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BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SKI BUS

LIFE IS BETTER ON THE SLOPES.



FAQS

General – A detailed email will be sent out approximately a week before the start of each program, with info on where to meet, what to bring, weather forecast, medical waivers, emergency contacts, and other information.

Early Bird Registration – Registration for Ski Bus opens on November 1 at 9:30am. Register between then and November 30 and you'll save \$10 for every day of transportation that you enroll through us. That's a \$110 savings for all 11 weeks of transportation.

Which Ski Bus Do I Pick? Both! However, if you had to start with one, pick Stevens Pass. They get their best snow in the beginning of winter and the terrain is friendly for all ability levels. A majority of our Ski Bussers begin with Stevens, build up their legs, work on their skills, make tons of friends, then sign up for five more weeks at Crystal Mountain. Crystal gets their best snow later on, usually right when the crowds die down and we start our Ski Bus there. It's a solid win.

Pricing – Due to the large variety of options, pricing information for transportation, ski/snowboard lessons, rental equipment, lift tickets, and packages can all be viewed online at www.biparks.org.

Transportation – Ski Bus uses the District's 15-passenger vans and 22-person mini bus. If there is high demand for particular weekends, we look into chartering a 56-passenger bus to accommodate. Seats fill quickly, so enroll early! Do not purchase lift tickets, rentals, or lessons if you haven't already reserved and paid for your transportation spot for that week. Transportation fees include ferry passes for all Stevens Pass & White Pass Ski Bus participants. No need to pay separately or bring a pass and potentially lose it! We've got you covered!

Lift tickets – Lift tickets or a season pass is required to access the mountain. We offer discounted youth lift tickets and package deals for Stevens Pass. For your convenience we also offer youth lift tickets for Crystal Mountain. Adult Ski Bus riders will need to supply their own lift tickets for Crystal Mountain and White Pass.

Lessons – It is strongly recommended that students new to skiing/snowboarding or ages 9-12 enroll in multi-week lessons. These group lessons are taught by professional instructors and tailored to each student's ability level/age. Students in lessons may free ski/ride with a buddy as time allows before and after lessons.

Helmets – We follow the National Ski Area Association's guidelines and require all participants and chaperones to wear a helmet. We recommend purchasing your skier/snowboarder their own helmet as opposed to renting one as it'll fit better and reflect their unique style.

Equipment – Participants are responsible for providing their own equipment and labeling each item with their name. For Stevens Pass Youth Ski Bus, we recommend renting through us as they provide discounted pricing for our participants.

Chaperones – Chaperones are the heart and soul of Ski Bus. They have a unique opportunity to create positive relationships and be a role model for youth. Chaperones are selected based on their experience working with kids,

managing groups, and availability throughout the season. Chaperone training will be on December 7 at Strawberry Hill Center. Contact us early if you are interested in chaperoning.

Registration Deadlines – Registration deadline is midnight on Monday before each week of Ski Bus. It is helpful and saves time to have participant waivers, medical information, and other forms turned in beforehand. The District reserves the right to require a doctor's note to clear a participant for certain circumstances.

Refunds – For questions about refunds, please see page 79. The District reserves the right to dismiss a participant without refund if the participant fails to abide by "The Code of Conduct" agreement. If weather or road closures cancel a trip, a pro-rated credit will be refunded for the missed day.

STEVENS PASS

Ages 9-18. One of the Northwest's premier resorts offering 10 lifts, over 1,125 acres of skiable terrain, and 37 primary runs. For ski and snowboard lessons, we are proud to partner with Stevens Pass Ski School. A list of flexible options to purchase seats for Ski Bus, ski/snowboard lessons, rental equipment, and lift tickets can all be viewed online www.biparks.org. Seats fill quickly, space limited.

131970 Saturdays	6:20a-8:00p	1/7-2/11 (6 weeks)
Transportation		Check online or call
Lift tickets		Check online or call
Ski/Snowboard rental		Check online or call
Lessons		Check online or call

CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN

Ages 9-18. Bigger runs, fewer crowds, and 3,100 feet of vertical descent! Tear up the powder for six full hours with 11 lifts, one gondola, over 2,600 acres of terrain, and 53 runs. Seats fill quickly. Space limited!

