FUTURE PROJECTS AND NEW ADVENTURES

There is always a lot going on at Camp Mak-A-Dream — preparations for upcoming camp sessions, fund-raising events and spreading the word about Camp across the country. But there are several things going on behind the scenes as well, and we’d like to share a few details about some of the projects that are in the works.

Granader Memorial Gardens

Remembering campers who are no longer with us is an important part of every camp session at Camp Mak-A-Dream. The Granader Gardens will be located in a somewhat secluded area of campus, adjacent to our amphitheater; it will be a place where anyone can go to reflect, remember, share stories and memories, or simply just be.

Items within the gardens, such as trees, benches, fountains and other structures, will be available for purchase as memorials in the near future.

Sidewalk Replacement Project

Safety is of the utmost concern at Camp — always. And after several years in our harsh Montana weather, our current sidewalks on campus are in need of replacement. This is a major project that will require significant resources, but we hope to secure those resources and begin the project in the spring, completing it prior to the start of our summer camp season. If you’re interested in helping fund this project, or know of someone who may be, please call us to discuss that possibility.

Tree House Zip-Line

Another exciting project we’re hoping to add at Camp is a tree house with a zip-line. We currently have both a ropes challenge course and a climbing wall, but some of our campers are either too young or not physically able to take part in those activities — and both are often a highlight of Camp for many of our participants. This will add a similar activity that is a bit less physically demanding and would be accessible to all campers. It’s a zip-line — and if you’ve never tried one, you’re missing out! If you would like to learn more or are interested in supporting the tree house zip-line project, we’d love to hear from you!

For more information on any of these projects, please contact Su Kaplan at (406) 549-5987, or by email: su@campdream.org.
Help Someone Get to Camp
by Donating Extra Frequent Flyer Miles

If you have 25,000 or more unused frequent flyer miles, we'd love to talk to you!
Camp Mak-A-Dream can utilize miles in blocks of 25,000 on most airlines. The airlines that service Missoula, Montana, include Northwest/KLM, Delta/SkyWest, United and Horizon/Alaska Air. We are also happy to accept any transferable discount coupons, codes or other special offer vouchers.

Donated miles help us:
- Get campers to Camp from all across the country
- Allow staff to travel to promote Camp and raise funds
- Bring in professional presenters and speakers for our programs

Your gift of 25,000 miles (or more) means a child or young adult who may not otherwise be able to attend Camp... can!

If you're interested in donating miles, please contact Shirley Hummer in the Camp Mak-A-Dream office at (406) 549-3587 or send an e-mail to shirley@campdream.org.

Through the Eyes of a VOLUNTEER

Last summer, when I was volunteering at a summer Young Adult Conference (TAC) at Camp Mak-A-Dream, I met a volunteer named Mary, a Southern girl who had never been to Montana and had never experienced cancer in young people before. Throughout the week, I watched her find her way through the emotions of not just the typical dramas of being a young adult, but added to that the burdens and complications of serious illness. By the end of the week, she was visibly transformed. On the plane ride home from Camp, she talked about how she had found strength in herself that she hadn't expected. She reminded me of myself the first time I volunteered here for a young adult session back in 1997. My experience entering Camp Mak-A-Dream was a bit different — I dealt with my own cancer 25 years ago as a 16-year-old. Still, like Mary, the experience I had that first year transformed me forever.

It’s a cliché to say how difficult it is to truly describe the impact that Camp Mak-A-Dream has on me as a volunteer, so I won’t cop out so easily. It’s all too easy in our non-camp worlds to forget that life isn’t just about deadlines and pay raises. It’s also too easy to overlook quieter stories of strength and struggle in everyday life. Camp Mak-A-Dream is my inoculation against cynicism and materialism, every single year. The summer I first volunteered, I met a young man named Josh. Due to his treatment for ALL (a form of leukemia) he had emerged in remission, but with avascular necrosis — a term I’d never heard before — in his hips. He spent most of the week in a wheelchair due to the pain, feeling sorry for himself and mourning the losses he’d sustained. The most significant loss was baseball. He had been granted a tryout with a semi-professional baseball team before his diagnosis.

