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Sometimes,
you just need
to get out of
your element.

That's the allure of booking a group stay at The Resort at Paws Up®: the chance to gather with your clients or colleagues in a place that's so different, it's inspiring. Imagine transporting your brainstorm from the boardroom to the foot of the Blackfoot River, or rewarding your top sellers with a round of Cow Croquet instead of the usual round of golf, or buying out of the green o, lingering over meals at the intimate Social Haus with your team's star dozen.

At Paws Up, everything's possible.

These unique and extraordinary experiences are more attainable now than ever, thanks to an extended group booking season beyond the summer shoulders and into spring, fall and winter. Yes, winter! It's magical at the Ranch, which is why more and more groups are interested in pursuing snowy sojourns over the same old beach breaks. In late spring, beyond its bevy of blooms, Montana is prime for fly-fishing. You could easily spend an entire trip floating down the Blackfoot every day with deer leapfrogging along the banks as you cast your lines. And it goes without saying that fall at the Ranch is simply stunning. When October chills paint the leaves all kinds of colors, it's breathtaking.

No matter when your next group outing falls, Montana is here to catch you off guard—in the best way possible.

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EMBRACE THE EMBERS

GATHER 'ROUND THE FIRE...AND BRING YOUR APPETITE

Man became civilized the day he could start and maintain a fire. At Paws Up, we fan the flames across a multitude of venues.



SHED

Once a pop-up lunch spot, Shed® is an architecturally stunning open-air grill with a 250-gallon smoker. Serving guests breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a distinctly barbecue slant, your group will be front and center for the sizzle show.



CHUCK WAGON DINNER

Imagine a succulent tomahawk steak, roasted chicken, fresh corn, house-baked beans and Dutch oven cobbler all served in the wilderness. Throw horseshoes on a full belly, then relax, with early fall groups able to enjoy chuck wagon dinners to cap off a busy day.



CAMPFIRE 'N' S'MORES

Bonding around a campfire is organic. Convivial conversation, fish tales and stargazing are part of the pact. And to be clear, s'mores are compulsory. Resident "S'moreologists" lead a coterie of guests into culinary comas through the artful pairing of flavors.



LONG TABLE AND PICNIC SPOTS

Imagine a long table dinner in a meadow of wildflowers, a pig roast on the banks of the storied Blackfoot River or a barbecue lunch at the Island Lodge. With 37,000 acres, open-fire cooking can be curated about anywhere your group desires with our mobile Santa Maria grill and smoker.



MONTANA HERD MENTALITY

Where does your group fit?

Throughout western Montana, Mother Nature parrots human nature in ways you may not have considered. For fun twists on herd mentality, read the scenario, then guess which critters most closely ape your group's behavior.

When it's crunch time, your team works together. Problem solving and staying focused is second nature. Your team most closely resembles:

- A. Pack of wolves
- B. Gaggle of geese
- C. Herd of bison

Answer: A and C. Both wolves and bison circle the young to fend off predators, and wolves use team strategy when hunting game.

"Work hard and play hard" may be cliché, but it applies to your group. Being able to both work long hours and relax as a group is akin to:

- A. An aerie of eagles
- B. A family of otters
- C. A colony of marmots

Answer: B. These fun-loving mammals fish tirelessly, then effortlessly slip into play mode, creating sliding chutes of mud or snow.

After a Paws Up ATV adventure, your group is returning to the Wilderness Outpost when you're joined by a herd of which animals, also prone to fun in numbers?

- A. Blacktail deer
- B. Rocky Mountain elk
- C. Grizzly bears drunk on fermented huckleberries

Answer: B. Elk love to run and aren't afraid to accompany people.

While on a scavenger hunt, your team has gathered everything from giant pine cones to deer antlers. Suddenly, a group member reports a silver ring is missing. The likely perpetrator is:

- A. Curious wolverine kits
- B. A felonious ground squirrel
- C. One member of a conspiracy of ravens

Answer: C. Ravens are always on the lookout for shiny baubles to impress their mates.

5 FIVE WAYS TO DITCH THE "BORED" ROOM

SPARK CREATIVITY. BUILD BRIDGES. STRATEGIZE FOR THE FUTURE.

These are just some of the many reasons you bring your team together at The Resort at Paws Up, and while our unique meeting spaces are some of the most inspiring you'll find, more often than not the best work is done outside the boardroom. So, how do you motivate and reward your team for a hard day's work? Get out—outside, that is—with our action-packed activities. For a list of our favorite five, read on.

1.



