How does an experience at Camp Mák-A-Dream impact the lives of participants?

The opportunity for cancer survivors to come together with individuals of their same age, with a like diagnosis or with similar treatment experiences is one of the reasons participants come to camp.

Another reason is, if only for a week, to share their stories with others who understand them. Many children and young adults with cancer have never met anyone else their age with cancer.

Camp Mák-A-Dream’s programs are designed specifically around not only the special medical needs of our participants, but around their emotional and psycho-social needs as well. This is a place for children and young adults with cancer to meet new friends, try new things, address fears and challenges, increase self-confidence and independence, and feel “normal.”

Cancer survivors have a wide variety of medical needs. Camp Mák-A-Dream has a facility and medical professionals who can care for our participants, even in the midst of treatment.

Participants get to meet a wide variety of people at camp. Camp Mák-A-Dream welcomes children (ages 6-12) with cancer, teens (ages 13-17) with cancer, young adults (ages 18-25) with cancer, and siblings (ages 6-17) of cancer survivors, from all across the country, with different ethnicity and socio-economic backgrounds – but all with the common bond of cancer. All of these camp sessions are offered to participants FREE of cost.

Camp fosters bonding and offers tools to participants to live a fuller life with cancer. Sessions are designed to address the many issues of living with cancer and include workshops, guest speaker presentations and small group discussions. There is even a special time set aside each day called cabin chat that allows participants to have in-depth conversations about their hopes, their fears, their dreams.

Who do you know with Cancer?

You can help us serve even more people by telling someone you know with cancer about Camp Mák-A-Dream. Share this newsletter with them or have them contact us for more information on the many programs we offer throughout the year.

Contact us at: Children’s Oncology Camp Foundation / Camp Mák-A-Dream
P.O. Box 1450 • Missoula, MT 59806 • (406)549-5987 • www.campdream.org
A DAY AT

What happens during a day at camp?
Here is a sample of the kinds of activities that take place in a typical day during our summer camps at Camp Mäk-A-Dream.

KIDS CAMP
8:30 am Rise & Shine
9:00 am Breakfast
10:30-12:30 Art Studio - Dreamcatchers; hike up the hill; ropes course (cabin rotations)
1:00 pm Lunch
2-3:00 pm F.O.B. (flat on back rest period)
3-5:00 pm Building birdhouses; art studio; kaleidoscopes, field hockey; climbing wall (cabin rotations)
6:00 pm Dinner
7-9:00 pm Carnival night! Clowns, games, face painting
9:00 pm Cabin Chat
10:00 pm Lights out

Who do you know WITH CANCER?
Camp Mäk-A-Dream would like to serve as many individuals living with cancer as we can... but we need your help.

Our Programs:
We offer programs for participants of all ages from all geographical areas:
- Children with cancer (ages 6-12)
- Teens with cancer (ages 13-17)
- Young Adults with cancer (ages 18-25)
- Siblings of cancer patients (ages 6-17)
- Women with cancer (ages 18+)
- Women with ovarian cancer (ages 18+)

Professional medical staff and on-site health care center allow us to accommodate cancer patients who are currently undergoing treatment.

Won’t you help us serve your family, friends or members of your community?
Please pass this article or newsletter along to someone you know with cancer.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE
9:00 am Continental Breakfast
10:00 am Guest Speaker
10-12:30 Workshop Break-Out Sessions:
A) Pain Management
B) Journeying with Grief

12:45 pm Lunch
2-4:00 pm Free Choice Recreation:
* Ropes Course • Archery • Pool
* Art Studio • Nature Activity

4:30-5:45 pm Workshops: Look Good... Feel Better
Comedy Improv & Drama

6:00 pm Dinner
7-9:00 pm Health & Wellness Expo.
9:30 pm Memorial ceremony
10:00 pm Cabin Chat - Open campus until Midnight - Art studio, Hot Tub, Rec. Room Open

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Camp Mäk-A-Dream is looking for someone to fill a full-time maintenance position at the camp facility in Gold Creek, Montana. Applicants must have the following basic skills and be willing to live on site (living quarters provided):

- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Mechanical

Salary depends on experience. Please contact Gregg Doerrl, Executive Director, at (406) 549-3987 for more information.
In memory...

Each year we are reminded that the smiles and friendships that are formed at camp cannot last forever. Please join us in honoring the lives of the children and young adults who have lost their lives over the last year. We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends and are honored to have known them through their experiences at Camp Mak-A-Dream.