He connected with me and I worked really hard with him — mostly listening. At the end of the week, he had a surprise for me that I’ll remember forever. At the dance at the end of the week, about halfway through, I heard him call my name. I turned around to see him out of his chair, dancing with a young woman, yelling joyfully, "Hey, Marc, you’re pretty short!"

Over the 10 years since I started volunteering, I’ve been back nearly every summer, once even as a participant in the Young Adult Survivors Conference. I’ve met the most amazing young people — some with impressive musical talents, some athletically gifted, others who have unique abilities to put emotions to words in poetry. But the most amazing thing that I witness is the kindness. There is a wide range of disease effects, some causing more or less obvious scarring or disfigurement, and some causing cognitive or emotional changes. But in nearly every case, the theme has always been one of patience, acceptance and inclusion. I’ve seen the quiet heroism in a young woman who secretly knew she was terminally ill; yet she was the life of her cabin and the cheerleader for those who were on the periphery. I’ve felt grief and loss when I learned about people who didn’t make it. I’ve repeatedly seen young people doing things they never thought they could do and perhaps never would have tried without the support of their
new friends. Witnessing it all has been transcendent. How can you go back home and still get upset about someone cutting you off on the freeway?

When people hear about my volunteer experiences at Camp, many ask how I can do it. They think it must be depressing and particularly hard for me because I wouldn’t want to be reminded of my experience with cancer. They don’t understand that that is the very reason I come to Camp. It does remind me of my experience with cancer, which was a depressing time, but Camp is anything but a depressing place. When I was being treated, I had no opportunity to meet others my age dealing with similar challenges. These young people benefit just by being with each other. I see my role as a facilitator of those relationships, just as the Camp, the Montana sky, the rafting trips, the ropes courses and the dances are just facilitators. It’s therapeutic for me to watch it unfold every summer. I come back home every time with renewed sense of meaning in my own life and a head-shaking sense of wonder at the powerful moments I’ve just witnessed. Each year I consider whether it’s time for me to move on to another camp – I know there are many across North America and I’ve been invited to volunteer at several. But Camp Mak-A-Dream is home, and the Young Adult Conference is incomparable to anything I’ve seen out there. Is it any wonder I keep returning?

Marc Huber
Camp volunteer and cancer survivor
Chapel Hill, NC

Hold Your Next Event at Camp Mak-A-Dream

Camp Mak-A-Dream may be the perfect place to hold your next group function. Our fully accessible facility sits on 87 beautiful acres in Gold Creek, Montana, and is available to outside groups for rental in the off-season, late August through mid-June.

Amenities include:
★ Beautiful setting
★ Four modern cabins with common rooms and fireplaces
★ Outdoor area with BBQ grills and picnic tables
★ Heated outdoor pool, hot tub, recreation room, large-screen TV, DVD and VCR players
★ Lodging for up to 110 people
★ Full food and beverage service
★ Break-out meeting rooms
★ Specialty program areas: arts and crafts building, archery range, climbing wall
★ Great facilities for meetings, retreats, weddings and other large gatherings

Our health center building is also available for either day or overnight use and is an ideal setting for small group retreats, company meetings, board functions and more. Perfect for groups of six to 10 people.

Take advantage of private sleeping rooms, a conference room with high-speed Internet access, a wide-screen TV and A/V equipment, and a fully equipped kitchen.

For more information on renting Camp Mak-A-Dream’s facility and available dates, please contact Bill Lohr, Hospitality Coordinator, at (406) 288-3030 or by e-mail at cmad@blackfoot.net, or visit our Web site at www.campdream.org.

President’s Message

Dear Friends,

Spring is right around the comer and we are getting ready to start our summer camps. It’s a bittersweet feeling for us this year — our founder, Harry Granader, passed away in August and he will truly be missed. It was through his vision, passion and love of children that Camp Mak-A-Dream was formed.

Harry’s legacy is a dream that will live on forever through the hearts of all of the children, teens, young adults and adults who continue to grace our programs.

Camp is a special place that provides a special experience to very special people — a place where dreams come true and wonderful memories are made!

On behalf of the board of directors, thank you for your love and support!

