



**Welcome to the 2025 Summer Staff Team! We are so excited you're joining us!**

**In this document you will find:**

- The staff schedule for the summer
- What to pack list
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Typical daily schedule

## **Summer Staff Schedule and Days Off**

June 2: Summer staff arrival day! We will have a staff welcome dinner at 6pm with games to follow

**June 3 - 9: Summer Staff Training**

June 9 - 10: Days Off

**June 12 - 17: Heads Up Conference** (brain tumor survivors; age 18-35)

June 18 - 19: Days Off

**June 20 - 22: RATPOD** (Camp bike ride fundraiser in Dillon, MT)

June 23 - 25: Days Off

**June 26 - 29: CSC Family Camp** (family camp with partner organization)

June 30 - July 1: Days Off

**July 2 - 7: Teen Siblings Camp** (siblings or children of cancer survivors; age 13-18)

July 8 - 10: Days Off

**July 11 - 16: Teen Camp** (cancer & brain tumor survivors; age 13-18)

July 17 - 19 Days Off

**July 20 - 25: Kids & Young Siblings Camp** (cancer survivors & siblings or children of cancer survivors; age 6-12)

July 26 - 29: Days Off

**July 30 - August 3: Family Camp** (families with a survivor under 18)

August 3: Summer Staff End of Season Banquet

August 4: Summer staff departure day part 1

August 4 - 6: Days Off

**August 7 - 11: Young Adult Conference** (cancer survivors; age 18-35)

August 12: Summer staff departure day part 2

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## **Frequently Asked Questions and Other Helpful Info**

**How do I get to camp?** Planes, trains and automobiles! If you are driving, plan on arriving before 6pm on June 2nd. If you are flying, book your flights to the Missoula Airport (MSO). We'll pick you up from the airport and drive you up to camp!

**Arrival Days:** The first day of each session is called arrival day (because that's when campers arrive... we're very creative). Summer Staff are required to be on campus at 8am on arrival day for the staff meeting.

**Departure Days and Off Days:** Staff are expected to stay on campus until the campers have departed and campus is cleaned and prepped for the next session. It depends on how much work there is to do and how quickly the staff team gets through it but typically we're wrapped up by 2pm or 3pm. Housing and food are

available during the off days to full time summer staff only (no volunteers, campers or guests). **During off days all camp rules apply.**

**What's the weather like in Montana?** *Be prepared is to dress in layers.* It will get up to 95+ degrees during the day but evenings/nights can be as cold as 40 degrees. Bring at least a couple pairs of long pants and sweatshirts!

**Do you have Internet?** Yep! Guest wireless connections are available in the Lodge and Health Center (and immediate surrounding areas). During the week, staff may not stream or use the internet heavily because it's needed for camp work functions (checking email, etc is fine). Most major cell phone carriers get pretty decent reception at camp.

**Medications:** If you have a prescription medication that you cannot do without, we suggest you bring enough for the whole summer. If this is not possible, we make frequent trips to Missoula and you can fill the prescription in town during your 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 Summer 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 stay in the staff cabin. Linens, pillows, sleeping bags and towels are available for your summer use.

**Food/Meals/Prep Area:** staff will have access to both a food storage and prep area to use on days off, as well as access to food and left-overs as made available by the chef and kitchen staff.

We strive at Camp to accommodate special dietary restrictions and food allergies. We can accommodate for gluten free, dairy free, and vegetarian diets. We will do our best to accommodate other food allergies/needs but if you have questions please reach out to Lauren or Kelsey and talk it over.

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## What to Pack

*All Camp Mak-A-Dream are expected dress in a way that is neat, clean, and modest. If your underwear/midriff/etc is visible... leave that outfit at home :)*

### Clothing:

*Camp will provide you with at least one Camp Staff t-shirt*

T-shirts	A couple sweatshirts, jackets
Shorts	Modest Swimsuit (think tankini/one piece; guys no speedos or super short shorts)
Socks & Underwear	Sandals that you can strap (you need to be able to move quickly at any moment)
Pajamas	Jacket
Jeans/long pants	Sneakers/sturdy closed-toed shoes (crocs do not count as a closed toe shoe)
Costume(s) (optional)	One nice outfit for Banquet Night

**Linens:** Camp will provide bedding & towels, you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer

### Supplies:

Cell phone & charger	Toiletries	Flashlight/Headlamp
Sunglasses	Medications	Hat(s)

Sunscreen

Guitar/Ukelele (optional)

***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.***

### **What Not to Bring to Camp**

Pets

Expensive items (jewelry, electronics etc)

Alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco (including e-cigarettes), marijuana, lighters, fireworks, laser pens

Knives, firearms or other weapons, illegal drugs

### **Please Note:**

\* Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items

\* Space is limited, bring only what you need!

\* Valuables can be locked in the Health Center

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## **A Typical Day at Camp**

*Times and activities vary by session and age group*

7:30 Optional early morning activity

**8:00 Breakfast**

10:00 Activity and workshop rotations

**12:30 Lunch**

1:00 Cabin Time

Staff Meeting

2:00 Choice time rotations

4:00 Free time

**6:00 Dinner**

7:00 Cabin Chat (campers discuss topics in their cabin group)

8:00 All Campus Evening Activity

Optional late-night activities (for teen and young adult sessions)

*Lights out times vary depending on camper ages (9:00ish for young kids, 10:00 ish for teens, and 11:00 ish for young adults)*