

Cost Free Camp Programs

Camp Mak-A-Dream <http://campdream.org/>

Children, Siblings, Teen, & Adult Survivor Camp – Oncology diagnoses – Ages 6-40 years
Gold Creek, Montana (travel scholarship applications available)

Program Calendar 2011

June 5 – June 11	Young Adults Heads Up Conference (Brain Tumor Survivors)	Ages 18-25
June 15 – June 22	Young Adult Conference	Ages 18-40
June 29 – July 6	Teen Camp	Ages 15-18
July 10 – July 16	Siblings Camp	Ages 6-17
July 20 – July 27	Kids Camp	Ages 6-14
July 31 – August 6	Teens Heads Up Conference (Brain Tumor Survivors)	Ages 13-18
September 22 – 26	Women's Cancer Retreat	* <i>suggested donation \$250</i>
November 10 – 14	Caregivers Conference	(young adult cancer patients/survivors & immediate caregivers)

Dream Day on Cape Cod – Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe

<http://www.dreamdayoncapecod.org/>

Family Camp – Life-threatening/serious medical conditions - Brewster, Massachusetts

Each family will have their own small, modest cabin – cabins have electricity and a small fridge. Bathrooms are located in a separate building. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served daily – along with plenty of fresh and tasty snacks. The campground includes a dining hall, a centralized bathhouse with showers (including a handicap bathroom and six showers), 8 family cabins, 4 staff cabins, and a first aid station. In addition to waterfront activities at Rafe Pond, there is an archery ranch, low ropes course, outdoor theater, nature trailer, and playground. Some activities you can expect are arts and crafts a couple times during the week, daily trips to the pond for swimming and canoeing, exploring the waterfront to meet turtles, organized games, a nightly campfire, a trip to Barnstable for a whale watch, and a trip to the beach.

Our goal is to offer your family respite and a time to enjoy the company of one another. Dream Day is a family camp and ongoing parent supervision is critical. Programs are designed with the entire family in mind, and all programming is optional! Dream Day welcomes seriously ill children and their families serving a spectrum of diagnoses. Dream Day makes it a priority to reach new families on a continual basis. Service to Cape & Islands families is a priority as well. *In an effort to continually reach new families, Dream Day limits attendance at Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe for no more than **two summers**. Thank you for your understanding and consideration in helping us meet our priority of offering our special program to as many families as possible.*

Program Calendar 2011

Session 1	July 3-8
Session 2	July 10-15
Session 3	July 17-22
Session 4	July 24-29
Session 5	July 31-August 5
Session 6	August 7-12

**Sessions begin after 3pm on Sundays and end after breakfast on Friday.

Camp Sunshine <http://www.campsunshine.org/>

Family Camp – Life-threatening/serious medical conditions – Casco, Maine

The focus is on alleviating the strain that a life threatening illness takes not only on the sick child but also on other family members. Families have an opportunity to rebuild their relationships together and meet other families facing similar challenges. Accommodations and meals, onsite medical services, counseling services, and recreational facilities are all provided. In addition, a hospital with full-time emergency room physicians and pediatricians is only 25 minutes from the camp. Each family has their own family suite, and breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served each day. Recreational hours allow children to relax and enjoy the simple pleasures of childhood while their parents find quiet moments to walk by the lake and reaffirm their support for one another. Games and events are designed to foster family involvement, encouraging families to laugh and play as a unit.

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May 20 – May 22	Oncology
May 26 – May 30	Bereavement
June 3- June 7	Solid Organ Transplant
June 12 – June 17	Retinoblastoma
June 18 – June 22	Oncology
June 24 – June 29	Fanconi Anemia

** more summer programs to come...

Camp Dotty

Day Camp – Oncology diagnoses – Ages 4-7 years – Hasbro Children’s Hospital Garden

Patients and siblings ages 4-7 years old are invited to spend a week of day camp at Hasbro Children’s Hospital with volunteer ‘Buddies’ (18 years and older) who assist children participate in a variety of Camp activities. Camp Dotty will be held August 1 - 5, 2011. Please see Kelsey Hobbs, Child Life Specialist for application information or if interested in volunteering.