Warmest regards,
Colleen Powers
President, Board of Directors
Children’s Oncology Camp Foundation

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Campers REMEMBERED

Amanda Bunch
Spokane, WA
18 years old
December 30, 2006

Krystle Hughes
Wyoming, MI
18 years old

John Miller III
Missoula, MT
14 years old
January 5, 2007

Andrea Elder
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
24 years old
May 10, 2006

Christopher Jones
Pentsville, KY
21 years old
November 2006

Margaret Nehf
Schererville, IN
21 years old
April 2006

Jef Fields
Joshua, TX
19 years old
August 2, 2006

Carolyn Lisak
Burnsville, MN
21 years old
May 28, 2006

Amanda Stine
Manchester, NH
27 years old
November 6, 2006

Katie Jurek
Maplewood, MN
20 years old
March 2007

Michael Magdaleno
Oxford, MI
12 years old
November 2004

Will Vossen
Spicer, MN
25 years old
July 20, 2006

Kristen Forget
Easthampton, MA
17 years old
December 2006

Mary McMakin
Cotrip, MT
18 years old
December 31, 2006

Laura Wampler
Norton, VA
18 years old
May 10, 2006

Harry Granader
Founder
Sadly, Harry Granader, the founder of Camp Mak-A-Dream, passed away in August. It was Harry’s dream to give sick children the experience of a lifetime in Montana. Because of this dream, more than 3,000 people whose lives have been affected by cancer have had the opportunity to do just that. Everyone at Camp Mak-A-Dream will remember Harry fondly and continue to keep his dream alive.

Helene Streit
Office Volunteer
Camp experienced another great loss this year with the passing of Helene Streit. Helene volunteered in the Missoula office every Friday for the past 14 years. She exuded an amazing spark and genuine kindness, and her presence is greatly missed. We want to express our gratitude for her years of dedicated service and the love she shared with those of us fortunate enough to know her.
Sponsor a Camper with a Campership
Sponsor a child or young adult for a cost-free week of Camp with a $500 "Campership" donation.
Please see form on the back cover of this newsletter for more information.

Make a Memorial or Honorarium Donation
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.
Please see form on the back cover of this newsletter for more information.

Make a Pledge at Planned Gift
Pledge an amount to be paid over a period of time (monthly, quarterly, annually). You can also designate Camp Mak-A-Dream as a beneficiary of your life insurance or in your will. Camp Mak-A-Dream is a proud participant in Legacy Montana (www.legacymontana.org). For more information, please contact us at (406) 549-5987.

Give an Item from Our Wish List
There are lots of everyday items and goods we need each camp season. You can help a lot by donating an item from our Wish List found on the back cover.

Display Our Literature
You can help us get the word out to possible campers, volunteers and donors by displaying a Camp Mak-A-Dream poster or brochures at your place of business or professional office.

Have We Speak at Your Civic Organization or Business Meeting
We love to share what’s happening at Camp Mak-A-Dream with members of different communities. If you’re a member of a civic organization or would like to hear about Camp at your next business meeting, please contact Jennifer Benton at (406) 549-5987 to arrange a speaking engagement.

Rent Our Facility
You can rent the beautiful Camp Mak-A-Dream facility, late August through mid-June, for your next gathering or meeting. Please see page 3 for more information, or visit our Web site at www.campdream.org.

Donate Frequent Flyer Miles
Help us fly a child or young adult with cancer to Camp, bring in professional program speakers to conduct workshops, or allow our staff to travel and spread the word about Camp Mak-A-Dream, by donating frequent flyer miles. Your gift can help make attending Camp possible for someone who might not otherwise be able to get here. More information is available on page 3.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
Host a Dream Tour
Are you a proud supporter of Camp Mak-A-Dream? Would you like to have the opportunity to let others know about the great work going on in Gold Creek, Montana? Consider hosting a Dream Tour. A Dream Tour is a virtual tour of Camp Mak-A-Dream that can take place in someone’s home, a community center, or anywhere with a DVD player. It can take place as an informal dinner party, a lunch, a cocktail hour, a dessert social, or other creative get-together. If you are willing to host such an event, please contact Stu Kaplan at (406) 549-5987. We are traveling throughout the country in 2007, and would love the opportunity to stop near you and help you spread the word.

Volunteer
Spend the most incredible week imaginable by volunteering at Camp. You must be at least 18 years of age to apply and go through an extensive interview process.

There are a number of ways in which you can volunteer with us. Spend an amazing week at camp as a Cabin Counselor, Program Assistant, Dream Team Member, Activity Presenter or as a member of our Medical Staff.

