



CAMP MĀK-A-DREAM

Congratulations! You have been selected as a member of the summer 2022 Camp Mak-A-Dream Core Staff. This summer's Core Staff will consist of a team of up to 15 incredible people, yourself included! We will also have nearly 100 volunteers join us throughout the summer to help as program guests, cabin counselors, dream team, some program assistants and medical staff. We are excited to have you as part of this team of talented and dedicated people. Welcome!

All of the materials on the [Summer Staff webpage](#) will help to prepare you for your Camp Mak-A-Dream experience. Please read everything and respond in a timely manner. We need to have all of your information **in our office no later than May 15th**. Some items may be required before you arrive, for example, CPR certification (classes are available online if you cannot find one in your town). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office. This year our theme is the 80s (think bright colors, side ponies, windbreakers, break-dancing, video games, big hair...etc). Bring any ideas and costumes that you have and might want to share.

Core Staff training will be four to five intense days. Please read through your manual, even if you have been through training before and be prepared for some changes as we continue to adjust roles, responsibilities and procedures.

As always, one of the most important aspects of training is to learn about each other, discover each other's strengths and create a strong team. It is a time for us to work together to create a safe, nurturing environment where each group of participants and staff can thrive. To achieve our mission, to give each participant the best week possible, we must respect each other and trust that we are all working towards a common goal. We look forward to seeing you June 1st to start on a journey that we will remember for a lifetime!

Thanks again for giving Camp Mak-A-Dream your time, energy and compassion this summer – we will experience a memorable and meaningful summer together.

Sincerely,
Lauren and Jennifer (Camp Co-Directors)



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Here is what the team is looking like!

2022 Summer Core Staff

Liandra Rheam: *Residential Coordinator*
Jeremiah McCarthy: *Art Specialist*
Jadynn Yocum: *Photography/Media Specialist*
Kennedy McKearnan: *Waterfront Specialist*
Sophia Flores: *Sports & Rec/Adventure Course*
Melinda Underwood: *Office Coord./Advt Course Lead*

Riley Smith: *Cabin Leader*
Kaylee Carrico: *Cabin Leader*
Gabe W: *Cabin Leader*
Bremer Deaton: *Cabin Leader*
Brian Piggott: *Facilities Assistant*

Year-Round Camp Staff

Kim McKearnan: *Executive Director*
Jennifer Benton: *Camp Co-Director*
Lauren Bender: *Camp Co-Director*
Jen Emendorfer-Wade: *Camper Manager*
Matt Beck: *Camp Deputy Director*
Kelly Lorton: *Camp Deputy Director*
Stuart Kaplan, MD: *Director Medical Operations*
Jake Wood: *Facilities Director*
Joe Colistro: *Camp Chef*
Lori Wood: *Facilities Asst/Housekeeping Coord.*
Linda Baldwin: *Business Op & Donor Relations*
Maria Davis Thrasher: *Bookkeeping and Business Operations*

***** Core Staff Summer Schedule 2022 *****

Training will begin at 8am on June 1st. Our goal is to complete training by the end of the day June 4th but we may need to finish things up on the 5th. Please arrive in Missoula on May 31. If you are flying in, we'll transport you out to Camp. If a flight arriving on the 30th is your only option, please contact us as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. We will also need a copy of your flight itinerary. Please come well rested for our training time together. Here is what the season will look like:

May 31	Arrive at Camp	(or before 8am on June 1 when training begins)	Teams Fuego & MnT
June 1 - 4	Core training	(possible ½ day of added training on June 5)	Teams Fuego & MnT
	<i>Days off: June 5-6</i>		
June 7-12	Young Adult Conference		Team MnT
	<i>Days off: June 13-15</i>		
June 16-21	Heads Up Conference		Team Fuego
	<i>Days off: June 22-23</i>		

Some staff may be scheduled for event prep on these days in which case you would have days off June 26-27

June 24-25	RATPOD Event	(fundraising event for Camp, takes place in Dillon, MT)	
June 24-27	CSC Family Camp	(MT Cancer Support Community program with CMD S&R/pool staff)	

Days off: June 28 – July 5

July 6-11	Kids & Young Sibs Camp		Teams Fuego & MnT
	<i>Days off: July 12-14</i>		
July 15-20	Teen Siblings Camp		Team MnT
	<i>Days off: July 21-24</i>		
July 25-30	Teen Heads Up Conference		Team Fuego
	<i>Days off: July 31 – Aug 2</i>		
August 3-8	Teen Camp		Team MnT
August 8	Last official day for Core Staff	(Please plan to depart after 2 pm or on Aug 9)	

Arrival Days: Staff and volunteers arrive the same day as the campers. Core Staff is required to be on campus before 8am on arrival day. We will meet at 8:00am to start our very busy day.

