

THE DREAMCATCHER

CAMP MAK-A-DREAM ★ GOLD CREEK, MONTANA

OUR MISSION

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

2009 Schedule

January 6 – 11

Young Adult Conference
Young adults with cancer, ages 18 – 30

April 30 – May 4

Ovarian Cancer Retreat
Women diagnosed with ovarian cancer

May 13 – 18

Young Adult Survivors Conference
Young adult cancer survivors, ages 20 – 39

June 18 – 25

Young Adult Conference
Young adults with cancer, ages 18 – 30

July 1 – 8

Teen Camp
Teenagers with cancer, ages 15 – 18

July 12 – 19

Kids Camp
Children with cancer, ages 6 – 14

July 23 – 30

Siblings Camp
Siblings or children of cancer patients,
ages 6 – 17

August 13 – 18

Heads Up Conference
Survivors of pediatric brain tumors,
ages 18 – 25

September 10 – 14

Ovarian Cancer Retreat
Women diagnosed with ovarian cancer

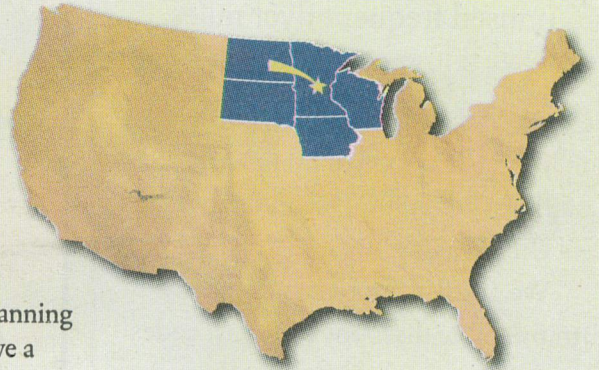
October 8 – 11

Women's Cancer Retreat
Women diagnosed with cancer

For more information and applications,
please visit www.campdream.org.

CAMP MAK-A-DREAM OPENING OFFICE IN THE UPPER MIDWEST

It's official. Camp Mak-A-Dream is opening an office in the Upper Midwest, based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a result of our strategic long-range plan, this office will be the first of several outreach locations that will help raise awareness of Camp Mak-A-Dream's Montana programs. This office will focus on communities within Minnesota and the surrounding states (Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota and North Dakota). An active volunteer exploratory committee has been formed in the Twin Cities and is working with Camp Mak-A-Dream's long-range planning committee in Montana to shape this effort. We hope to have a Minnesota-based staff member in place by fall 2009.



If you know someone in this area who might be interested in helping out, please contact Stu Kaplan at stu@campdream.org or call (406) 549-5987.



A NEW LOOK ON THE WEB AT CAMPDREAM.ORG

Camp Mak-A-Dream is excited about the launch of its beautiful new Web site: www.campdream.org. Thanks to the generosity of Partners Creative, a creative resources company in Missoula, Montana, the new site is up and running and is already receiving great reviews.

Not only does the site offer great photos of our campers and facility, but valuable information about our various programs, this year's schedule and applications, upcoming special events, volunteer and staffing opportunities, renting our facility and more.

You can even show your support with a financial gift through our new online donation feature. Simply click the "Donate Now" button. It's that easy!

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And, look for us on Facebook.
Join our cause and become a fan today.



Help Someone Get to Camp by Donating 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 or more on various airlines including Delta/Northwest, 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 & 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) 549-5987 or shirley@campdream.org.

What's Happening at CAMP MAK-A-DREAM

Expansion of Cancer Programs



Heads Up Conference

The first Heads Up Conference was held in August 2008 and was a great success. The program, which is for young adult survivors of pediatric brain tumors, will return in 2009 offering this experience to an increased number of participants.

Adult Cancer Retreats

Due to growing interest, we will be offering two Ovarian Cancer Retreats in 2009—one in the spring and another in the fall—as well as our annual Women's Cancer Retreat in October. We are also pleased to announce that in 2009, our adult retreats will be offered free of charge. Donations, however, are welcomed and greatly appreciated.



New and Updated Program Activity Areas

Mini-Golf

Making its Camp Mak-A-Dream debut in July of 2008 was our new mini-golf course featuring nine holes and a Lewis & Clark theme. Participants got the chance to sign their names inside the teepee at the fifth hole; some even marked the number of times they went through the course next to their names.



Horses

We plan to continue offering horse programs as part of our camp activities in 2009, thanks to the dedication of some talented and generous volunteers. The horse activities offer participants the chance to learn basic riding techniques, get close to the horses by grooming and feeding and perhaps take part in a supervised ride in our new on-campus riding ring.



