

Galena Ridge Wilderness Program

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20 Fox Lane, Trout Creek, MT 59874

"By the time our son had gone through one summer at Galena Ridge, he had undergone amazing changes. He talked openly about his problems in ways that we never would have thought possible."

— Galena Ridge Parent



"I am thankful to be here. I'm learning so much, I'm finally getting in touch with my true feelings and am able to talk about these feelings with others."

— Jake, age 16





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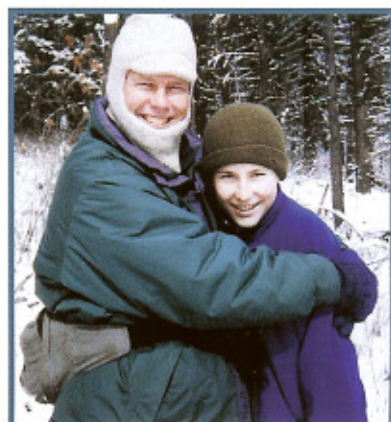
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GALENA RIDGE offers teenage boys a small, safe, rigorous outdoor adventure program with strong counseling support. The program challenges students and their families to address difficult emotional issues and make positive changes in their lives. Activities include backpacking, canoeing, primitive living skills, and individual and group counseling.

"My son's transformation from a frustrated, angry non-communicative teenager with substance abuse problems to a self-confident, open, drug- and alcohol-free young adult was accomplished thanks to Galena Ridge and the 20 Peaks Ranch Program."

– Renee
Parent of Galena Ridge Student



Parent and student at Galena Ridge.

DIRECTOR AND OWNER PAUL

CLARK is a certified teacher who has been working with adolescents for more than 25 years. He conducted the first Outward Bound courses in Montana, developed the Wilderness Crossroads and Ascent wilderness programs, and founded Galena Ridge in 1993. Paul serves as the chairman of the Montana state board that is responsible for the registration of private residential and outdoor programs for at-risk youth.



Paul (second from right) with students on a primitive skills course.

GALENA RIDGE INSTRUCTORS are experienced in facilitating group process and guiding youth outdoor activities, and are trained in wilderness first aid.

YEARLY OPERATION: May/June–August.

LENGTH OF SESSION: 3–12 weeks, rolling admissions.

STUDENTS: Boys ages 13–17, with consideration for older or younger students.

GROUP SIZE: 8–12 students.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION: Galena Ridge accepts a broad range of students, from those who simply need a boost in self-esteem and motivation to those who are experiencing conflict at home or difficulty in school. These students may be "acting-out" with inappropriate behaviors and may have issues with family and/or peer relationships and substance abuse.

Our **BASE CAMP** is located on 10 acres of forested land bordering the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness Area in northwestern Montana. The facility includes a pond, camping area, and barn. Our program is conducted primarily in remote and scenic wilderness areas throughout western Montana and utilizes our base camp for course preparation and counseling sessions.

Many of our summer students transfer to the **20 PEAKS RANCH** residential program from September through May. This program is a follow-up to the Galena Ridge program and offers academics in public school, extracurricular activities, and a structured living environment with continued counseling support.



Galena Ridge base camp.

"At Galena Ridge our students face their problems in a safe and structured environment. We offer an emotionally and physically challenging program, set in the rugged mountains of northwestern Montana, which encourages at-risk teens to grow into responsible adults."

– Paul Clark, Director of Galena Ridge