

Providing programs and opportunities to enrich the lives of Gallatin Gateway youth and to facilitate community involvement and support.



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WHO WE ARE

The Gateway Youth Group (GYG) is a community-based non-profit organization working with youth in the Gallatin Gateway, Montana community. We are a 501(c)3 established in 1998 through a grant by the Turner Foundation as part of the Turner Youth Initiative.

WHAT WE DO & WHY

We provide programs, scholarships, community service and fundraising activities for the Gallatin Gateway community to fulfill our mission year-round. GYG provides opportunities for youth to learn, to develop leadership skills, and to engage in community service through projects, programs, and fun activities. As GYG mentors, we serve as positive role models and offer guidance. We encourage participation in events and activities that help youth learn, become engaged, and grow as individuals and future community leaders.

PROGRAMS

Once-a-Month Club

This program incorporates monthly after-school activities for students in grades K-5, with support from middle and high school mentors. Activities include both community service and educational programs such as:

- *Preparing and delivering Meals on Wheels at Thanksgiving
- *Baking Christmas cookies and caroling throughout Gallatin Gateway
- *Identifying and pulling noxious weeds
- *Picking up trash around the Gallatin Gateway Community Center and recycling area
- *Maintenance of the Gallatin Gateway trail tunnel system and area
- *Constructing and decorating bluebird houses
- *Presentations regarding martial arts, service dogs, Bricks for Kids and birds of prey, to name a few

Student Leadership Development

Students in grades 6-8 collaborate and facilitate programs for all community youth and serve as mentors for other GYG programs including:

- *Halloween Middle School Dance
- *Environmental Youth Summit
- *Summer Camps
- *Ugly Christmas Sweater Decorating
- *Annual GYG Fundraiser

Summer Camps

We offer three different camps each summer. Two are for students in grades 1-5 with middle school mentors (the program for both weeks is the same). The second camp is for students in grades 6-8. In the latter, there is a strong focus on leadership with GYG students involved in the planning and organization.

Summer Camp Scholarship Program

This program provides scholarships to students in grades K-12 to attend a camp of their choice, including those developed and hosted by GYG. Students must submit an application, a certified declaration of community service hours completed, and artwork or a letter (depending on their age) explaining the benefit of their chosen camp. The art and essays express the student's perspective on how important the camp is to them and why they should receive funds to participate.

Environmental Youth Summit

This program is a one-day event each year where 80-100 rural middle school students gather on the historic Flying D Ranch to learn about and discuss a wide variety of topics including:

- *Water issues
- *Soils
- *Noxious weed management
- *Forest health and management
- *Wildlife management
- *Sustainable grazing systems and more