



CAMP MAK-A-DREAM

Welcome to the Team!

Congratulations, you have been selected as a Volunteer at Camp Mak-A-Dream for the 2022 Season!

We are very excited to return to in-person sessions this year and plan to offer two adult spring retreats, six summer camps for kids, teens, and young adults, and five fall retreats specifically for families, adult women, and caregivers. We will have over 100 volunteers join us this summer serving as cabin counselors, dream team members, program assistants, and medical staff. Whether this is your first visit or you are a Camp Mak-A-Dream veteran, we are excited to have you join our team of talented, dedicated volunteers.

Our team has developed a fun, engaging schedule for each session, including one evening devoted to *this year's theme...the 80's!*

If you haven't been to Camp before, you will soon find out that we LOVE theme night, so be prepared to participate in games, dress-up and encourage everyone to participate and have a great time! Dinner, decorations and apparel for the evening will represent the 80's decade in style. Get creative! Break out your neon colors and bring fun costume props to wear or to share. If needed, we also have a prop closet with fun theme items you can borrow.



Paperwork

Steps required to complete your Camp file:

1. Visit the [2022 Volunteer Resource page](#)
2. Download the required paperwork for your volunteer position
3. Complete the required forms and return them to our Deputy Directors:
 - **Email:** Matt Beck (matt@campdream.org) and/or Kelly Lorton (kelly@campdream.org)
 - **Mail:** Camp Mak-A-Dream, PO Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806
 - **Fax:** 406-549-5933

Item:	Description:	Required for:
COVID Policies and Mitigation Strategies	Please carefully read our COVID Policies and Mitigation Strategies. Part of coming to Camp this year includes agreeing to follow our COVID policies and mitigation strategies.	All positions
Staff Manual	This document outlines Camp policies, procedures and other important information that our staff and volunteers must uphold. All volunteers (new and returning) should carefully read the Staff Manual.	All positions

Staff Manual Review Questions	The Staff Manual Review Questions are completed online and ensure understanding of important details and common questions about Camp.	New volunteers only
Volunteer Contract	Volunteer Contracts outline requirements and expectations for each volunteer position.	All positions
Medical/Physical Form	This form provides a brief, personal medical overview and is completed by you and your physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.	All positions
Travel Form	This form outlines your travel itinerary and allows us to accurately plan for arrival and departure days.	All positions
Background Check	Criminal background checks are required for all volunteers (regardless of position) at a session with participants under 18 years old.	All volunteers at: <i>Kids/Young Siblings Camp</i> <i>Teen Camp</i> <i>Teen Siblings Camp</i> <i>Teen Heads Up Conference</i>
A copy of a current CPR Certification	Adult CPR Certification is required for all volunteers serving as part of either our cabin or medical staff. CPR Certification can be completed through an online class or a local in-person course in your city.	Only Cabin Counselors and Medical Staff (<i>CPR is <u>not</u> required for Dream Team or Program Assistants</i>)

Please send your paperwork to us as soon as possible... summer will be here before we know it!

Information to Help Prepare for Your Trip to Camp

Activities: Camp Activities will vary depending on the session you are attending. Our campus has an archery range, swimming pool, ropes course, climbing wall, tree house zip line, mini golf, sports fields, art studio, and horseback riding. For some sessions, we also plan an off-campus trip that may include visiting the small mining town of Philipsburg, driving into Missoula for the farmer's market or a day of fun at the water park, going fishing or participating in another interesting adventure nearby. Camp covers the cost for off-campus trips and activities for participants and volunteers. Any personal purchases during such trips are the responsibility of each individual.

Camp Store: We have a camp store with items such as hats, apparel, smaller logo items, soda, candy and other assorted items. Payment is accepted by cash, check or major credit/debit cards. All volunteers will receive a complimentary t-shirt to wear during the week and take home with them. This year staff and volunteer shirts are **purple**, and camper shirts are **teal**.

Housing Options before, after or between Sessions: If you are volunteering for more than one session, please note that we are unable to accommodate any volunteer housing on campus outside of the actual camp sessions, so if you are coming for multiple weeks and planning to stay in Missoula between sessions, Camp can transport you to the Missoula airport. From there you will be on your own for transportation between sessions. Below are some options for places to stay, as housing on campus is not available before, after or between sessions. Mention that you are with Camp Mak-A-Dream to receive our pre-negotiated rates.

[Shady Spruce Hostel](#)

Single and Dorm-style rooms available for approximately \$40-\$55 / night
For reservations, call: 406-285-1197 and mention you are with Camp Mak-A-Dream.

