



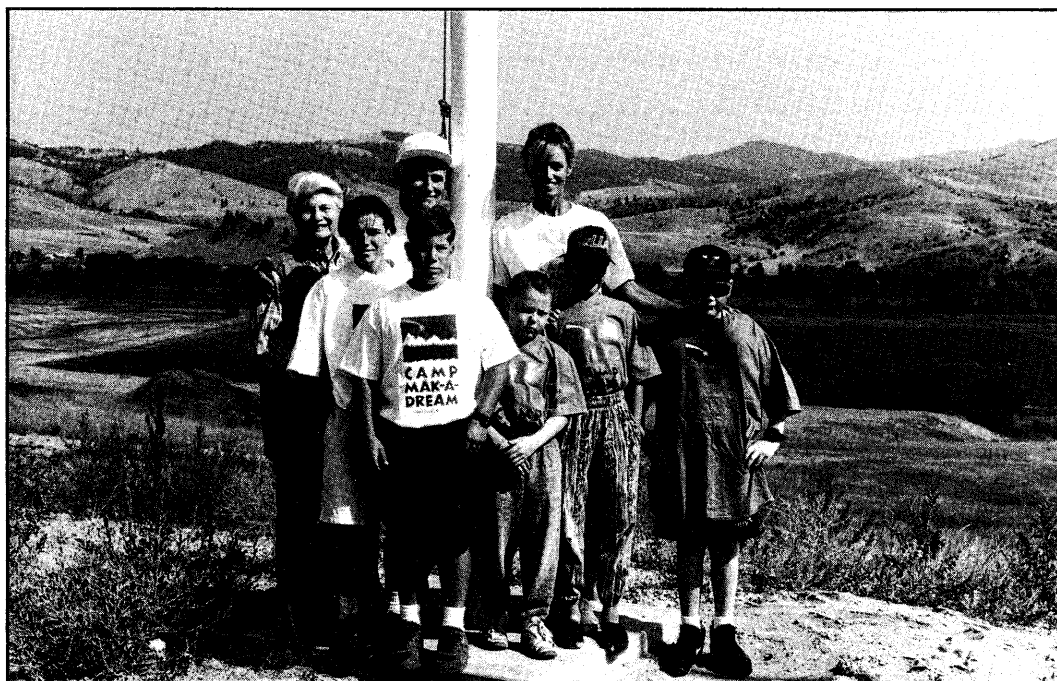
CAMP CONNECTION

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An Outdoor Experience for Children and Adults Affected by Cancer

SUSAN ANTON JOINS CAMP MAK-A-DREAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Susan Anton has joined Camp Mak-A-Dream as an Honorary Board Member. For the past two years, Susan served as the American Cancer Society's Honorary Crusade Chairperson. Susan says, "I fully support Camp Mak-a-Dream's desire to provide a child coping with cancer, a cost-free week of laughter, kindling new friendships, learning new skills, and gaining confidence." Susan visited the camp on August 19th meeting campers, Board members, and volunteers. She also was the host at a reception in her honor at the Eagle Bend Resort in Bigfork on August 20th.



Susan joins the following Honorary Board Members: Sophie Engelhard Craighead, Susan Engelhard O'Connor, Harry Granader, Sylvia Granader, Dan Granader, Dr. Kathy Markette, and Phyllis Washington.

A NOTE FROM CAMP MAK-A-DREAM PRESIDENT, MELANIE NEDRUD

We are excited to bring you our first edition of Camp Connection. The newsletter will give you insight into the history of the camp project, it's current status, our plans for the future, and our successes to date. We have accomplished so much since our first board meeting in December of 1992. The Children's Oncology Camp Foundation has grown from 14 to 43 members representing 7 regions throughout Montana. Camp Mak-A-Dream has received over \$1.3 million dollars in donations and in-kind gifts. The facility is nearing completion and we look forward to inviting some very special children and adults to camp next summer. The vision of Camp Mak-A-Dream is becoming a reality thanks to the love and support of the Granader family, the hard working efforts of the board and committee members, and numerous individual and group volunteers. I want to thank you all for making these past two years so enjoyable and rewarding. You all have enriched my life, and I know our greatest reward will be seeing these children and adults "just having fun!"

