

# THE DREAM CATCHER

GOLD CREEK, MONTANA

**THANK YOU** to each and every person who made the 2023 Season such a success! This year we welcomed 108 Volunteers and 388 Campers from 39 different states. We are so grateful to our partners and supporters who empower us to create meaningful experiences for our campers and foster the wonderful community that connects us far beyond Gold Creek, Montana.



## A Letter From Our New Executive Director

Dear Camp Mak-A-Dream Community,

Greetings from Gold Creek! My name is George Laufenberg, and I have the honor of serving as the new Executive Director of Camp Mak-A-Dream and the Children's Oncology Camp Foundation. Like just about everyone, cancer has touched my life. I first heard about Camp in 2018, when a young friend of mine named Andrew was diagnosed with brain cancer. Amid the toughest fight of his life, Camp Mak-A-Dream was a respite and a reprieve - a world of adventure, freedom, and community. For one week each summer, Camp gave him an experience of hope and inspiration. Just as important: he brought those things home with him, and they helped sustain him throughout the year.



I couldn't be more excited to work with the extraordinary team of folks who make Camp a reality for hundreds of campers each year. I'd like to thank the Board of Directors for this opportunity - and for all of the time and talent they put into this phenomenal organization. And I would also like to acknowledge the profound contributions of my predecessor, Kim McKearnan, whose remarkable strength and vision led Camp through one of the most challenging periods in its history, emerging from the pandemic with renewed vigor and dedication.

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### Pay It Forward Campaign

*Have you ever received a travel scholarship from Camp Mak-A-Dream?*



This season alone, Camp awarded \$33,908 in travel scholarships to 97 campers so they could fly to Montana and join us for a life changing week at Camp. We are committed to keeping Camp a cost-free experience for survivors and their families, but that would not be possible without the incredible support of our sponsors.

If you are able, please consider donating to our [Travel Scholarship Fund](#) and help 'Pay It Forward' so that new campers can experience the magic of Camp.

### Newsletter Archive

Want to take a trip down memory lane? Check out the [Newsletter Archive](#) page on our website to learn about Camp Mak-A-Dream throughout the years.

### Upcoming Events

- Ovarian Cancer Retreat.....**Sept 7-11**
- Women's Cancer Retreat.....**Sept 14-18**
- 2023 Giving Challenge.....**November**