131971 Saturdays	6:00a-7:40p	2/25-3/25 (5 weeks)
Transportation		Check online or call
Lift tickets		Check online or call

THURSDAY SKI BUS

Age 6-99.* Cheaper tickets, better powder, and no crowds. Have the mountain and trails to yourself riding our Thursday Ski Bus! We listened to your feedback and this year we'll be visiting Stevens Pass, White Pass, and Crystal Mountain. Refer to the schedule listed to select which rides you would like to join. Space limited. *Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Ski Bus Locations/Dates:

Stevens Pass: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9
White Pass: Feb 16
Crystal Mtn: Feb 23, March 2, 9

131973 Thursdays	6:00a-8:00p	1/19-3/9 (8 weeks)
Transportation		Check online or call
Lift tickets (Stevens Pass only)		Check online or call
Ski/Snowboard rental (Stevens Pass only)		Check online or call



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WILDERNESS PROGRAMS

“The mountains are calling and I must go.” – John Muir

Remote, rugged, undeveloped. Wilderness areas are places of solitude where people can experience freedom and retreat from our fast-paced industrialized society. Rare, wild places that allow people to reconnect with the Earth, renew the human spirit, and find healing, meaning and significance with the natural world. Wilderness is a land heritage that is uniquely American. With passage of the Wilderness Act of 1964, Americans chartered a new course in world history — to preserve some of a country’s last remaining wild places to protect their natural processes and values from development. The United States was the first country in the world to define and designate wilderness areas through law. In the words of Pulitzer-prize-winning novelist Wallace Stegner: “Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed.”

FAQS

General - Our wilderness trips offer one-of-a-kind experience, rewarding participants with the very best that the backcountry has to offer. A detailed email will be sent out approximately a week before the start of each program, with information on where to meet, what to bring, weather forecast, medical waivers, emergency contacts, and more. For questions about trips, contact Ranger Sciacca - Wilderness Program Coordinator - at rangers@biparks.org

Trip Leaders - Our trip leaders are Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness EMT trained professionals, who bring a wealth of backcountry medical knowledge, years of outdoor experience, and emergency response equipment on every hike. They are highly qualified, knowledgeable, and awesome to hike with.

The Outdoor Gearbank - Don't let a lack of gear stop you, participants can use our equipment for free! Our Outdoor Gearbank has backpacks, tents, sleeping pads, snowshoes, rain gear, and much more available to borrow for free.

Physical Fitness - Participants should be physically fit for each trip's unique challenges. Mileage is round trip, terrain and trails vary. The District reserves the right to require a doctor's note to clear a participant for participation.

Pricing - An incredible value for the amount of time, preparation, and quality expertise that go into each trip. Pricing includes trip leader, ~10-12+ hours of guiding time, gear, transportation, fuel, permits, emergency response equipment, and park entrance fees. Food and snacks are included for multi-day trips. The Hooky Hiking Club (HHC) trips have a special stacking discount that's applied on all HHC hikes and reset each calendar year.

Transportation - The District's 15-passenger vans are used for most wilderness trips, allowing easier and more comfortable access along backcountry roads. If the route includes a ferry, participants should bring their ferry pass or a way to pay their passenger fee. We cover the vehicle fare.

Equipment - Participants are responsible for providing their own personal clothing and equipment, but our Outdoor Gearbank may have items that can be borrowed for free. Inquire with your trip leader so they can help you get set up for success.

Registration Deadlines - Registration deadline is three days before program start date. This allows us to effectively communicate with participants about any needs we can help accommodate as well as ensure each trip is a good fit. It is helpful and saves time to have participant waivers, medical information, and other forms turned in beforehand. The District reserves the right to require a doctor's note to clear a participant for participation.

Refunds - For questions about refunds, please see page 79. If weather or road closures cancel a trip, a pro-rated credit will be refunded for the missed day.