- Cabin Counselors work in supporting and assisting campers 24 hours a day. They sleep in the cabins with campers, participate in daily and evening activities, and offer continuous support, encouragement and companionship to participants throughout the week.
- Program Assistants help to organize the diverse activities we offer at Camp, including art projects, outdoor recreation and special evening activities such as dances and campfires. The creative and enthusiastic are encouraged to apply for this position.
- Dream Team members work "behind the scenes," helping in the kitchen, dining room and lodge, doing everything from setting the tables to chopping vegetables for the salad bar. We couldn’t do it without these hardworking folks! If you are interested in helping out but want to stay out of the spotlight, this is the position for you.
- Presenters — individuals or groups with a special skill or service they would like to offer our participants. Presenters generally come to Camp for a morning or afternoon session and offer educational or activity-based services ranging from digital photography to art therapy to Dutch oven cooking. If you would like more information on being a Presenter at one of our camps, contact Beth Martin at both@campdream.org or by calling the foundation office.
- Medical Staff (medical professionals only) — each camp session, we select a group of doctors and nurses to review camper medical files, administer medications and handle medical emergencies 24 hours a day. If you would like more information on being a Medical Staff volunteer, please call the foundation office.

Call us for more information at (406) 549-5987. Applications are available on our Web site at www.campdream.org. We’d also love to talk with you if you’re interested in volunteering in our foundation office in Missoula.

A Message from Our Founder
Dear Friends,

I want to express my gratitude for your support of Camp Mak-A-Dream — whether you have made a donation, volunteered your time, attended our special events or helped us spread the word about Camp in your community, you have once again made this dream possible for many children and young adults with cancer throughout the country.

Each year at Camp Mak-A-Dream our campers take home with them new friendships, self-assurance and wonderful memories. This coming summer will be no different in bringing joy to so many; however, our beloved Harry will be greatly missed. His presence at Camp has been a feature of these past 12 years and it won’t be the same without him there.

Thank you for your love and support. We will continue to carry on Harry’s dream.

Sylvia Grunader
Adult Cancer Retreats at CAMP MAK-A-DREAM

Each fall at Camp Mak-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. Retreats include all accommodations, meals and retreat activities, plus transportation from the Missoula airport to the Camp facility in Gold Creek, 65 miles east of Missoula. For an application, go to our Web site, www.campdream.org, and click on "Adult Retreats."

September 6-10, 2007
11th annual Ovarian Cancer Retreat
Cost: $200

October 11-14, 2007
12th annual Women’s Cancer Retreat
Cost: $250

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Jennifer Benton at:
Phone: (406) 549-5987
Fax: (406) 549-5933
E-mail: jennifer@campdream.org

SPECIAL EVENTS – 2007

In Light of Loss: A Family Retreat
May 11-13
Put on by the Cancer Family Network of Camp Mak-A-Dream
Cost-free weekend retreat for family members who have lost a loved one to cancer
* Program includes team building, cooking and communications
* Contact Cancer Family Network at (406) 566-1050 for more information
* Space is limited and advance registration is required

6th Annual RATPOD
June 23
Ride Around The Pioneers in One Day – Big Hole Valley, Montana
* A 155-mile bicycle ride around the Pioneer Mountains, starting and ending at UM-Western in Dillon
* Entry fee is $80 ($50 after May 15) and includes the ride, a shirt and dinner both Friday and Saturday nights – registration deadline is June 30 or when we reach 450 registered riders
Welcome to Our Newest Staff Members

Bill Lohr, Hospitality Coordinator
Bill Lohr joined the Camp Mak-A-Dream staff in July of 2006 as hospitality coordinator. In this position, Bill handles the coordination of food and beverages for all our camp sessions throughout the year, and also for outside groups who rent the camp facilities for meetings, retreats, weddings and other large gatherings. Bill comes to us with 25 years of food and beverage experience and has implemented many positive changes for the Camp. Bill and his wife Maggie have lived in Pendleton for the past 10 years.