Ropes Course & Climbing Wall

We have updated and expanded our ropes course and climbing wall. Four elements were added to the ropes course—the Charlie Chaplin walk, the X, Wobbly Bars and Floating Islands. New rock holds were also added to the climbing wall, challenging participants to find new routes.

Please see the front page of this newsletter, or visit our Web site at www.campdream.org for a full schedule of programs offered by Camp Mak-A-Dream this year.

President's Message

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Greetings from the Camp Mak-A-Dream board of directors! This past year seems to have gone by particularly quick. I am glad that spring is just around the corner. 2008 was a very good year for Camp as we moved forward on several projects and guided our organization through an eventful second half of the year, while also experiencing so many major changes in our nation.

I encourage everyone to visit our new Web site, www.campdream.org. You will be pleased with what you see. This Web site portrays what a dynamic and wonderful place our camp is for everyone who has the good fortune of experiencing it. There are new links to find information, contact us, and make contributions online. We also continue to work on our expansion efforts to open an outreach office in the Midwest by the end of the year.

Our fundraising committee has some exciting events coming your way this year. See our Special Events section for more information and dates. RATPOD (Ride Around The Pioneers in One Day) had its most successful event ever last year with the ride selling out in 48 hours. Plans are well under way for this year's ride, scheduled for June 27.

Thank you to all of our supporters for the time, talent and resources you provide that make Camp Mak-A-Dream continue to be the caring place it's become over the last fourteen years for so many children, teens and adults affected by cancer. We will continue to explore new ways to help them cope, as well as triumph in their lives.

Bob Homer
President

Children's Oncology Camp Foundation

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

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 or Planned Gift*

Pledge an amount to be paid over a period of time (monthly, quarterly, annually). You can also leave 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 significantly 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 Camp Mak-A-Dream literature at your place of business or professional office.

Have us 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 or e-mail jennifer@campdream.org to arrange a speaking engagement.

Rent Our Facility

You can rent the beautiful Camp Mak-A-Dream facility, late August through mid-May, for your next gathering or meeting. Please see page 7 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, or bring in professional program speakers to conduct workshops, or allow our staff to travel spreading 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 2.

* These gifts may also be made online at www.campdream.org.



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 2009, and would love the opportunity to make a stop near you and help you spread the word.

Donate Unused Ad Space

If your business has a regular ad space in a newspaper or magazine that you're not always using, donate that space for Camp Mak-A-Dream to run an ad instead. Please contact Jennifer Benton, Director of Marketing & Special Events, at (406) 549-5987 or e-mail her at jennifer@campdream.org if you have space you'd like to donate.

Corporate Matching Gifts

Many companies have a matching gift program that can match all or a portion of employees' donations to charitable organizations. Next time you make a donation to Camp Mak-A-Dream, ask your employer if your company offers a matching gift program, and if so, how you can obtain a form to make your donation go even further.

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. Applications and additional information is available by calling our office (406) 549-5987 or visiting 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 or at a fundraising event.

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Volunteer Positions at Camp

- ★ **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 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 hard-working folks! If you are interested in helping out but want to stay out of the spotlight, this is the position for you.

Applications for the above positions are available on our Web site at www.campdream.org or by calling our office at (406) 549-5987.

- ★ **Presenters** are individuals or groups with a special skill or service they would like to offer our participants. Presenters generally come to camp for a day and offer educational or activity-based services ranging from digital photography to art therapy. If you would like more information on being a presenter, contact Beth Jones at beth@campdream.org or call the foundation office.
- ★ **Medical Professionals** Each camp session, we select a group of doctors and nurses to review camper medical files, administer medications and handle any medical emergencies 24-hours a day. If you would like more information on being a medical staff volunteer, please call the foundation office.

A Message from Our Founder



Dear Friends,

Spring is such a wonderful time of year, not only because of the sunshine and warmer temperatures, but because it means that another Camp season is just around the corner. This year will be the fifteenth summer of cancer programs offered at the beautiful Camp Mak-A-Dream facility in Gold Creek.

The dream of this special place lives on and I look forward to being back in Montana this summer. I just love spending time at Camp, meeting new people and seeing lots of familiar faces. It will be nice to once again be in the art studio weaving with the campers.