[Comfort Inn](#)

Rates for Camp Mak-A-Dream friends: approximately \$89 + tax (single king or / dbl queen)
For reservations, call: 406-549-7600 and mention you are with Camp Mak-A-Dream.

[Wingate Inn by Wyndham](#)

Rates for Camp Mak-A-Dream friends: approximately \$110 + tax
For reservations, call: 406-541-8000 and mention you are with Camp Mak-A-Dream.

Internet Use/Cell Coverage: We ask volunteers to avoid the need for Internet access as much as possible during their stay. Limited open wireless is available in the lodge, but we discourage volunteers from bringing personal computers or electronic devices with Internet access to Camp. Refer to the Camp Manual for additional information on this topic. Cell phone coverage can be spotty depending on your provider, but overall is decent.

Limited Storage: The majority of people on campus reside in a community living environment, which results in limited personal storage space. Please keep this in mind when packing. Bedding/sleeping bags and pillows are provided, and we have beach towels available for hot tub/pool use, but we request that staff bring a towel for daily use if luggage space allows.

Mail: Incoming mail is distributed daily at Camp and outgoing mail is taken to the post office daily as well. If someone is mailing a letter or “care package” to Camp for you, we recommend they mail it before you leave for Montana to give it the greatest chance of making it to camp before you head back home. **Please note that even ‘express shipping’ options such as overnight will take a day longer to get to Gold Creek, MT than the shipping companies say... please trust us on this one!**

Camp mailing address:

Camp Mak-A-Dream
Camper Name
727 Camp Mak-A-Dream Road
Gold Creek, MT 59733

Medications: If you take any medications, please bring enough medication for your entire stay (including over the counter medications). Medications must be checked in and stored at the Health Center upon arrival, but accessible to you when you need them. If you arrive without enough prescribed medication, we cannot guarantee that we can get access to a replacement supply/prescription and you are responsible for purchasing any necessary medications during your stay with us.

Travel Information: Your volunteer position has been confirmed, so you can refer to the following guidelines and start planning your travel arrangements at your convenience:

Volunteers can either drive themselves to the Camp property in Gold Creek, MT or fly to Missoula, MT. Please note that volunteers are required to arrange and finance their own travel. We request that you arrive on the first day of the session and depart on the last day of the session. If you are flying into town prior to the first day of Camp, please see the housing options below and plan to be back at the airport no later than 1:00pm MST on the session arrival day to meet our staff.

There will be a Travel Form included in your paperwork to communicate your travel plans with us. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

Driving

- Camp Address: 90 Church Rd Gold Creek, MT 59733
- If you choose to drive to Camp, get on I-90 and take Exit 166 and head south about one mile. When you see the little white church, turn right, pass under the 6C sign, then turn left passing under the Camp sign, drive up the hill and park in the parking lot on the left. Grab your things from your vehicle, walk across the bridge and stop at the office in the Health Center for your check-in and orientation.
 - **Arrival:** Please arrive at the Camp property between 2:00-3:00pm MST.
 - **Departure:** Volunteers who drive to Camp typically leave campus by late morning.

Flying

- If you plan to fly, please book your flight into Missoula, MT (the airport code is MSO). Camp staff will meet you at the airport and transport you to and from the camp facility. **When booking your flight, please look at travel insurance, refundable flights or flights you can receive credit vouchers for in the event Camp needs to cancel for any reason. Camp Mak-A-Dream is not responsible for any costs in the event that it is necessary to cancel the camp session.**

- **Arrival:** Please book a flight that arrives mid-day (by 2:00pm MST on the first day of your session, if possible). If this is not possible, please contact us to make alternate arrangements. Our staff will greet you at the security gate/luggage area when you arrive and transport you to Camp.
- **Departure:** We suggest booking a flight that **leaves Missoula by 2:00pm MST** on the last day of your session. We do not plan Camp activities for departure day, so you won't miss anything if you have an early flight. Keep in mind that our facility is an hour drive from the airport, so if you have a morning flight that can mean leaving Camp very early. That said, if you need to depart on an early flight, we will make arrangements to get you to the airport on time. If you book a late afternoon or evening flight out of Missoula, please be prepared to spend some time on your own at the airport.

Tobacco/Alcohol/Marijuana Policy: Camp Mak-A-Dream is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is not allowed in any buildings or on campus grounds. This includes all tobacco products, plus electronic cigarettes and vaporizers. Also, alcoholic beverages should not be brought onto campus and the use of marijuana products, including those medically prescribed, is not permitted on Camp property.

Weather in Montana: Anything is possible as far as weather goes here in Big Sky country, so the best way to be prepared is to dress in layers. The daytime highs will likely range from 60-95 degrees, with nighttime lows between 40-60 degrees. The mornings are chilly and evenings tend to cool off, so we suggest you bring a jacket.



