

March 17, 2020

Dear Friends,

The last week has brought some unprecedented changes to all our lives in the Blaine County. Over the weekend, after two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community, there have been waves of closures, from schools, to Bald Mountain, to businesses and government, leaving many people's lives turned upside down.

BCRD has closed operations at the Community Campus, including: HUB After-School & Recess from School, FitWorks and all fitness classes, Pickleball, Indoor Soccer, Indoor Playground, Over 60 & Fit, and all other BCRD Gymnasium programs until further notice. Galena Lodge has also closed for the rest of the season.

We care deeply about providing healthy active opportunities for our residents and visitors. To that end, for the rest of the Nordic season, as snow levels permit, we are offering Nordic Skiing and Snowshoeing for **FREE** on all BCRD trails. Please visit Winter Trailink for the latest in grooming information and open trails.

Also, from Bellevue to north of Ketchum, snow has been cleared off the Wood River Trail, which is always **FREE** to our community. Over the last few days, it has warmed my heart to see so many families and community members using the Wood River Trail as a way to get fresh air, exercise and visit with neighbors and friends while maintaining social distancing.

As we continue to navigate unchartered territory, we will provide further information on refunds and/or credits for our cancelled, reduced, or postponed memberships and programs.

With our continued services, we ask that you consider a donation to fund our operations. Please visit www.bcrd.org/donate or a trailhead fee box to make a donation.

I hope to see you from a proper distance out on the Wood River Trail or on Nordic skis in the next few weeks and I look forward to new opportunities that arise from this extraordinary time.

Sincerely,

Jim Keating
Executive Director
Blaine County Recreation District

Further Resources:

Please check <u>www.bcrd.org</u> for any further updates.

Blaine County School District

The Hunger Coalition

South Central Health District

CDC Recommendations