Reed Barber
Washington
19 years old
September 2001

Sarah McClure
Montana
23 years old
November 12, 2001

Kimberly Ruts
Minnesota
19 years old
Winter 2001

John Brennan
Oregon
21 years old
February 7, 2002

Erick McGivney
Washington
10 years old
July 24, 2001

Isabelle Sarrasin
B.C., Canada
23 years old
September 25, 2001

Alison Brown
Montana
9 years old
January 11, 2002

Erin Moe
Wisconsin
22 years old
September 2001

Brian Stuecklen
Minnesota
24 years old
March 2, 2001

Joshua Cocagnaro
New Jersey
19 years old
August 16, 2001

Billy Niland
Montana
23 years old
December 18, 2001

Emmanuel Summers
California
17 years old
May 2001

Heather Clancy
Michigan
14 years old
November 3, 2001

Vaneessa North
B.C., Canada
18 years old
April 16, 2001

Regina Thorne
Minnesota
20 years old
November 30, 2001

Lee Lembacher
Pennsylvania
18 years old
January 2002

Jeraldine James
Minnesota
23 years old
October 11, 2001

Brandon Putnam
Minnesota
18 years old
May 7, 2001

Rachel Wall
Michigan
21 years old
January 26, 2001

A WONDERFUL WAY TO REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE

Help make a dream come true for a child or young adult with cancer. If you or someone you know would like to make a generous gift in a loved one's name, just fill this out and forward it along with your gift to the Camp Mak-A-Dream office at P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806. All gifts will be acknowledged with a personalized keepsake card.

This gift is made in _______ honor _______ memory of _______.

Given by _______.

Send the card to:

Name: _______.
Address: _______.
City / State / Zip: _______.

Credit card contributions may be made by calling (406) 549-5967 or by fax at (406) 549-5933.
Camperships
Sponsor a child or young adult for a week of camp with a $500 donation.
You can also have your name permanently engraved on a brick in the walkway at camp for an additional $825.

Memorial or Honorarium Donations
Make a donation in memory of a friend or loved one, or in honor of a holiday or special occasion. Camp Mak-A-Dream will send a keepsake card to the family or honoree.

Make a Pledge
Pledge an amount to be paid over a period of time (monthly, quarterly, annually).

Upcoming Fund Raising Events

Saturday, June 22
RATPOB Benefit Bicycle Ride • Dillon, Montana

Friday, July 12
3rd Annual Patry O’Neill Classic Golf Tournament
Butte Country Club, Butte

July - Date pending
Tournament of Dreams Golf Tournament
Village Greens Golf Course, Ralipell

Friday, October 18
1st Annual Mak-A-Dream Marathon Golf Extravaganza
Missoula Country Club, Missoula

Extra Frequent Flyer Miles?
Camp Mak-A-Dream would love to talk to you about donating your unused frequent flyer miles to assist campers who are unable to afford transportation to camp. These miles can also help make it possible for Camp Mak-A-Dream to bring in national speakers to conduct workshops for our participants.

More information about any of the above events, or if you have a fund raising idea for Camp Mak-A-Dream, please contact Jennifer Benton at the foundation office (406)549-5987, e-mail: camp@montana.com or on the web at: www.campdream.org.

As a non-profit organization, all funding for Camp Mak-A-Dream comes from private donations, gifts, grants and fund raising events such as those listed above. Donations are tax deductible.
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL AUTO BODY COUNCIL

The collision repair industry, led by the National Auto Body Council, is partnering with Camp Mak-A-Dream to raise awareness and funding for a new health care center building at the camp facility.

The National Auto Body Council is a non-profit organization made up of collision repair industry professionals. Members and supporters of the N.A.B.C. all across the country have pledged to raise $500,000 to build a new health care center building at the Camp in Gold Creek, MT which will allow the camp to serve even more participants in the midst of their cancer treatment. The deadline to raise this money is December of this year. The Camp Mak-A-Dream project was also presented at this year’s national NACE convention in Las Vegas where it received a very positive response.

N.A.B.C. members are raising funds in a variety of ways:

- Golf tournament in Kansas City, Missouri
- Swimming in Alcatraz in the “Shark Fest” event in San Francisco, CA
- Dinner/Dance and auction held in Macomb Township, Michigan

If you would like to host an event or get involved with the efforts of the N.A.B.C. and members of the collision repair industry, please contact the camp office for more information at (406) 549-5987 or contact the N.A.B.C. directly at:

NATIONAL AUTO BODY COUNCIL
P.O. Box 3368 - St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 762-0732

New health center plan

Camp Mak-A-Dream has served more than 1800 individuals from all across the United States since opening in 1995.