COVID Policies & Mitigation Strategies

The safety of our Camp community is our top priority. And because of the population we work with at Camp Mak-A-Dream, it is even more important we ensure that we are doing everything within our power to protect the health and well-being of our participants. People travel to camp from across the country and a number of our participants may be immunocompromised. During the 2022 season, we will implement a variety of mitigation strategies recommended by current CDC guidelines, industry best practices, state and local authorities, as well as by our Medical Committee that may include limiting capacity, testing, masking, distancing, increased time and activities outdoors, fewer offsite trips or outside visitors, modified meal services and cohort groups. Due to current Montana law, we are not allowed to require that individuals share their vaccination status with us, but we are strongly recommending that anyone coming to Camp be up to date with all vaccines for the overall well-being of our Camp community.

Our COVID strategies may continue to evolve as we approach (and throughout the duration of) the season as conditions warrant. We will share updated guidance about our COVID policies prior to your arrival at Camp.

Part of coming to Camp this year includes agreeing to follow our COVID policies and mitigation strategies. Should anyone disregard or fail to follow Camp COVID Policies and mitigation strategies, they may be asked to leave campus (at their own expense). Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about COVID impacts this season.

What to Bring to Camp

- **Personal Care:**
 - Face mask(s)

- Medications for your entire stay
 - Soap, shampoo, conditioner
 - Toothbrush, toothpaste and any other necessary toiletries
 - Lip balm or chap stick
 - Hairbrush (*Blow drier and curling iron if needed*)
 - Towel for daily use (*if space allows – pool/hut tub towels are available at Camp*)
 - *Note: Bedding and sunscreen are provided by Camp
- **Clothing:**
 - T-shirts
 - Jeans or long pants
 - Shorts (please note that Dream Team members working in the kitchen are required to have pants long enough to cover 2/3 of your legs or more)
 - Socks and underwear
 - Pajamas
 - Sweatshirt or light jacket (*we are not kidding – it gets very cool at night and in the morning*)
 - Swimsuit (*one piece only; or have a shirt/tank top to wear over your suit*)
- **Shoes:**
 - Tennis shoes or closed-toe shoes (*required for some outdoor activities & required for all Dream Team members working in the kitchen*)
 - Sandals
- **Additional Suggested Items:**
 - Baseball hat or sun hat
 - Sunglasses
 - Banquet Night Attire (*casual or dressy - optional, you're welcome to come as you are!*)
 - Costume or props for our Theme Night (*this year's theme 80's - optional, you are also welcome to borrow something from Camp*)
 - Cell phone or camera with charger and batteries
 - Money for the Camp Store purchases (*candy, pop, clothing, stamps etc.*)
 - Headlamp or flashlight
 - Warm Fuzzies*
- **Warm Fuzzy Bags:** *Staff and campers will make a “Warm Fuzzy” bag to hang in the dining room that serves as a personal mail box for each person to receive small notes and goodies throughout the week. This is a fun and totally optional activity at Camp but often people like to share a special little something with the others in the group – might be a favorite poem, a small trinket from your home state, a sweet treat or word of encouragement. Bags, paper and writing utensils are provided at Camp. Please be mindful that Camp is a diverse community. We ask that you do not bring items with any specific political or religious affiliation.
- **Please Note:**
 - Personal space in the sleeping areas at Camp is limited, so please bring only what you need
 - Camp Mak-A-Dream is not responsible for lost or stolen items
 - Lost and found items are kept for a limited amount of time after camp sessions
 - Please label all personal belongings including medications, bags and suitcases
 - Valuables can be locked in the Health Center office, but we prefer that they stay at home
- **What NOT to Bring to Camp:**
 - Pets
 - Expensive jewelry or electronics
 - Alcohol, tobacco items, cigarettes (including vapor or e-cigarettes), tobacco products, matches, lighters, fireworks, laser pens
 - Knives, illegal drugs, firearms or other weapons

Keep up with Camp Mak-A-Dream by following us on Facebook and Instagram (@campmakadream).

On behalf of our entire team – thank you for contributing your time, energy and compassion to Camp Mak-A-Dream during the 2022 season. We look forward to sharing an incredibly meaningful week together. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our team. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Jennifer Benton <i>Camp Director</i>	Lauren Bender <i>Camp Director</i>	Matt Beck <i>Deputy Director</i>	Kelly Lorton <i>Deputy Director</i>	Jen Emendorfer-Wade <i>Camper Manager</i>	Stu Kaplan <i>Medical Director</i>
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