Departure Days and Off Days: Staff is expected to stay on campus until the campers have departed and campus is cleaned and prepped for the next session. Housing is available during the off days to full time summer staff only (no volunteers, campers or guests). Some food is provided during this time however, the main kitchen is off limits. Chef Joe will make sure that those staying on campus will have access to what they need (breakfast items, leftovers from the week). **During off days all camp rules apply.**

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 evenings cool off so we suggest you bring a jacket. June can be cool with some rain. The daytime highs can range from 60-95 degrees, with nighttime lows somewhere between 40-60 degrees. It is best to come prepared for the heat, some rain and some cool weather. Trips to Missoula do happen frequently, so if you forget or need something, there are plenty of opportunities to pick things up.

Internet: Guest wireless connections are available in the Lodge and Health Center (and immediate surrounding areas). Staff can make arrangements to use the computers in the Health Center/Office or Resource Room if needed. For those of you that want Internet access we suggest looking into accessing a “hot spot” through your phone carrier to ensure the most reliable internet access.

Game Request: Please bring an icebreaker, game or rainy day activity to share during training. You do not need to bring the supplies if you choose to share an activity (we are sure that we can find what you need at Camp) but will need to explain the rules and may be asked to run it with the group.

Theme Night: One evening of each camp session will be devoted to this year’s theme...**the 80s!** If you haven’t been here before, you will soon find out that we LOVE theme night, so be prepared to lead or participate in games, decking the place out with décor, and encourage everyone to participate and have a great time! Dinner and dress for the evening will be all things 80s themed... think lots of bright colors, windbreakers, 80s movies, the list goes on! Get creative, bring what you might need for your own costume or to share, and know we always have props and items you are welcome to borrow if you change your mind.



Medications: If you have a prescription that will need to be filled during the summer, we make frequent trips to Missoula. If this is medication that you cannot do without, we suggest you bring enough for the whole summer if possible or plan on picking it up during our scheduled breaks. In the health center we have basic over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Claritin etc. to cover common ailments. If there is a product that you use regularly, please bring your own supply as quantities provided at Camp are limited.

Sleeping Arrangements for Core Staff: If you are a Cabin Leader, you will have a small room in one of our 4 residential cabins. Volunteers and campers will sleep in the main cabin sleeping areas. Program Staff and Coordinators will stay in the staff cabin. Linens, pillows, sleeping bags and towels are available for your summer use. Storage space is limited. Larger items can be stored in the lower Health Center but please keep this in mind when packing items you will need on a daily basis.

Breaks: During daily break times, you are welcome to use the time as you see fit – for rest, exercise, catching up with calls or messages, etc. As there is no designated workout space on campus, you are welcome to use your personal living quarters as space allows, or leave campus after signing out. You are welcome to bring

personal equipment with you as long as it does not interfere with anyone else's space. There will be an outdoor hang-out space adjacent to the staff cabin available for core staff use during the summer season.

Food/Meals/Prep Area: Core staff will have access to both a food storage and prep area, as well as (on occasion) access to left-overs as made available by the chef and kitchen staff. While you are welcome to use this space, we do ask that it be kept clean and in presentable condition, as the space may also be used for Camp workshops and break-outs during camp sessions.

We strive at Camp to accommodate special dietary restrictions and food allergies, however, if you have specific needs or wish to supplement or substitute Camp meals with items of your own, we ask that you plan to do so. The needs of campers and the greater Camp community is our priority and we are happy to provide three meals a day as planned and prepared by the chef and kitchen staff. This does not mean that all needs and special requests by staff can be necessarily be met, so please plan accordingly.

What to bring to Camp...suggested items

*Camp will provide you with two Camp Logo t-shirts for you to wear throughout the season
This year's colors are teal (campers) and purple (staff/volunteers)*

<u>Clothing:</u>	T-shirts	Sweatshirts (clothes that can be layered)
	Swimsuit (one-piece only)	Shorts
	Socks & Underwear	Sandals
	Pajamas	Jacket
	Jeans/long pants	Hiking Boots or sturdy closed-toed shoes
	Sneakers	

Linens: Camp will provide bedding & towels

<u>Supplies:</u>	Camera	Cell phone & charger	Toiletries
	Sunglasses	Medications	Head/reading light
	Toiletries	Books (off time)	Hat/sunscreen

Frequent trips to Missoula are made so that supplies can be purchased/replenished throughout the season, and of course you can shop on your days off as needed.

Special (optional):

- New music (song for campfire, ideas for dance playlists)
- Banquet Night Attire (casual or dressy)
- Costumes for fun or Theme Night (The 80's)
- Props for the end of the week Talent Show (guitar, ukulele etc.)
- Game ideas
- Warm Fuzzy supplies

What Not to Bring to Camp

- Pets
- Expensive items (jewelry, electronics etc)
- Alcohol, Cigarettes or tobacco (including e-cigarettes), matches, lighters, fireworks, laser pens
- Knives, firearms or other weapons, illegal drugs

Please Note: * Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
* Please label all belongings you are worried about losing.
* Space is limited, bring only what you need!
* Valuables can be locked in the Health Center.

If for some reason your summer plans change and you will not be able to be on our staff or if a conflict has come up causing you to need to leave campus temporarily during the summer, please let us know as soon as possible.