



## **Beartooth Artist in Residence Program**

*A partnership between the Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery (CCAG)  
and the Yellowstone Bighorn Research Association (YBRA)*

The goal of the Beartooth Artist in Residence is to connect artists and the public with our wild lands in south central Montana. Each summer CCAG will select artists who will spend seven to fourteen days in the scenic YBRA Field Station located near Red Lodge, Montana. At the camp, artists will have uninterrupted time and space to create their art. CCAG is working with YBRA to integrate art and wilderness values including natural processes and features, history, wildlife, resource management issues, and other topics related to wilderness and wilderness management. These themes are important in the organization of the artists' residencies.

At the conclusion of their stay, each artist will share a public presentation and pop-up exhibition with the community of Red Lodge. Artists benefit by having a stunning remote setting at a well-established facility where they can be inspired and have time to focus on their art. CCAG and YBRA benefit by partnering to promote awareness between art and nature. The community benefits from the work created and presentations provided from the artists' experiences.

The Beartooth Artist in Residence Program is open to visual artists over 21 currently residing in the United States who work in various mediums and styles. (painting, sculpture, ceramics, fiber arts, jewelry, etc.). Both established and emerging artists are encouraged to apply for this unique opportunity. Individuals currently enrolled in an academic institution are ineligible to apply until after they complete their program.

Residencies are seven days with up to two artists in the camp at any one time. Residencies will take place in September prior to the closing of the Field Station for winter. Housing will be provided in cabins which have a bed, desk, chair, and electricity with ample space to work on art. Artists will have access to a refrigerator, microwave, toaster, coffee pot, and water at the main lodge. There are two washhouses as well.

Artists will be responsible for bringing their own food, art materials, personal clothing, bedding, linens, art materials, and gear. They will be aware that other YRBA hosted students/guests may also be using other parts of the camp during their stay and will agree to follow all rules and regulations set forth by the YRBA Field Station staff.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications are submitted by submitting the documents listed below. All required documents should be mailed to the Carbon County Arts Guild. If you do not have all the required documents submitted as part of your application by the time the call closes, your application will be considered incomplete, and we cannot consider you for a residency.

For consideration, please submit the following:

- \_\_\_ 1. Current professional artist resume.
- \_\_\_ 2. Letter of intent describing:
  - a. What you hope to achieve from this experience including how you will communicate your artistic vision as it is inspired by the Beartooth Wilderness Area, its geology, history, wildlife and/or other natural processes and features.
  - b. The value of this opportunity to your artistic growth.
  - d. Your first AND second choice of residency dates. Residency stays begin on Mondays and end on Sundays. Available dates for 2026 are: Sept 7-13, Sept 14-20, and Sept 21-27, 2026.
  - e. Tell us how you heard about the Beartooth AiR program.
- \_\_\_ 3. Two (2) Letter(s) of reference.
- \_\_\_ 4. Five (5) examples of your work. Samples of work may be submitted via flash drive, a shared document platform (Google Drive, Dropbox, etc.) or an online portfolio URL. To best represent your work, quality digital images will be important.
- \_\_\_ 5. \$25 non-refundable application fee. May be paid by check/money order payable to Carbon County Arts Guild. To pay by credit card, please call the Guild during regular business hours at 406-446-1370.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All residents will be required to participate in a group public presentation at the Depot Gallery in Red Lodge. The presentation would communicate the values, processes, features, and resources of both the artist, their work and experience in the wilderness setting. Artists will have a space (approx. 35 sq. ft.) at the Gallery for a shared pop-up show on the day of the presentation. **This year's presentations will be held on October 24 from 3-5 pm.**

Submit application to:

Carbon County Arts Guild, Attn: Beartooth AiR Program, PO Box 585, Red Lodge, MT 59068

Applications must be received by **May 30, 2026**. Notification of accepted and declined applications will be sent by **June 5, 2026**. Residency to take place at arranged dates in 2026. Late applications will not be considered.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What artistic mediums does this program accept?**

This residency is currently open to artists in the visual arts.

### **When should I expect to hear back from the park on the status of my application?**

All applicants for the 2026 BAiR program will be notified by email whether they are selected or not by June 5, 2026.

### **How are the artists chosen for this residency?**

Applications will be reviewed by a knowledgeable committee formed by the Carbon County Arts Guild and Yellowstone Bighorn Research Association who understand the goals of this residency. Final selections will be based on proposed projects, presentation ideas, and connections with art and the Beartooth Wilderness theme.

### **Can I collaborate with another artist?**

Yes. Up to three artists may apply under one application if their proposed project is a collaboration of multiple artistic disciplines. The artists will be housed together and will need to be able to live and work in close proximity to each other.

### **What is expected at the Public Presentation?**

Each participating artist will have approximately 20 minutes to speak about their experience during the residency time. Artists may also bring work to display. Artwork shown does not need to be finished pieces; sketches, conceptual drawings, artifacts, etc. are all acceptable. A TV is also available for digital components such as slideshows, PowerPoints, etc.

### **Can I bring a family member, spouse or friend?**

This opportunity is for the Artist only. Family members, spouses, and friends are allowed to help with the move in and move out process but are not allowed to stay or visit during the entire duration of your residency.

### **Do I need to bring my own vehicle?**

A vehicle is required for this residency. The camp facility is approximately 6 miles from the town of Red Lodge. The road to the camp is a steep (8-12% grade) gravel road about 1 mile from the main paved highway. Very low clearance vehicles are not recommended.

### **Is Wi-Fi and/or cell service available?**

The YBRA facilities have Wi-Fi available. Cell service may be intermittent in the area.

**What is provided at the YBRA facility?**

Each cabin has a bed, desk, chair, and electricity with ample space to work on art. Kitchen facilities at Fanshawe Lodge will be available for artists to store food and prepare meals. There is a refrigerator, microwave, toaster, and coffee maker, but no access to an oven or stove. There are two washhouses as well. All bedding, linens, and personal items will need to be provided by the participant. Selected artists will receive a “What to Bring” List for more detailed recommendations.

**Can I bring a pet?**

Pets are not allowed during your time at the YRBA facility.

**Does the YBRA facility have laundry services available?**

No. There is a public laundromat located in the town of Red Lodge.

**Where is the closest access to grocery shopping and other services?**

The closest option is the town of Red Lodge, located approximately 6 miles from the YBRA facility. There is a grocery store, gas stations and a variety of restaurants and shops available. It is highly advised to make sure you have gathered all necessary items prior to arriving at the camp.

**How do I get to Red Lodge?**

The closest airport is the Billings-Logan International Airport, located in Billings, MT, and approximately 62 miles from the town of Red Lodge. Other regional airports are the Yellowstone Regional Airport, in Cody, WY, approx. 66 miles from Red Lodge and the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport in Belgrade, MT which is approx. 155 miles from Red Lodge.

**Is the YBRA facility handicapped accessible?**

Unfortunately the YBRA is not handicapped accessible at this time.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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