DAYHIKING & SNOWSHOEING

Explore your outdoors

THE HOOKY HIKING CLUB

Ages 10-99. Sneak away from your normally scheduled day and come explore the great outdoors! We'll visit some of the most beautiful spots around -- lush river canyons, open wildflower meadows, breathtaking ridge top views, and sparkling alpine lakes. Meet at SHP, usually at 8:00am; most trips return 5:30-7:30pm. Mileages are round-trip. Participants under 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For questions about refunds, please see page 79.

HIKE MORE, SAVE MORE!

Pick dates according to what works for your own schedule! For every hike after the first, a stacking discount will be applied, counting towards all HHC hikes for the remainder of the calendar year. ++

1st hike = \$69; 2nd hike = \$66; 3rd hike = \$63; 4th hike = \$60; 5th+ hike = \$57.

131909-01	1/22	Interpretive Snowshoe at HR
02	1/25	Historic Lime Kiln Trail
03	1/29	Interpretive Snowshoe at HR
04	2/8	Grace Lakes Snowshoe
05	2/19	Lanham Lake Snowshoe
06	2/26	Elwha River Loop
07	3/5	Steeple Rock Snowshoe
08	3/19	Boulder Falls
09	4/5	Barclay Lake
10	4/23	Duckabush River
11	5/10	Hidden Beach
12	5/21	Mount Zion

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INTERPRETIVE SNOWSHOE AT HURRICANE RIDGE

~3 miles/RT

~400' elev gain

This beginner and family friendly snowshoeing trip starts with an introduction to snowshoeing, followed by an interpretive guided hike through Hurricane Ridge's gladed woods and snowcapped ridges. Participants will learn about winter adaptations, Olympic geology, animal tracking, and much more.

HISTORIC LIME KILN TRAIL

~7 miles

~625' elev gain

A beautiful riverside hike through the lush and narrow Robe Canyon in the foothills of the Cascades. We'll see lots of neat historical artifacts (including the old lime kiln) as we pass an old townsite and a long-abandoned railway line from the mining days of the 1800's. Less than an hour from the ferry!

GRACE LAKES SNOWSHOE

~3.5 miles

~700' elev gain

On this beginning to intermediate trip, we'll start at Stevens Pass, snowshoeing along an old road up to a sprawling basin. Once we reach the basin, we'll leave the trails behind to explore 4 small lakes and climb a small rise with great views of the area.

LANHAM LAKE SNOWSHOE

~4 miles

~1,100' elev gain

On this intermediate level snowshoe, we'll start at the Stevens Pass Nordic area and head up a narrow and thickly forested valley, with Lanham creek rushing alongside us. As we near the lake, the valley widens into a wide and scenic basin.

ELWHA RIVER LOOP

~8 miles

~900' elev gain

A highlight every mile! On the way to the trailhead, we'll visit the site of the recently removed dam and explore the former lake bed. Once on the main Elwha trail, we'll visit Goblins Gate, where the Elwha whirlpools and surges into a narrow canyon. Then it's on to Humes Ranch, with a picturesque meadow and a restored 1800's cabin. Finally, we'll visit an impressive suspension bridge above the Elwha's Grand Canyon.

STEEPLE ROCK SNOWSHOE

~5 miles

~700' elev gain

From Hurricane Ridge, head away from the groomed trails for big views, deep snow, and a great sense of solitude. This intermediate level trip has been described as "the perfect challenge" and features spectacular views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and snow-capped Olympic mountains.

BOULDER FALLS

~8.6 miles

~700' elev gain

This hike takes us through a deep and narrow valley as we follow the Boulder River. But the highlight of course is the falls! There are two spots where gorgeous cascades tumble down into the lush green canyon.

BARCLAY LAKE

~4.4 miles

~500' elev gain

This hike is an easy stroll through second growth forest and rolling terrain following Barclay Creek to its source at Barclay Lake. The trail then wraps around the lake, providing varied perspectives on this beautiful area. Mt. Baring towers above, its snowy cliffs stretching almost 4,000 feet straight up—we'll spend plenty of time enjoying the lake and the views!

DUCKABUSH RIVER

~7 miles

~1,400' elev gain

Follow the quiet Duckabush Valley, where maple and cottonwood trees will be leafing out for spring! Soak in the views of a tall waterfall before visiting the edge of a recent burn area, currently in the process of re-vegetation after a 2011 fire. Finally, reach a towering rocky overlook with incredible views of the valley.