Some of the things Gold Creek Lodge has to offer:

- Fully accessible buildings
- Main lodge with meeting rooms, recreation room & dining hall
- Four cabins with common rooms & fireplaces
- Accessible, heated swimming pool & hot tub
- Outdoor patio area with BBQ grills & picnic tables
- Sleeping capacity of 110 people
- Art studio building
- Health care center
- Meeting & activity rooms
- Ropes course, sand volleyball court, basketball hoop & archery range
- Smoke-free facility & grounds
- Fine dining & variety of menu options
- Competitive rates & excellent service

Let us host your next meeting or gathering at Gold Creek Lodge. Our calendar fills quickly, so call (406) 549-5987 today to reserve your dates or e-mail us at: camp@montana.com. Prices and additional facility photos are available on our website at: www.campdream.org.

RENT
Gold Creek Lodge

When you choose to hold your business, family or group event at Gold Creek Lodge, home of Camp Mak-A-Dream, you'll be enjoying more than just a fine facility in a mountain landscape. You'll also be helping to support the programs of Camp Mak-A-Dream. The facility is available for rental groups of 10-110 people, for day-long meetings or for several-day retreats from September through mid-June.

SEND A CHILD OR YOUNG ADULT TO CAMP - BUY A CAMPERSHIP

Donor Name(s):__________________ Phone #:__________________
Address:________________________ City/State/Zip:___________________

I would like to purchase:__________ Campership @ $500__________ Campership, plus an etched brick for $525

Name(s) as you would like it to appear on the brick. (Maximum of 30 characters)

Amount enclosed $_________ Paid by: Cash __________ Check __________
Mastercard ______ Visa ______ American Express ______ Discover ______
Account #:____________________ Expire:____________________
Signature:____________________

Mail to: Camp Mak-A-Dream • P.O. Box 1450 • Missoula, MT 59806

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Executive Director's Report

We are busy once again with preparations for our eighth season at Camp Mak-A-Dream. Staff is recruiting children and young adults to attend our five summer sessions.

With the events of September 11, the nation showed an incredible outpouring of love and care for the people of New York and Washington, D.C. This understandable reaction overshadowed, for a time, the mission of charities such as Camp Mak-A-Dream. But in the ensuing months since that tragedy, we have seen that Camp Mak-A-Dream still holds a strong and special place in many people's hearts. We are eternally grateful to those who made 2001 such a successful season. Now we're looking forward to another summer and know that because of all of the many thoughtful contributions and sincere volunteers, it will be another fun and meaningful summer.

Gregg Doerrler

Founders' Message

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, Camp Mak-A-Dream was just a spark in the back of my mind and in my heart back in 1995. We have since grown from one man's small idea to an organization serving hundreds of children and young adults from all around the country, Canada and from as far away as Alaska. I am very proud of what we have accomplished and wish to thank everyone who has helped us with their time, finances and most of all their hearts.

Harry & Sylvia Granader

“My favorite camp experience was the nature trip, because I found out you have gold rocks 100 years old and wild horses in Montana.”

Brian, camper

President's Report

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Camp Mak-A-Dream is actively searching out kids and young adults with cancer who want to experience the wonders of Montana — FOR FREE!!

As our staff prepares for the 8th season at Camp Mak-A-Dream, we want everyone to know that we are accepting applications for our summer camping season. If you have a friend, business associate, family member or any other contact who may have a child or young adult diagnosed with cancer, tell them about Camp Mak-A-Dream and the opportunity to have an experience of a lifetime. Camp Mak-A-Dream is about helping cancer patients live more fully with their disease, providing a safe place for them to express their hopes and fears, and giving them an opportunity to feel “normal.”

To campers, Camp Mak-A-Dream is a playground full of great experiences including meeting new friends, participating in the abundant outdoor activities and adventures in Montana’s Big Sky country, as well as spending time learning how others cope with the many issues of having cancer.

To parents and families considering sending a loved one to Montana for camp, safety and health are at the top of everyone’s mind. We have a team of medical professionals at the camp 24 hours a day to care for our participants and to assist with any medical situation that may arise. Since Camp Mak-A-Dream also accepts cancer patients in treatment, we understand the special medical needs and requirements to properly and effectively administer these treatments. We are prepared to take care of your son or daughter.