Hole in the Wall Gang Camp

<http://www.holeinthewallgang.org/Page.aspx?pid=471>

Patients & Siblings – Ages 7-15 years – Ashford, Connecticut
Oncology, hematology, immune disorder, or metabolic disease diagnoses

In each of the nine Camp sessions, approximately 120 children become naturalists and fishermen, athletes and actors, equestrians and hot air balloonists, potters and painters, poets and photographers, swimmers and singers, fly tiers and fly fishermen, outdoor campers and canoe paddlers, clowns and musicians, woodworkers and kite flyers, learning in the process that they can do more than they ever thought possible.

A typical day at Camp often begins early as campers can’t wait to have fun. Early risers accompany their counselors to a polar bear swim in the heated, zero-entry pool that allows all children to swim, regardless of any mobility challenges they may have. Breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. Each meal is accompanied by

announcements, cheers and singing and dancing in the dining hall. Then it's back to the cabins for a quick clean up before the first activity. Each cabin has an assigned activity area in the morning: horseback riding, arts and crafts, swimming, boating, fishing, woodshop and archery are among many possibilities. Surprises abound as clowns entertain, piggyback rides take place, snacks arrive unannounced, and impromptu games ensue. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. followed by an afternoon rest period. Afternoon activities are by the camper's choice, so a favorite program area experienced in the morning can be repeated later in the day. After a lively dinner in the dining hall, campers and counselors head back to the cabins briefly before the evening program activity: Stage Night, in which campers are invited to share a talent, is one weekly favorite. There's also campfire night with a cookout and songs, as well as Awards Night at the end of the week, when each camper receives an award for a special Camp accomplishment. Back in the cabins, it's time for Cabin Chat, allowing a period for campers to process the day and their thoughts. Lights are out and campers and counselors alike dream happy dreams of the fun-filled day ahead.

Program Calendar 2011

Session 1	General	June 8 - June 14
Session 2	General	June 17 - June 23
Session 3	Sickle Cell	June 26 - July 2
Session 4	Immunology	July 6 - July 12
Session 5	General	July 15 - July 21
Session 6	Sickle Cell	July 24 - July 30
Session 7	General	August 3 - August 9
Session 8	General	August 12 - August 18
Session 9	Siblings	August 21 - August 27

Brothers and sisters of campers who attend Sessions 1-8 who live in New England will receive an application in June to apply for the Brother/Sister Session. Those living outside this area may request an application by contacting the Camp office. Children applying for this session must be between the ages of 7 and 15 and must not have a diagnosis that would make him/her eligible for our other sessions. Brothers and sisters attend this session separately from their diagnosed sibling.

Camps sponsored by The American Cancer Society

www.cancer.org

The American Cancer Society is proud to offer free summer camps for children with cancer. Staffed by pediatric oncologists and nurses to attend to the children's needs, these camps provide a place for children in treatment or remission to become kids again through the summer camp experience. The camps also allow the children to see they are not alone in their struggle and provide peer support for everyone involved. State residents are given preference but children who live out-of-state are also encouraged to apply.

Camp Rainbow

For Patients & Siblings, ages 4-18 years, Ellsworth, Maine, June 26-July 2, 2011

Camp Hope

For Patients & Siblings, ages 7-17 year, North Scituate, Rhode Island, August 14-19, 2011

Camp Rising Sun

For Patients, ages 5-17 years, Colebrook, Connecticut, August 21-26, 2011

Starlight – Great Escapes Program

<http://www.starlight.org/greatescapes/>

Ongoing Family Activity Program – Multiple diagnoses – Ages 18 years and under

The variety of activities offered through *Great Escapes* is endless: movie screenings, circus trips, mother-daughter makeovers, sporting events, picnics and more. Starlight and our corporate partners and donors underwrite all event costs to make every *Great Escape* an "all inclusive" affair, allowing families to relax and enjoy themselves while someone else worries about the details.

To be eligible for acceptance into the *Great Escapes* family activities program, a child must have a serious illness or a severe chronic medical condition that significantly affects their day-to-day existence. To be considered medically eligible for the program, a child must have a medical illness or condition that falls within one of the following categories:

- Applicant has a life threatening medical illness
- Condition significantly restricts mobility
- Pain and discomfort from the condition cannot be controlled or surgically repaired
- Condition requires significant and ongoing medical treatment
- Condition is progressive
- If the condition is not progressive, it must be current