HIDDEN BEACH

~5 miles

~350' elev gain

Get an early look at this sure-to-be-popular future state park before the crowds find it. This hike winds through a cool lush ravine ending at an isolated beach with clear views of Protection Island. We'll walk along the beach to Thompson Spit, enjoying the beach and checking out some sea life at low tide.

MT ZION

~5 miles

~1,400ft elev gain

Offering views from the outskirts of the Olympics, this short-but-steep hike is a short drive and a local favorite. Hike up a series of rhododendron-lined switchbacks to views of Mt. Baker, then walk along a narrow forested ridge to a lunch spot with panoramic views of nearby Mt. Townsend.



WILDERNESS SKILLS

A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

BACKPACKING 101

Ages 8-99. Are you or a family member interested in backpacking? In this hands-on class you'll get to practice some of the basic skills, and learn what gear you need to get started. We'll cover planning resources, safety and safety equipment; we'll practice setting up tents, stoves, and water filters; we'll learn how to pack a backpack and what to bring, and much, much more. SB ++

131900-01	W	6:00-8:30p	3/1	\$39
02	T	6:00-8:30p	5/9	\$39



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BUILD A SNOW CAVE - MID-WINTER BREAK

Ages 11-14. A snow cave can be a lot of different things—a home, an emergency shelter, or even just a cool fort! In this class we'll build a large cave as a group, learning easy and safe construction methods along the way. At the end we'll test our work by seeing how hard it is to tear it down! *Mid-Winter Break!++
131904-01 W 8:00-7:00p 2/22* \$79

MOUNTAIN BIKING

BIKE MECHANICS - WHEELS & BRAKES

Ages 13-99. B.I. Cycle Shop mechanic Gabriel Chrisman will break it down step by step on how to fix a flat, patch a tube, or tune your brakes while out on a ride. This in-depth class will provide you plenty of hands-on time working on your bike as well as cover common problems that can occur out on a ride. BI Cycle. ++
131941-01 Su 9:00-11:30a 2/12 \$39
02 Su 9:00-11:30a 3/5 \$39
03 Su 9:00-11:30a 5/7 \$39

BIKE MECHANICS - DRIVETRAINS

Ages 13-99. The drivetrain is the most important part of your bike. Knowing how it works and how to fix it will make you a better biker. B.I. Cycle Shop mechanic Gabriel Chrisman will help you learn how to adjust your derailleurs, how they work, tune your shifters, and also demonstrate the best way to clean & lube your chain. BI Cycle. ++
131940-01 Su 9:00-11:30a 2/19 \$39
02 Su 9:00-11:30a 3/19 \$39
03 Su 9:00-11:30a 5/14 \$39

HERBALISM

Herbalist Nora Harrington - founder and owner of The Medicine Chest - draws from Traditional Western Herbalism and the ethnobotany of the Salish Sea to teach the medicinal uses of local flora. Classes focus on reclaiming the craft of at-home herbalism, ethical and sustainable harvesting practices, and utilize a hands-on, in-the-field approach to learning. Very family friendly.

WHAT'S BEING WILDCRAFTED EACH MONTH

FEBRUARY Nettles Wild Ginger Leaves Dandelion Root Yellow Dock Root	APRIL Elderflowers! Nettle Horsetail Maple Blossoms Nootka Rose
MARCH Thimbleberry Leaves Salal Leaves Raspberry Leaves Nettles Chickweed Cleavers Salmonberry Leaves Douglas Fir Tips	MAY Rose Hawthorn Flowers Mugwort Wild Chamomile Usnea Perslane Echinacea Oregon Grape Berries



FORAGING FOR MEDICINAL HERBS

Ages 9-99. Each month we'll head out into the woods, fields and hedgerows of this fine island to learn how to ethically collect wild medicinal herbs. This class pairs well with the Herbal Medicine Making series, but can also be taken stand-alone. Expect to leave class with a basket of local herbs, an herbal preparation we'll make in the field, and recipes to prepare at home. We'll be outside for most of the class, so bring your raingear! Each class theme will be different from the previous month's. Participants under 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