HISTORY OF CAMP MAK-A-DREAM

The name MAK-A-DREAM says it all. The camp is a dream of two very special people, Harry and Sylvia Granader. To kick off the project, Harry and Sylvia made a generous financial donation along with 87 acres of their Gold Creek, Montana ranch. The Granaders have been involved with McDonald's Restaurants for over 30 years, and have been instrumental in starting 2 Ronald McDonald houses in the Detroit, MI area. They are very thankful for their own health, and the health of their family, and want to express their thanks through this project. "People are not remembered for what they had, they are remembered for what they have given. We make a living by what we earn, but we make a life by what we do for others," Harry said at a recent fundraising event in Houston, TX. Harry and Sylvia's family is very involved in the camp. Their son Danny, and his wife Sherry, have been active in fund raising in Texas where they own 16 World Gym centers. Sherry has written and published a low-fat cookbook, from which all the proceeds will go to Camp Mak-a-Dream.

The Granaders will host a "Fitness Challenge" in Houston with celebrities Evander Holyfield and Lou Ferrigno.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

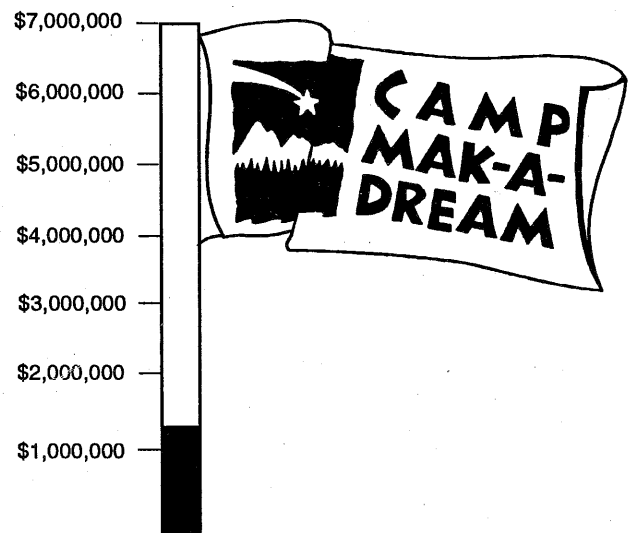
Fund raising for Camp Mak-A-Dream continues at a great pace. This past June, we received the second installment of \$166,666 from the Engelhard Foundation.

A committee of grant writers is continually researching possible foundations, and filling out grant proposals for funding for the camp. The committee currently has \$2,083,000 pending in grant requests. In April, the Camp Board hosted a reception for possible in-kind donors. Montana based business people visited the camp to determine how they can help. Sports outfitters, furniture stores, restaurant suppliers, and volunteers are all needed to help the camp become a reality. In June, the board of Directors approved a three year capital campaign for \$7,000,000. The total pledge to date is \$1,300,000. The Campaign is being co-chaired by Susan Klein and Bob Kelly.

MONTANA HOMEBUILDERS

The Montana Building Industry Association has taken on the project of building the 1,700 sq. ft. staff cabin. In May, 15 homebuilders from Missoula came out for the "cabin raising." Rain and thunder did not slow this crew down, as they framed the entire cabin in 2 days. The event captured the attention of local TV, which broadcast the event on May 21st and May 30th. The publicity was also sent to stations around the country to be televised nationally.

HELP US RAISE THE CAMP FLAG!



THE SHIRT SHOP

Once again The Shirt Shop, in Missoula under the direction of Rob Reesman, conducted the Annual Blizzard Ball. This softball tournament was made up of approximately 80 teams from Western Montana. Thanks to the warm blooded players that confused winter with summer, \$2,000 was donated to CAMP-MAK-A-DREAM. Camp will be one of the organizations to receive funding again in 1995 from this winter's Blizzard Ball. **Thank you Shirt Shop.**



MEET JASON GREER, CAMP MAK-A-DREAM SPOKESPERSON




Jason Greer of Missoula developed Ewing's sarcoma in 1991. Though his cancer is in remission, Jason knows just what a camp such as Camp Mak-A-Dream would mean to someone with cancer. "The camp would be a good break, and would help give kids the strength to fight the cancer. At Camp, you get to do things you otherwise wouldn't." As for the location of the camp, "...many people have never been to Montana. Here, some people take what we have for granted." Jason thinks people from out of state, particularly those who have never been to the country, would really appreciate what Montana offers. As Camp spokesperson,

Jason looks forward to meeting other kids who will be visiting camp. Jason recently was awarded the Courage Award for the Montana Branch of the American Cancer Society. Jason looks forward to representing Montana at the American Cancer Society conference in Orlando, Florida this October. Way to go Jason!

