GARDEN MIXED MEDIA ART CAMP | JUNE 15-17 | 10AM - 3PM | AGES 8-12**
MEMBER \$170 | NON-MEMBER \$200
- WILD NATURE MIXED MEDIA ART CAMP | JUNE 22-24 | 10AM-3PM | 8-12**
MEMBER \$170 | NON-MEMBER \$200
- MOUNTAIN MIXED MEDIA ART CAMP | JULY 13- JULY 15 | 10AM-3PM | 8-12**
MEMBER \$ 170 | NON-MEMBER \$200
- DANCE LAB MINI CAMP | JULY 20-22 | 10AM-1PM | 8-12**
MEMBER \$106 | NON-MEMBER \$125
- CLAY ADVENTURES ART CAMP | AUGUST 3-5 | 11AM-3PM | AGES 10-15**
MEMBER \$191 | NON-MEMBER: \$225
- MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE CAMP: THE LITTLE MERMAID**
AUGUST 10-15 | 10AM-2:30 | AGES 6-18
MEMBER \$212.50 | NON-MEMBER \$250

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EMPOWERMENT THROUGH OUTDOOR EDUCATION



MOUNTAIN MENTORS

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- Mountain Biking and Outdoor Adventures
- Youth Ages 5-15 June - August
- Small Groups, Professional Coaches,
- Skills Mentorship, 1 & 2 Day per Week Programs
- Spring & Fall After School Mountain Bike Sessions

- Winter Youth Backcountry Skiing & Splitboarding
- Private Lessons for All Ages
- Mountain Biking & Cycling
- Avalanche & Backcountry Education
- Guided Bike & Ski Tours



MOUNTAIN ROOTS

SAY YES TO
ADVENTURE












2026 SUMMER CAMPS
Offering camps for grades K - 5th & 6th - 8th
CB & GUNNISON

mountainrootsfoodproject.org/summer-camps