

the Dreamcatcher



Gold Creek, Montana

SPRING 2016

OUR MISSION

Camp Mak-A-Dream provides cost-free, medically supervised, Montana experiences, in an intimate community setting, for children, teens, young adults, adults and families affected by cancer.

2016 COST-FREE PROGRAMS

For cancer patients in or out of treatment

April 28 - May 2 • Ovarian Cancer Retreat - Spring
Women diagnosed with Ovarian cancer

June 9 - 15 • Young Adult Conference
Young adults diagnosed with cancer (18-40 years old)

June 18 - 24 • Heads Up Conference
Young adults diagnosed with a brain tumor (18-35 years old)

June 27 - July 3 • Teen Camp
Teenagers diagnosed with cancer (15-18 years old)

July 6 - 12 • Teen Heads Up Conference Session #1
Teenagers diagnosed with a brain tumor (13-18 years old)

July 15 - 20 • Siblings Camp
Siblings and children of cancer patients (6-13 years old)

July 23 - 28 • Siblings Camp
Siblings and children of cancer patients (13-18 years old)

July 31 - Aug. 5 • Kids Camp
Children diagnosed with cancer (6-14 years old)

Aug. 8 - 14 • Teen Heads Up Conference Session #2
Teenagers diagnosed with a brain tumor (13-18 years old)

Sept. 8 - 12 • Ovarian Cancer Retreat - Fall*
Women diagnosed with Ovarian cancer

Sept. 15 - 19 • Women's Cancer Retreat*
Women diagnosed with any type of cancer

*Fall Retreat Registration opens June 1, 2016

It's hard to believe that Camp Mak-A-Dream is entering its 22nd camp season – and I am entering my third and final year as President of the Board of Directors.

As I think back to when I was first introduced to Camp, almost 10 years ago, I never imagined that serving on the Board of Directors would impact me as much as it has. I've watched Camp grow in size: camps, campers, volunteers and staff.... And have seen first-hand the impact that it's had on all those who cross the Bridge of Dreams – myself included!

I am humbled to be a part of Camp's story, and truly excited in the direction that we are going – adding more retreats in the "off" season, increasing our wellness offerings and strengthening our partnerships with hospitals and medical partners across the country.

The success and growth of Camp over the years is due to the dedication of staff, volunteers and donors – along with the trust that campers and their families have in us. We couldn't do any of this without each and every one of you!

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, THANK YOU for also being a part of Camp's story! If you haven't been to Camp lately, or at all, I encourage you to join us on Sunday, August 28th, for our free Open House event! The pool, Art Barn, climbing wall, zip line and other activities will be open and available for you to enjoy. You can find more information about this event on our website: www.campdream.org

Thank you for teaming up with us to impact lives and make a difference for those affected by cancer!

Dan Ortt
President, Board of Directors



A NOTE FROM THE
BOARD PRESIDENT

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Sarah Richards



Sarah Richards, pediatric oncology nurse, found camp while travel nursing on the west coast and first volunteered in 2009. Each of the past seven years Sarah has served Camp in many ways including being a volunteer, full summer staff member, fundraiser and medical committee member. Sarah plans to return to Camp in 2016.

"I love seeing the kids and young adults outside of the hospital. Camp really helps you realize what's important in life and reminds you to enjoy every moment. Many campers even call Camp a second home. Upon arrival, when you cross the Bridge of Dreams, the weight of the world lifts off of your shoulders. I love being able to use my passion for nursing at Camp. I am grateful for all the people I have met and each camper touches my life and makes me a better person and nurse."

2016 WISH LIST

There are lots of everyday items needed at Camp!

Here are just a few:

- Gift cards to: REI, Target, Michael's, Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Costco, Staples, iTunes*
- Nylon, hemp, silk, lanyard and leather cord*
- Glass beads*
- Sharpies*
- Theme decorations (pirate or cruise ship)*
- New, plain white cotton t-shirts (child-adult sizes)*
- Balloons (12"-assorted colors)*
- New digital cameras (5+ MB)*
- Office copy paper (letter and legal size)*
- Photo paper (inkjet and laser compatible)*
- Clear stacking storage containers with lids (large sizes)*
- USB thumb drives (2 GB or larger capacity)*
- External drives*
- Batteries (AAA, AA, D)*
- 64 Cup coffee pot & large hot liquid Cambro*
- Refrigerator: 16.5 cu.ft. (new or gently used)*

For a complete list, visit our website.
Donations may be tax-deductible.