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES THROUGH CAMP MAK-A-DREAM

Help make a dream come true for a child or adult with cancer. If you or someone you know would like to make a generous gift in a loved one's name, just fill out the memory card and forward it along with your gift to the Camp Mak-A-Dream office at P.O. Box 3598, Missoula, MT, 59806.



CAMP MAK-A-DREAM

A Generous Gift was given in memory

of _____

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YOUR LOVED ONE'S NAME WILL BE REMEMBERED AT CAMP MAK-A-DREAM!

Camp Mak-A-Dream is a cost-free camp designed to enhance the quality of life for children with cancer.

By _____

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---I'D LIKE TO HELP!.....SHIRT ORDERS

As a Volunteer _____ I can't volunteer but would like to donate \$ _____

Please send me a Camp Mak-A-Dream:

T-Shirt _____ \$18.00 Color _____ (White, Jade, Persimmon) Circle S M L XL XXL

Sweatshirt _____ \$33.00 Color _____ (Navy, Purple, Gray, Burgundy, Green) Circle S M L XL XXL

Includes postage and handling.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____

Name: _____

Payable to Camp Mak-A-Dream

Address: _____

Second Choice of Color _____ Phone # _____

CAMP AMBASSADORS

Sherene Ricci is a senior at Hellgate High School in Missoula. Sherene had synovial cell sarcoma, a type of cancer that affects the synovial fluid. Sherene has been in remission for 3 years, and has been involved with Big Sky Kids Camp, a program that rents facilities from other camps and organizations, and serves children with cancer. She loved the opportunity to attend camp; she especially enjoyed river rafting and fossil hunting. Sherene says the best thing about camp was seeing kids who had been really sick having fun and being healthy. It was good to be around other people who had shared the same experiences and effects of chemo and radiation. When asked if she was scared about cancer, she responded "Yes, but it's not going to stop me from doing things." Sherene looks forward to working as a counselor at Camp Mak-A-Dream. She dreams of helping kids that are going through cancer treatment now, reassuring them that there is a light at the end of the long treatment tunnel, and that you can beat this by supporting each other.



Kyle Rocheleau from Missoula views her life and health as a gift that has been given to her. Kyle has been in remission from acute lymphocytic leukemia for 6 years. Kyle's story is an amazing story of courage and strength. She underwent 2 bone marrow transplants within 2 years. Her own marrow was used for the first transplant, and the second transplant used marrow from an unrelated person, which at the time was highly experimental. Kyle is the only survivor of a double transplant. Kyle feels that the adversity of cancer made her much stronger. She wants to give back to people what was given to her. The Young Adults with Cancer Support Group at St. Patrick's Hospital of Missoula was a brainchild of Kyle's. Kyle feels Camp Mak-A-Dream will be a wonderful opportunity for adults and children to retreat from cancer. "Finding the shiny side of the positive coin" is the most important thing that people undergoing treatment can do for their health.

Laurel Patton Dalton sees Camp Mak-A-Dream as a place to go that is "safe", away from daily treatment, but supervised by medical staff who can help you if there are complications. Since being diagnosed with leukemia this spring, Laurie has felt very vulnerable and afraid to go places away from doctors and the hospital. Camp would allow the "safety net" needed for kids and adults to have fun and do "normal" things. Laurie has 2 sons, 1 and 3 years old, and cancer has taught her to make the most of what they have right now. Laurie feels the chance for children to attend a camp where they can be safe would be a wonderful experience for the kids, and a great respite for parents. Also, the financial pressures of cancer are overwhelming. What a wonderful thing it would be to have a cost free place to go and have an adventure filled vacation!



CHECK OUT OUR PROGRESS!

