



Medical Care & Facilities

Gold Creek, Montana

Camp MAK-A-DREAM provides a safe, supportive environment that allows cancer patients and survivors to lean on one another, share their thoughts and fears, have fun and just feel “normal”. The facilities at camp include modern cabins, an art studio, health center and main lodge. Activities offered include swimming, field sports, ropes course & climbing wall, archery range and tree house zip line. The young adult conferences and the adult retreats also include educational workshops and guest speakers. Camp Mak-A-Dream serves a national population of individuals who are either currently undergoing or have completed treatment for cancer.

SUPERVISION RATIO

To ensure that each camper has a safe, fun and enriching experience, the camper to staff ratio is approximately 1:2 for Kids and Younger Siblings and 1:4 for Teens and Older Siblings, depending upon the specific needs of the group. At our Young Adult sessions 1-3 Concierges sleep in a separate room within the cabin.

ACTIVITIES

Camp activities are available to all participants equally. The campus is completely accessible, including the pool, hot tub, zip line, cabins, restrooms and lodge. Golf carts and wheelchairs are available to ensure that participants can get around campus easily. Participants are encouraged but not required to participate in the activities. Participants set their own limits (challenge by choice) and are never forced to participate beyond their comfort level.

MEDICAL CARE

Medical supervision is provided at each of our Camp sessions. Our health center is a stand-out facility where we administer cancer treatments and can even isolate patients when medically necessary. Medical information about each camper is reviewed by the medical team so that they are able to provide the best possible care. During the summer sessions medical staff meets one on one with campers on arrival day and the staff is informed of any specific medical issues and/or limitations (such as swimming or sun exposure). The role of the medical staff is non-intrusive to the daily activities at Camp but they are available 24 hours a day to address the needs of the campers. Our medical team is able to administer advanced treatment such as oral chemo therapy, IV antibiotics, and blood tests. Camp is able to accommodate the needs of those in the midst of treatment due to the support of volunteer physicians and nurses. Those in treatment are encouraged to apply.

- 1-4 registered nurses at each program, at least one of which is familiar with age appropriate oncology
- At least one physician oversees each camp; a doctor familiar with age-appropriate oncology is always on-call
- Ability to obtain routine lab studies, as well as unanticipated urgent studies. Turnaround time on an urgent blood count is less than one hour
- Ability to initiate septic workup and IV antibiotics
- Ability to administer scheduled oral chemotherapy
- Ability to administer IV fluids
- Ability to obtain lost, forgotten, or unanticipated medications 24 hours per day
- Medication storage and distribution by medical staff as needed
- Three private rooms which allow for close monitoring 24 hours per day, one of these is equipped for protective isolation with positive and negative flow
- Camp is a 20 minute drive to the community hospital and a one hour drive to a major medical center. For emergencies, we have a helicopter pad for urgent medical evacuation. We collaborate with these healthcare facilities to ensure the highest quality care for our campers.