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SETTING SAIL IN 2016

Each year we choose a new theme for the Camp season. Past favorites have included Halloween, the Roaring 20s, County Fair, Hollywood and most recently, Superheroes. Games and activities are planned around the theme. Campers might find themselves trying to use their super speed to wrap a teammate in crepe paper or use their super brain power to identify superhero catchphrases like, "Here I come to save the day!" (Courtesy of Mighty Mouse).

This year's theme is Cruise Ship and we plan to sail several different ships throughout the season. We may embark on a trip to the Caribbean with some pirates (Arrrrr!), on a journey with the crew of the Love Boat ("Come aboard, we're expecting you!") or to Disneyland with some favorite cartoon pals ("Just keep swimming!"). Wherever we go, it is bound to be fun! If you are looking for another way to support Camp, we are accepting donations for our cruise ship theme. Decoration items and costumes of all sizes are welcome.

For information contact Jennifer Benton at jennifer@campdream.org



2015 IN REVIEW



536
CAMPERS

FROM

41 STATES & CANADA

NEARLY
50%
NEW

ATTENDED

11 DIFFERENT CAMP & RETREAT SESSIONS

26

DOCTORS & NURSES



PLUS

16 FULL SUMMER SEASONAL STAFF

FROM

6 STATES

ASSISTED AT CAMP



\$56,768

AWARDED IN

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

155
VOLUNTEERS

FROM

27 STATES
DONATED THEIR TIME

ALL WHILE CELEBRATING CAMP'S

20TH ANNIVERSARY!

BOARD AND STAFF

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WELCOME



"Life is a gift and should be shared with others so give a lot of love, compassion and caring."
~ Harry Granader

This is Rachel Wessels' life mantra. She was raised by her grandparents Sylvia and the late Harry Granader, the founders of Camp Mak-A-Dream. It is Rachel's goal to perpetuate their vision by being a constant force spreading the word about Camp Mak-A-Dream. Rachel also serves on the board of directors for Friends of Camp Mak-A-Dream, Michigan Chapter and the Grosse Pointe Jewish Council.

Previously, Rachel was owner/operator of Smoothie King in Florida. In addition, she served as a guardian ad litem for ten years. She retired when she became a mom to her son Harry (named after Harry Granader) and her daughter Montana (named after Camp Mak-A-Dream). Rachel is married to Will Wessels and they live in metro Detroit. Rachel is passionate about Camp Mak-A-Dream and is honored to have this opportunity to strengthen the connection between Michigan, Montana and all of the wonderful people involved with Camp throughout the whole country.



ALICE LEE LUND WELLNESS CENTER

We were pleased to have completed construction of our newest building in time for the 2015 summer season. This year, we will continue to take full advantage of the community room, teaching kitchen and coffee lounge by offering programs that will provide more opportunities for campers to bond with one another and gain life skills and independence. Thanks to everyone who helped make the Wellness Center a reality!

Major gifts of \$2,500+ received from: Alice Lee Lund Charitable Trust, Drollinger Family Charitable Foundation, Ann Parsons Memorial Foundation, Terry Payne, Pete and Rene Nazelrod, Robert Mellen, Jackson Contractor Group, Allen Kreke.



LOOKING AHEAD



What do you do after 20 years of success? Prepare for the next 20!

In 2015, Camp Mak-A-Dream celebrated its 20th anniversary. What a great year. We offered 11 cost-free programs, served a record number of campers, and opened the new Wellness Center, to name just a few highlights.

Camp Mak-A-Dream has always been considered the gold standard for oncology camps and we look forward to carrying on the tradition. As we look forward to the next 20 years we will keep our fundraising priorities the same. First, to raise funds for camperships to fulfill our mission as a cost-free, medically supervised facility for people affected by cancer. Second, to move forward in renovating the Camp facility. Thousands of individuals have come to enjoy the unique experience that Camp has to offer and the time has come for upgrades to the facility. In many buildings the furniture, flooring, water heaters, furnaces, and air conditioners are 20 years old. One of our goals is to start a replacement regimen that will allow us to continue the tradition of providing a safe, comfortable and cost-efficient Camp experience in a state-of-the-art facility. This year we will be asking donors to assist us in our strategy to keep Camp Mak-A-Dream running for the next 20 years!