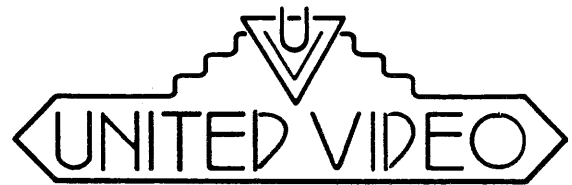
If you have driven past Gold Creek on Interstate 90, you probably have seen a growing group of buildings. To date, 4 of 6 camper cabins are 90% complete, a staff lodge is in the beginning stages of completion, and the main lodge is 50% completed. The quality of construction by Garden City Builders is fabulous, the facilities look beautiful. The interior of each cabin has a hand masoned stone fireplace, and beautiful pine floors. The swimming pool and hot tub foundations are in. The target date for completion of the first phase of camp is April, 1995. Camp will be open for full operation in the summer of 1995. For a personalized tour, contact Tim Furey at the office in Missoula, 406-549-5987.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SPONSORS HIGH ROPES COURSE AND INITIATIVES COURSE

The Missoula Sunrise Rotary Club has been at the "ropes". The club has volunteered financial resources and manpower to build a high ropes initiatives course at camp. A consultant from Charlotte Outdoor Adventure has been working with rotary members to design a course. Construction will begin this fall. The course will be an excellent program for kids at camp, as it builds self esteem, confidence, and trust. According to COCA (Children's Oncology Camps of America), a high ropes course and initiatives course are one of the most beneficial activities for children and adults who have cancer. For more information or to help with construction, please contact Carl Prinzing at 721-4141.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Camp Mak-A-Dream is pleased to introduce their two key staff members. Tim Furey has been appointed the Executive Director. Tim comes to the project with a wealth of knowledge and experience in camping and recreation administration. Tim is a graduate of the University of Montana (B.S. '78 Recreation) and Northern Illinois University (MA '87 Public Administration). Tim is glad to be back in Montana, and is very motivated by the enthusiasm of the Board and volunteers about the Camp Mak-A-Dream project. Tim has been at the helm since February. His wife, Sue, and their three sons are also very excited about camp, and especially the herd of elk and Betty, the buffalo, who reside at camp! Terran Asbridge is the camp Office Manager. She has been with Camp Mak-A-Dream since the summer of 1993. Terran is a whiz at handling the computer, bookkeeping, phones, and messages all at one time! Terran's voice is the cheery voice you hear when you call the office in Missoula. Terran grew up in Montana, and lives in Bonner with her husband.



United Video, a locally owned and operated video store, is busy making plans for the upcoming sale of the Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs video. With a donation of \$5, you can purchase the video for just \$11. United Video is offering this video in cooperation with Disney. This is an opportunity to support your local video store and contribute to a very worthwhile project. Think about who on your Christmas list would like a copy of this classic video. A special thanks goes to United Video for their support and interest in Camp Mak-A-Dream.



BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Camp Mak-A-Dream has grown to 43 members, which includes the honorary board, a regional board, and a working board. We are very proud to have such distinguished community leaders. Our thanks go out to all of these great people who donate their time, energy, and services to help us reach our dream.

Lowell Bartels	Guy Bingham	Dave Calahan	Dr. Timothy Carte	Jan Cogdill
John Cote	Dusty Deschamps	Kelly Dodson	Max Erickson	Paulette Fisher
Sally Francis	Bob Gauthier	Rev. Ernest Green	Deb Greer	Phil Grimm
Connie Hanson	Greg Hanson	H.J.Hanson	Ted Hazelbaker	Dick Hughes
Terry Judd	Susan Klein	Kent Kleinkopf	Dennis Lind	Peter Linsey
Kitty Lusse	Mark MacDonald	Dr. John McGregor	Dan Morgan	Melanie Nedrud
Bill Newman	Annie Pontrelli	Steven Proper	Ken Reesman	Bill Ruegamer
Randy Scott	Mark Staples	Dr. Sheila Stearns	Dr. William Stratford	Donna Ueland
Kim Visser	Scott Wilson	Twila Wolfe		

GIFTS CATALOGUE

Camp Mak-A-Dream staff has been working hard on a gifts catalogue to be used in presentations to individuals, families, and service clubs. Gifts range from \$10,000 for a grove of trees to \$1,115,000 for the camp lodge. In-between are needs such as the basketball and volleyball courts, camp office, cabins, infirmary, and flagpole and terrace area. This is a great way to show your support and help us reach our dream. If you or your organization are looking for a worthwhile project, contact Tim Furey, Executive Director at 406-549-5987.



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