HORSEPOWER: WHERE MUSTANGS AND MINDFULNESS COEXIST

Wild mustangs are synonymous with the American West. Their renegade spirit is legendary, but did you know they can be gentled? Watch in wonder as Equestrian Manager Jackie Kecskes works her magic with one of our adopted mustangs. It's a lesson in subtle actions that make a big impact.

2.



SPORTING CLAYS

Competitive fun on a course that mimics real field hunting, our sporting clays course has 10 stations. The clays cross, climb, zip in, fly out or streak high overhead at speeds and angles accurately simulating the flight patterns of game birds.

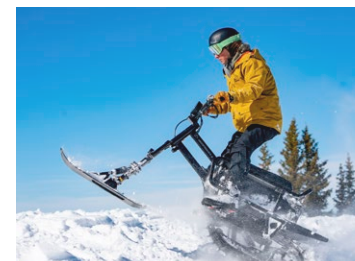
3.



COW CROQUET

Give croquet an equestrian upgrade with this fun-for-all group activity. Hop on a horse, then wrangle a herd of cattle, guiding them through one of five gates—just like you'd knock a croquet ball. Teams of four compete for the win.

4.



MOONBIKES

When there's snow on the ground, there are MoonBikes to be found. These electric machines resemble silent, super-light snowmobiles, allowing your pack to experience wintry naturescapes as intimately as you would on a bike ride.

5.



FAT TIRE BIKE TOURS

Nothing inspires quite like beautiful scenery, and our fat tire electric bike tours are a fun way to take in the sights with your team while getting some fresh air.

Montana Mementos

It might be a sweet reward for charting big numbers. Perhaps an elegant memento for standing beside friends who marry. And isn't a golden anniversary always worth honoring with a uniquely personalized family keepsake?

Special gifts forever tie memories of an incredible getaway to those who shared time together. The Wilderness Outpost offers an array of possibilities—from locally made Montana products to noted brand names, iconic Western flair and custom jewelry—to cap an unforgettable ranch experience.



Hat Lounge

Our “Hat Lounge” offers a multitude of choices for ranch guests. Groups can choose a few designs ahead while members select the style that suits.



Jewelry and Metalwork

Accessorize with our collection of unique earrings, bracelets, personalized pocketknives or silver branded flasks.



Made in Montana

Think Huckleberry jam, local chocolates and Montana's many distilled spirits.

Custom Blankets

Cozy up with a sumptuous custom blanket. Every nuzzle is a comforting nod to an unforgettable trip.

Gift Cards

Beautiful wood-etched gift cards put the choice in recipients' hands.

To Keep In Mind...

When offering the perfect gift for your group, it's all about planning ahead—to ensure your choices arrive on schedule and to allow time to personalize. Consult the Wilderness Outpost as early as possible when gifting.

FOLLOW MERIWETHER LEWIS'S LEAD

July 5, 1806, Lewis's team embarked on a remarkable journey through on an ancient trail called the Cokahlahrshkit—the Road to the Buffalo. Your team can follow suit on ATVs and wind your way up to one of Lewis's stops: Lookout Rock.

FLY-FISHIN' COMPETITION

For a little friendly competition, vie for “big fish” honors on a relaxing float down the river. Our guides will outfit the group, two to a very comfy raft. Thirsty deer, stunning vistas and nosy eagles abound.

TOASTING THE RIVER

A long table dinner near the Blackfoot's gurgling waters means seasoned chefs prepare gourmet feasts over an open fire. Toast the passing geese with perfect wine pairings.

STARLIT REFLECTIONS

Few things crystalize great ideas like contemplating a clear Montana sky as millions of stars kiss the Blackfoot goodnight. How better to reflect on all your group has accomplished while at The Resort at Paws Up?

LOOKOUT ROCK

Standing atop 167-foot-high Lookout Rock, a little historical imagination will take you back to July 5, 1806, as buckskin-clad riders, awed by the Swan and Mission Mountains, cross the Blackfoot Valley with Meriwether Lewis.

A River Runs Through Us

Team bonds quickly solidify along the fast-flowing waters of the Blackfoot River. Ten gorgeous miles of it literally run through The Resort at Paws Up, inviting myriad ways to appreciate its benefits.



Make your off-site out-of-sight.

Squint hard enough and you can picture your entire team in jeans and cowboy boots. Somewhere off in the distance, you're wrangling a herd of cattle together. It's a little frightening...and a lot of fun. At the green o^o, it's all possible.

Ready to wow your crowd?

Connect with us today to plan an unforgettable meeting, retreat or incentive for your group this year. Just email us at pawsgroups@pawsup.com or go to pawsup.com/groups/rfp to request a proposal.

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