Camp would not be possible without the generous support of so many people—our donors, volunteers, the campers themselves, those of you who help us spread the word about this wonderful place ... I thank you all for helping us keep this dream alive and well at Camp Mak-A-Dream.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Granader

Campers REMEMBERED

Jason Brightfield
St. Louis, MO
September 23, 2008

Amber Burt
Austin, TX
August 17, 2007

Laura Cross
Oklahoma City, OK
August 16, 2008

Joe Daily
Flushing, MI
June 24, 2008

Wendy Duncan
Oklahoma City, OK
September 27, 2008

Michael Durff (Durff Man)
Shippensburg, PA
January 8, 2009

Katie Fitzgerald
Lewisville, NC
August 18, 2008

Judy Freeman
Memphis, TN
March 9, 2008

Deborah French
Clearwater, FL
May 16, 2008

Allen Goldberg
San Francisco, CA
June 22, 2008

Jane Grey
Grand Rapids, MI
April 10, 2008

Sherry Hannon
Comstock Park, MI
April 3, 2008

Kiersten Hickman-Perfetti
Highland Park, NJ
April 23, 2008

Matthew Chema Hungerford
Missoula, MT
March 2, 2008

Shirley Inveen
Gig Harbor, WA
March 12, 2009

Darlene (DJ) Jelin
Winnetka, CA
May 10, 2008

Karen Kempel Jones
Missoula, MT
March 27, 2008

Sue Knepp
Mogadore, OH
August 10, 2008

Abby Kuphal
Chaska, MN
December 25, 2008

Maida Maxwell
Midwest City, OK
April 17, 2008

Ethan McGraw
Grand Rapids, MI
September 8, 2008

Teresa Navas
Farmington Hills, MI
August 8, 2008

JinHee Olson
Missoula, MT
June 6, 2008

Carol Selman
Newalla, OK
2008

James Sheehi
Fort Worth, TX
January 7, 2009

Jenny Sorrell
Grand Prairie, TX
November 22, 2007

Deb Townsend
Whitehouse, OH
December 1, 2007

Marty Tyson
Lincoln, MT
December 18, 2007

Ann Varner
Dearborn, MI
December 2007

Cary Vera-Garcia
Coral Springs, FL
July 23, 2008

Executive Director's Report

Last year was a year of growth and excitement at Camp Mak-A-Dream. In August, we hosted the first-ever residential community program geared towards young adult survivors of childhood brain tumors. This event was planned and implemented in partnership with the Children's Brain Tumor Foundation. These inspirational young people had a chance to network and share the challenges of their daily lives. Practical issues, such as forming peer-to-peer relationships, disclosure of cancer history, and employment were discussed. This pilot program was a huge success with a long waiting list. We are pleased to be able to expand this program for 2009.

In addition, we hosted a camp for kids with cancer, a camp for teens with cancer, two conferences for young adults with cancer, a camp for siblings and children of cancer patients, a conference for ovarian cancer patients, a conference for women with any cancer diagnosis, and a conference for long-term survivors of cancer in their 20s and 30s. Each program was moving, inspirational and successful for participants and staff alike.

We have renovated our ropes course and added new elements as well as purchased a much needed all-wheel-drive vehicle, through the generosity of the Alice Lee Lund Charitable Trust. Through funding from Friends of Camp Mak-A-Dream in Michigan, we built a mini-golf course and numerous other gifts and grants have allowed us to repair roofs, perform routine facility upkeep and offer our incredible programs to kids, young adults and families affected by cancer.

In these difficult economic times, each gift means more than ever. On behalf of the board of directors, the staff, the volunteers, and most of all, the campers of Camp Mak-A-Dream, thank you so much for the support you have given us. As we enter our fifteenth season, we are excited about the growth the future holds, and our ability—with your generosity—to help more and more participants share in the camp experience.

Stuart J. Kaplan, MD

Special Events – 2009



Camp Mak-A-Dream Golf Tournament

May 20, The Ranch Club – Missoula, MT

- ★ Registration fee is \$125/person, \$500/foursome or \$650/foursome team plus a hole sponsorship.
- ★ Entry includes golf, lunch and various contests and prizes.
- ★ Field is limited to the first 110 players to register and pay.
- ★ Corporate and hole sponsorships (\$250/each) available; please contact us for more information.



Thanks to The Ranch Club for hosting and helping underwrite this event.

Waterton-Glacier Lake Jumping Project

2009

- ★ Marc Ankenbauer, cancer survivor and outdoor enthusiast, aims to jump in all 150 plus lakes in Glacier and Waterton national parks (and has already checked 111 off that list).
- ★ His goal is to raise awareness of cancer survivorship and funds for Camp Mak-A-Dream.
- ★ Visit Marc's online fundraising page for more information or to make a donation. www.firstgiving.com/glacierlakejumps
Find photos at: www.flickr.com/photos/glacierlakejump



8th Annual RATPOD, Ride Around The Pioneers in One Day

June 27, Big Hole Valley, MT



- ★ 130-mile bicycle ride around the Pioneer Mountains, starting and ending at UM-Western in Dillon.
- ★ Riders pay a registration fee and are asked to raise donations for Camp with prizes going to the riders who raise the most money.
- ★ To sponsor a rider, make a general donation or learn more, please visit www.ratpod.org.