131815-01	Sa	9:00- 11:30a	2/25	\$59
02	Sa	9:00-11:30a	3/11	\$59
03	Sa	9:00-11:30a	4/8	\$59
04	Sa	9:00-11:30a	5/13	\$59

MAKING HERBAL MEDICINES SERIES

Ages 9-99. This three-part series will be an introduction to making your own herbal medicines. In our first class, we will make cordials-herbal elixirs that concentrate the medicinal constituents of plants in a honey/ brandy mixture. A delicious after-dinner drink! Next, we will learn how to make honey-based syrups, focusing on local herbs like rosehips and elderberries. These syrups not only offer the medicinal properties of the plants we use, but also make a tasty addition to yogurt, pancakes, tea or cheeses. Finally, we will learn to make a bees-wax based salve from local ingredients, giving you a soothing balm for chapped hands and faces. Class fee includes materials. Participants under 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

131816-01	T	6:00-9:00p	2/21	\$79
02	T	6:00-9:00p	3/21	\$79
03	T	6:00-9:00p	4/18	\$79

FORAGING FOR KIDS

Ages 7-12. In Iceland, most children know the medicinal properties of the local flora by the time they are 7 or 8 years old! In this class, each month Nora will help students to identify and make friends with the plants. Students will learn how to cure bee and nettle stings, make an edible greens salad and a honeyed herbal elixir. We'll be outside for most of the class. Each class theme will be different from the previous month's. Bring a small notebook that will become the student's Wildcrafting Notebook.

131817-01	Ages 7-9	Sa	9:00-11:00a	3/4	\$59
02	Ages 7-9	Sa	9:00-11:00a	4/15	\$59
03	Ages 7-9	Sa	9:00-11:00a	5/20	\$59
04	Ages 10-12	Sa	1:00-3:00p	3/4	\$59
05	Ages 10-12	Sa	1:00-3:00p	4/15	\$59
06	Ages 10-12	Sa	1:00-3:00p	5/20	\$59

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BACK TO THE LAND

Get outside, breathe the fresh air, and connect back to the land as we explore the rich bounty of the Northwest. Rewarding hands-on classes where you take home what you forage, harvest, & make. Youth participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

SHELLFISH FORAGING & COOKING

Ages 8-99. Strap on your rubber boots and grab your bucket. Join author Langdon Cook and master shellfish grower John Adams as we visit Taylor Shellfish Farms near Dosewallips State Park to learn about several species of local shellfish, where to find them, how to harvest them, and delicious recipes to cook them. We'll fill our limit of oysters and clams then learn to prepare each using a variety of culinary techniques. Meet at Dosewallips State Park picnic shelter, north of Dosewallips River. Class fills quickly.

131810-01	Th	12:00-5:00p	3/30	\$89
02	F	11:30a-4:30p	4/28	\$89
03	Sa	11:30a-4:30p	5/13	\$89

THREE DAY PACIFIC RAZOR CLAMMING

Ages 8-99. This winter join author Langdon Cook to learn about razor clams, where to find them, how to harvest them, and delicious recipes to cook them. Two days of coastal foraging, a comfy vacation home to stay in, and great food! **Razor clam beach openings have not been declared at time of publication. We are basing the dates listed on historical data. Register for free to be added to the email list. We'll inform everyone about the final dates and pricing then.

131811-01	Dates: 4/28-4/30**	\$TBA**
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BIRDING

Taught by international birding expert George Gerdt from Pandion Nature Tours, classes focus on providing a first-hand experience with the birds, plants, and other creatures that inhabit the myriad habitats of the Pacific Northwest. A past educator for over 40 years, George has led trips for the Seattle Audubon, Kitsap Audubon, as well as personally guiding trips on every major continent in the world. Registration deadline for most programs is three days before begin date. A parent/guardian must accompany minors on trips. For questions about refunds, please see page 79.

CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

Age 10-99. Join naturalist George Gerdt aboard the "Admiral Pete" as he narrates a fascinating wildlife tour around Bainbridge Island. Expect to see three species of cormorants, an array of sea ducks, rocky-shore sandpipers, bald eagles, marine mammals, and fabulous views of the Bainbridge Island shoreline. This trip fills quickly, so sign up early. Snacks and soft drinks provided. Bring binoculars and cameras. Boat leaves promptly at 10:00am.