For more information regarding the facility renovation project, please contact Mike Carter, Development Director, at michael@campdream.org

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Our donors are the best!

Camp has been honored to receive several significant donor-directed gifts through the Montana Community Foundation.

These donations, which are typically given anonymously, are life changing for our campers. Thank you to the Montana Community Foundation for its efforts and generosity.



2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



3rd Annual 'Showin' Off' Car Show

Sunday, July 17
Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT

This FREE car show is open to the public and always a lot of fun. So whether you own a classic car you'd like to show off or just enjoy being a spectator, bring the entire family to a fun day of vintage cars, local food vendors, fun prizes and more...all to benefit Camp! Thanks to the many western Montana car clubs that put on this show.

You could also win this sweet 1967 Galaxy convertible. Raffle tickets on sale now for \$20 each. Limit of 3000 tickets will be sold (Montana residents only). Drawing to be held at the show on July 17. Contact us to purchase tickets.



15th Annual RATPOD

Saturday, June 25
Big Hole Valley, MT

One day cycling event that starts and ends in Dillon, MT and travels 130 miles through the Pioneer Mountains. Registration opens March 1 and is limited to the first 650 riders who pay a \$125 entry fee and are asked to raise at least \$100 in donations for Camp. Prizes will be awarded to the top ten fundraisers.

Learn more or donate in a riders' name at: www.ratpod.org

Great Griz Campout

Friday, July 29
University of Montana
Missoula, MT

Stay tuned for more information about this new event: www.campdream.org.



Camp Open House

Sunday, August 28
Gold Creek, MT

FREE family-friendly day at the Camp Mak-A-Dream facility in Gold Creek. Come see the campus, enjoy lunch, take part in fun Camp activities including art projects, the zip line, swimming, mini-golf, games and learn what Camp is all about!

Lip Sync Battle

Sunday, May 22
Top Hat Lounge
Missoula, MT

Come watch as 20 acts take the Top Hat stage and battle it out in our first ever, Lip Sync Battle. Interested in auditioning? Visit our website to learn how to become part of the show or come and watch the fun!



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CAMPER & PARENT QUOTES

Words cannot fully express how much our son enjoyed camp. One of the comments he made when returning home that has stuck with me was, "Mom, there were campers that have the same scars as me. For the first time, I wasn't the only one at the pool with a scar on my chest." I never realized that even something as small as a central line scar could have such an impact on my son. Thank you for a week my survivor will always remember.

(Teen Parent, 2015)



Camp Mak-A-Dream was a life-changing experience for me! I have learned to love myself and others in a way that I hadn't before cancer!

(Ovarian Retreat Participant, 2015)



It's a place where you can be yourself.

(Kids Camper, 2015)

CAMPERS REMEMBERED

Jeanie Allen
Nampa, ID

Michelle Hoddevick
Blaine, WA

Jodie Rychwalski
Apple Valley, MN

Roozie Assadi
Minnetonka, MN

Martha Hoge
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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please visit our website: www.campdream.org for information on Programs, Volunteering, Upcoming Events, Renting the Facility, our Wish List and lots more!

How You Can Help

- Sponsor a Camper with a Campership
- Make a Memorial or Honorarium Donation
- Make a Pledge or Planned Gift
- Give an Item from our Wish List
- Display our Literature in your business or professional office
- Have us Speak at Your Civic Organization or Business Meeting
- Volunteer with Us – at camp, in our office or at a fundraising event
- Rent our Facility for your next meeting, group retreat, or reunion
- Host a Community Event in Your Area
- Donate Unused Ad Space
- Utilize Your Company's Corporate Matching Gifts Program
- Tell Someone Else About Camp!

And don't forget to "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, Pinterest, Flickr and YouTube



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Help make a dream come true for a child or young adult with cancer.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ Email address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Camperships: I would like to donate ____ Campership(s) at \$500 each (sponsors one camper for one week).

Please include ____ engraved brick(s) at \$25 each. (One brick per campership donation, please.)

Name(s) to appear on brick(s): (Maximum of 30 characters) _____

General Donations: I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____

Memorials / Honorariums: This gift is made in ____ honor ____ memory of _____

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Send keepsake card to:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Paid by: Cash ____ Check ____ MasterCard ____ Visa ____ American Express ____ Discover ____

Account #: _____ Expires: _____

Signature: _____

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