Walleye Benefit Fishing Tournament

Put on by Montana PikeMasters & Walleyes Forever

August 1, Canyon Ferry Reservoir – Helena, MT

- ★ Walleye fishing tournament; entry fee \$60 per boat (100-boat limit).
- ★ Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Camp Mak-A-Dream.
- ★ For more information or to enter, visit <http://cmadbenefit.bigskyoutdoors.net>.
- ★ Visit www.walleyesforever.com and www.pikemasters.com for more on these two clubs.
- ★ Tournament director, Peggy Lawyer, can be reached at (406) 855-8432.

Gold Creek Express – Train Trip to the Old West

September 26, Missoula to Camp Mak-A-Dream Facility – Gold Creek, MT

- ★ Travel back in time via rail to Gold Creek, Montana, home of Camp Mak-A-Dream.
- ★ Tickets are \$150 per person, which includes train transportation between Missoula and Gold Creek, plus dinner and great Old West activities.
- ★ For reservations or more information, call (406) 549-5987 or visit www.campdream.org.
- ★ Limited space available. Please book your reservations early!



Hold Your Next Event at Camp Mak-A-Dream

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) 549-5987 or e-mail jennifer@campdream.org.

RATPOD 2009 Sponsors

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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 May.

The main lodge is ideal for large group meetings or activities, seats 120 people comfortably for meals, and is available for day use or multi-day events. For overnight stays, we have five lovely cabins, which accommodate 12 – 24 people each, as well as additional housing and meeting rooms in our health center building.

For photos and pricing information, please visit www.campdream.org. If you have questions or would like to inquire about renting the camp facility, contact Shirley Hummer at (406) 549-5987 or shirley@campdream.org.

CAMP MAK-A-DREAM 2009 WISH LIST

Art Studio

- Nylon, hemp, silk and leather cord for jewelry-making
- Sharpie pens in assorted colors
- Glass beads
- Jewelry-making tools and findings
- Paint brushes (various sizes)
- Acrylic and Tempera paint
- Fleece and silk material (1+ yd. pieces)

Camp Activities and Programs

- DVD movies (rated G and PG) and Wii games
- Costumes for dress-up
- Disposable cameras
- Blank journals (styles for boys and girls)
- Aluminum target-point arrows (archery)
- Horseback riding helmets (adult size large)
- Vest style PFDs (life jackets) in good condition
- Ping-pong paddles and balls
- New decks of playing cards
- New, plain white cotton T-shirts (child-adult sizes) and pillowcases for tie dying
- Portable CD players (boom box style)
- Small carnival prizes (for ages 6-17)
- Velcro catch ball sets
- Walking/hiking sticks
- 8-10 person camping tents (complete and in good condition)

Medical Supplies

- New boxes of Band-aids
- New bottles of sunscreen
- New cans of insect repellent

Office Supplies & Equipment

- Card stock paper in assorted colors
- Nice, decorative 8.5" x 11" paper
- Motion nightlights with bulbs
- Recordable blank CDs and plastic cases
- Small alarm clocks
- Mailing labels (Avery #5160, 30/page)
- Catalog size mailing envelopes (9" x 12" and 10" x 13")
- Stacking storage containers with lids (large sizes)
- Shade tent/canopy structures (10' x 10' or 12' x 12')
- Unopened first-aid kits
- Batteries (AA, AAA, D, 9V)
- Nametags (clear plastic hanging, pin-on and sticker styles)

Maintenance Equipment

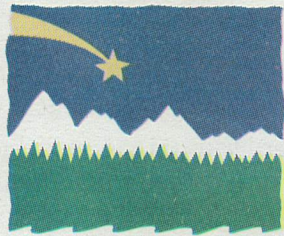
- Leaf blower (gas-powered)
- Rototiller
- Scaffolding set
- Large oxygen & acetylene tanks (for cutting torch)

There are lots of everyday items needed at Camp. If you would like to donate anything from our wish list, you can drop items by our foundation office in Missoula, or mail them to us at: Camp Mak-A-Dream, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806-1450. Donations may also be tax-deductible. If you have questions or would like more information, please call (406) 549-5987.



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Make a Donation/Join Our Mailing List

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

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail 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: _____

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