131850-01	Sa	9:45a-2:00p	3/25	\$85
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SNOW GEESE, SWANS, & RAPTORS

Ages 10-99. An annual favorite, naturalist George Gerdt guides this trip to the Skagit River Delta, 60 miles north of Seattle. This area is the wintering grounds for some 50,000 snow geese, trumpeter and tundra swans, and thousands of ducks of a variety of species. An assortment of raptors including bald eagles, merlins, peregrine Falcons, northern harriers, and gyrfalcons prey on this bountiful array of waterfowl. Some years snowy owls and short-eared owls are also present. Transportation included. Bring your lunch, ferry fare, binoculars, and dress in appropriate layers. George will have two spotting scopes available for your use.

131853-01	W	6:45a-6:00p	2/15	\$79
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LOCAL GUIDED BIRDING

Ages 10-99. Island birder, George Gerdt, leads a series of guided small-group birding trips on and around Bainbridge Island that focus on finding and identifying birds and their various habitats. Birding locations on Bainbridge will be determined based on the season, weather, and migration patterns. Dress in appropriate layers and bring a pair of binoculars.

131852-01	W	8:00-11:30a	3/15	Winter birds	\$30
02	W	7:00-11:00a	5/3	Early spring birds	\$30
03	W	6:30-11:00a	5/10	Spring migration	\$30
04	W	6:30a-12:00p	5/17	Spring migration	\$35

DENIZENS OF THE DARK: OWL CLASS

Ages 10-99. Join naturalist George Gerdt for an in-depth look at the six species of owls that have been recorded on Bainbridge Island (western screech-owl, great horned owl, northern pygmy-owl, barred owl, short-eared owl, and northern saw-whet owl). This is a wonderful class to take in preparation for the field trip ("Owl Prowl") that is scheduled for early Sunday morning, January 22.

131854-01	W	6:30-9:00p	1/18	\$40
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OWL PROWL

Ages 10-99. Join George Gerdt for this year's annual "Owl Prowl", a field trip designed to try to hear and possibly see some of the resident owls on Bainbridge Island. While the classroom session on owls is highly recommended, it is not required in order to sign up for this field trip. We will carpool to nearby places on Bainbridge Island. Class fills very quickly as the ideal group size is quite small. Register ASAP.

131856-01	Su	4:30a-7:00a	1/22	\$40
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PROTECTION ISLAND SUNSET BIRDING CRUISE

Ages 10-99. Join renowned birder George Gerdt for an exciting sunset cruise to Protection Island, a 400-acre National Wildlife Refuge off of Discovery Bay. Over 70% of the marine birds which nest in Puget Sound make Protection Island their breeding ground. Tufted puffins and marine mammals are usually seen. Meet at Port Townsend Dock at 5:15 pm. Boat leaves promptly at 5:30pm.

131851-01 Sa 5:15-8:30p 6/17 \$85



ROCK CLIMBING

Emphasizing strength, endurance, balance, and flexibility, rock climbing is more than just a workout: it challenges your mind and your body. All climbing programs are facilitated by experienced instructors from Island Rock Gym. Registration deadline for most climbing programs is three days before begin date. For questions about refunds, please see page 79.

ADULT INTRO TO CLIMBING

Ages 14-99. If you don't know where to start, this is it! This 3-hour course will teach you all the fundamentals needed to climb and use our gym. You'll learn everything from how to belay, how our routes and auto belays work, along with some basic technique and terminology. IRG

131997-01	T	6:00-9:00p	1/24	\$85
02	T	6:00-9:00p	3/14	\$85
03	T	6:00-9:00p	5/9	\$85



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BIMPRD ANNUAL EVENTS

APRIL

mEGGa Hunt

JUNE

National Trails Day

JULY

Wednesday Evening Concerts

AUGUST

SummerFest

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

Movies in the Park

OCTOBER

Haunted Hayride

DECEMBER

Winter Wonderland

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