A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING

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

Our facility is located 60 miles east of Missoula in Gold Creek and we also have an office in Missoula.

In 2013 we will offer the following programs for those diagnosed with cancer: Kids (6-14), Teen (15-18), Young Adults (18-40), Teen Brain Tumor Survivors (13-18), Young Adult Brain Tumor Survivors (18-30), Women (18+) and Ovarian Cancer Patients (18+) in addition to sessions for kids (6-12) and teens (13-18) with a parent or sibling with cancer.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP

We serve people from around the United States and beyond. We provide 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”. We offer sessions by age and/or diagnosis so that we can design programs to meet the specific needs of each group. Sessions typically have 35-55 participants and 15-35 staff.

Retreat Times: Five-day sessions are offered in the Spring and Fall for the Ovarian and Women’s Retreats. Other retreats are 6-7 days and are offered in the summer.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

To interact and gather information with diverse groups of people whose lives have been affected by cancer. At many of our sessions we offer educational workshops on topics that can help to improve their lives during and after their treatment. We offer sessions on health and wellness, late effects, grief and loss, relationships and how to develop better coping skills.

During the brain tumor specific sessions we address many of the issues specifically faces by brain tumor survivors; employment, relationship and educational barriers. We also do role plays to develop social skills.

At all of our sessions participants have the opportunity to talk about cancer with others who have had similar experiences. If a student chooses to work with us, we would be open to suggestions on new topics to offer our participants.

Workshops could be facilitated by students (perhaps co-facilitated with other camp staff). It would
give students the opportunity to do research on their own and gather information from participants attending camp.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
To assess needs and offer well-planned workshops/sessions based on those needs. To have all proposed workshops reviewed and approved by Camp Director and additional staff as needed. To share results with Camp Mak-A-Dream. To accept feedback from Camp Mak-A-Dream staff and make changes to material as needed. To abide by all Camp Mak-A-Dream policies and rules.

We are located outside of Missoula and offer week-long sessions. Travel to camp would be required. Time is limited to 5-7 days. Privacy of participants would be a concern. Waivers would need to be obtained.

See attached 2013 retreat schedule.
Gold Creek, Montana

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Applications and program descriptions may also be found on our website.
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2013 Cost-Free Programs
Open to cancer patients in or out of treatment

May 2-6
Ovarian Cancer Retreat - Spring
Women diagnosed with Ovarian cancer

June 2-8
Young Adult Conference
Young adults diagnosed with cancer (18-40 yrs)

June 11-17
Heads Up Conference
Young Adults diagnosed with a brain tumor (18-25 yrs)

June 20-26
Teen Camp
Teenagers diagnosed with cancer (15-18 yrs)

July 2-7
Siblings Camp
Siblings and children of cancer patients (6-12 yrs)

July 11-16
Siblings Camp
Siblings and children of cancer patients (13-17 yrs)

July 19-25
Kids Camp
Children diagnosed with cancer (6-14 yrs)

July 29 – Aug. 4
Teen Heads Up Conference
Teenagers diagnosed with a brain tumor (13-18 yrs)

September 5-9
Ovarian Cancer Retreat - Fall
Women diagnosed with Ovarian cancer

September 12-16
Women’s Cancer Retreat
Women diagnosed with any type of cancer

Camp Mak-A-Dream provides a safe, supportive environment that allows cancer patients to lean on one another, share their thoughts and fears, and just feel “normal.” Our complete, on-site health care center allows us to provide IV antibiotics, chemotherapy and blood transfusions as needed. The facility also includes isolation rooms, private and semi-private treatment rooms and enables us to serve participants undergoing active treatment, plus houses members of our volunteer medical staff.

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