Julie Hiett, Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant
Julie was born and raised in Montana, living in Missoula for the last 18 years with her husband, Wayne, who also happens to be on the board of directors for Camp Mak-A-Dream. She has four sons ranging in age from 21 all the way down to six. Julie worked for Galusha, Higgins and Galusha for 14 years before heading to Partners Creative, where she stayed for three years. In mid-February, Julie came on board with Camp as our bookkeeper and administrative assistant. In her spare time she loves to golf and travel.

Beth Martin, Camp Director
Beth Martin joined Camp Mak-A-Dream as the residential director for the summer 2006 season and has recently moved into the position of camp director. Beth is originally from Massachusetts and moved to Missoula in 1997 to be part of the tutoring staff of the Missoula Children’s Theatre. Beth spent the next two years working as tour manager for MCT, where she first became acquainted with Camp by presenting theatre workshops there. She always knew she wanted to do more than spend a few hours a day at a time with the special people she met at Camp and finally got her chance last summer. Beth feels extremely fortunate to be working with the dedicated, supportive individuals at the foundation office. In her free time she enjoys, running, hiking, cooking and spending time with her twin, Cirque and Flint (the “ditch kitty” found by participants in Gold Creek last October).

Good-bye to Bonnie Karrer
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bonnie Karrer, who retired at the end of February after 30 years as Camp Mak-A-Dream’s bookkeeper. She will be missed, and we wish her well in her retirement years!

Patsy O’Neill Golf Classic
July 13
Butte Country Club – Butte, Montana

- 18-hole scramble at Butte Country Club
- Silent and live auction, with dinner following golf
- Event hosted and organized by the O’Neill, Pentz and Schulte families in memory of their mother Patsy O’Neill
- Call for more information or to register

Restore the Dream Golf Tournament
Date TBA
Missoula, Montana

- Individual golfer and teams of four players welcome; limited to first 150 registered players
- Registration fee includes golf, lunch, official shirt and a chance at great prizes
- Live auction, silent auction and prizes
- Corporate and hole sponsorships available – please contact us for more information
- Partnership event between Camp Mak-A-Dream and Dayspring Restoration of Missoula

Thanks to the Mary Wolf Rolling Bogue Foundation for underwriting this event.

For additional information on any of these events, or for information on what you can do to support Camp Mak-A-Dream in your own community, please contact Jennifer Benton at (406) 549-5887 or by e-mail: jennifer@campdream.org.

6th Annual Ride Around The Pioneers in One Day

Big Hole Valley, Montana
Saturday, June 23rd

WHAT IS RATPOD: 157-mile, single-day bicycling event
WHERE: Around the Pioneer Mountains in the Big Hole Valley
WHY: For a great cause. Riders are encouraged to raise donations for Camp. Prizes will be given to the top riders who raise the most money!
WHEN: Friday, June 22:
Check-in and pre-ride pasta dinner in Dillon, MT
Saturday, June 23:
RATPOD ride, followed by live music, BBQ dinner & prizes
HOW: Log on to www.ratpod.org for more information or to register, or call Jennifer Benton at (406) 549-5887, or e-mail: info@ratpod.org

COST: Registration fee is $80 ($100 after May 1st). Deadline is June 10 or when we reach 450 riders. Includes the ride, food and support on the route, shirt and meals on Friday and Saturday nights.

Sponsors of this year’s event include:

Platinum Sponsors:
- Home Health of Montana
- Partners Creative

Gold Sponsors:
- Missoula Anesthesia
- Missoula Bone & Joint

Silver Sponsors:
- Rocky Mountain
- Dr. Mike Peterson
- Western Montana Clinic

Bronze Sponsors:
- Big Sky Surgery Center
- Lucari Arthritis
- Missoula Nissan

Sapphire Physical Therapy

Major In-Kind Support from:
- Office Solutions
- Dillon Subway
Camperships, Donations and Memorials

Help make a dream come true for a child or young adult with cancer. All gifts will be acknowledged with a keepsake card.

Your Name: __________________________ Phone #: __________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________

**Camperships:** I would like to donate ____ Campership(s) @ $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:** This gift is made in _______ honor _______ memory of __________________________

Given by __________________________

Send keepsake memorial card to: __________________________

Name(s): __________________________ Phone #: __________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** __________________________

Paid by: Cash ____ Check ____ ________

MasterCard ____ Visa ____ American Express ____ Discover ________

Account #: __________________________

Expires: __________________________

Signature: __________________________