We look forward to hearing from you to assist the camp and this great cause any way you can. Our efforts will continue to focus on how to make the experience for our campers unique and memorable. The dream is still alive and we look forward to the 2002 season and to making it the best yet.

Sincerely,
Ned Becker, President
Board of Directors

Show Your Camp Mak-A-Dream Pride

You can support Camp Mak-A-Dream in a number of ways, including sporting this camper-designed shirt, or purchasing another item from our merchandise catalog.

Sizes: Small - 2XL
Color: White - 100% Cotton
Price: $30.00

If you would like to order a shirt, or have us send you our merchandise catalog, call us at (406) 549-5987.

* Of the purchase price, $25.00 is also a tax-deductible donation.
Adult Cancer Retreat
AT CAMP MÁK-A-DREAM

Each fall at Camp Mák-A-Dream we offer multiple day retreats for adults with cancer. If you or someone you know might be interested in attending either of these retreats, please let us know or have them get in touch with us for more information and a registration form.

SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2002
6th annual Ovarian Cancer Survivor’s Retreat
For women diagnosed with Ovarian cancer. Includes all accommodations, meals and retreat activities, plus transportation from the Missoula, MT airport to the camp facility in Gold Creek, MT 65 miles east of Missoula. Cost: $350.00

OCTOBER 10-13, 2002
7th annual Women’s Cancer Retreat
For women diagnosed with any form of cancer. Includes all accommodations, meals and retreat activities. Cost: $185.00

Both retreats offer a chance to meet other women in similar situations who understand what it means to be diagnosed with cancer. Space at each retreat is somewhat limited and based on a first come, first serve basis. Please call to receive a registration form.

Retreat activities will include:
- Workshops
- Resource information
- Fabulous food
- Guest speakers
- Recreational activities
- Beautiful cabin
- Networking opportunities
- Art studio sessions
- Personal chats
- Small group discussions
- Entertainment
- Making new friends

For more information, contact Jennifer Benton at: Camp Mák-A-Dream, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806; (406) 549-5987
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2002 WISH LIST

Equipment
- Industrial 12-volt battery charger
- 10" contractor’s table saw with miter base
- 1/4" 12-volt or higher cordless drills
- 16 1/2" floor drill press
- 8" wheel grinder with wire brush wheel
- (2) industrial chainsaws with 18" bar, Husqvarna or Stihl brand
- 9 1/2" or 10" slide compound miter saw
- Pipe clamps
- C-clamps
- Belt sanders
- Safety glasses
- Hearing protectors
- Jig saw
- Extension cords with 3-recepter ends
- Iron "Montana style" floor lamps for cabins
- Portable CD players for cabins
- Helium tank for balloons
- (2) Remote control slide projectors

Decorations
- New paper & votive candles
- Balloons

Art Studio
- Stickers
- Light cotton & fleece fabric for sewing projects
- Beads for jewelry projects
- Pottery clay
- Construction paper
- Packages of new markers
- Two dye supplies (dyes, white cotton t-shirts, pillowcases)
- Fimo or Sculpy polymer clay
- Boxes of white 6"x6" tiles to paint
- Tissue paper in variety of colors

Nature Education
- Track casting plunger

HELP MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE.
CALL (406) 549-5987
Quotes from Participants

“I just finished eight long months of chemotherapy for Hodgkin's disease. Until attending Camp Make-A-Dream, I had never met anyone else my age with cancer. After my experience here I no longer feel alone, or fearful of the future. The people I met here will be a continuing support system for the bumps ahead. Thank you for making this possible.”

Vanessa, Young Adult Conference participant

“I had such a great time at camp. I made many new friends, campers and counselors. The scenery was beautiful and the weather was great! I fished for the first time in my life. I can't thank you enough.”

Audrey, Young Adult Conference participant

“Thanks for making my camp experience so fun! I enjoyed it very much and my counselors were so nice. I got to meet so many new people from different places. Thank you for making it all possible.”

Shay, Siblings Camp participant

“Your camp was fun. You made me happy. I got a lot of good memories. You are a great camp—the best one I have been to. I will miss you all.”

Ashlee, Kids Camp participant

Fading into the darkness of night,
A tangle of water,
becomes the great Mississippi,
But all the beauty that exists,
does not compare,
To the people who come here,

Poem by
Audrey, YAC participant