

Living the Dream

Water Sports Program a Success!

This year we had more participants, more activities and more fun.



This past July, DREAM Board Members and volunteers hosted the 3rd annual Summer Water Sports Program for disabled children and adults to experience the wonderful water recreation possibilities in Northwest Montana. This year's event was incredible and the most common activity was smiling. Participants of all ages with a wide variety of developmental and physical

disabilities were represented for the three-day event held at Big Sky Bible Camp on Peterson Lake.

A pontoon boat was on hand all three days and was a big hit this year. It was part boat ride and part historical sightseeing tour with some lucky participants even taking a turn at the helm to drive the boat.

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Volunteers are the life blood of the DREAM organization. They not only work to serve others, they come away with a real joy and appreciation for the kids and adults in the programs.

Volunteers are given special training in adaptive sports to meet the needs of the participants. If you have an interest in joining our team, contact us to fill out an application and find out more. You don't have to know how to snow or water ski, we need help in many areas including administration, fundraising, and promotion.



WATER SPORTS CONTINUED...

Participants were able to use two boats; one for tubing and the other for skiing with very little down time between runs on the lake. They were allowed to ski and tube as many times as they wanted with some kids alternating between the boats all day long. For those who enjoy a slower pace, they were able to go on a boat ride, swim or kayak in a small cove nearby.



also a time for children of all ages to discover their capabilities. For some, this kind of growth is difficult, so after success there is excitement and a greater sense of pride. Our volunteers come to help and encourage those who may need a hand, but often go away with their hearts full, their resolve to continue helping strengthened, and increased knowledge that they have achieved growth. DREAM plans to expand this program next summer by offering the Water Sports Program multiple times and implementing other activities such as fishing, sailing, biking, and adaptive climbing. We hope to see you there!

Everyone came away knowing that they had been a part of something great. The Water Sports Program is an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to have fun water skiing and tubing at the lake, but it's

WINTER DREAM ADAPTIVE BY THE NUMBERS...

189

Number of DREAM participants during the 2010-2011 winter season.

917

Number of participant days.

153

Number of participants from area schools and local organizations.

3438

On-snow hours logged during the season.

14

Destination skiers from out of the area that joined us for the winter program.

110

Volunteers who skied at least one day.

771

Number of on-snow volunteer days.



WORDS OF WISDOM

“Continuous effort, not strength or intelligence, is the key to unlocking your potential.”

-Winston Churchill

DREAM LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Dream Adaptive Recreation would like to rebrand the organization starting with a new logo. **If you design the winning entry, you will be awarded a \$400 prize** provided by an outside donor. The contest is open to all professional and amateur graphic artists. The winning design should reflect the group's mission to promote seasonal outdoor recreation for children and adults with disabilities.

The new logo will be used for business cards, promotional materials, embroidery and web design. The current logo represents winter, however Dream is expanding their Summer Program and the new logo should reflect both summer and winter outdoor recreation for disabled people. Members have suggested earth tone colors, a scene with mountains and

lakes, a cloud or something evoking a "dream" and a colorful striped background. Use your imagination and show us what you think the ultimate DREAM logo should look like.

Images should be high resolution with a minimum of 300 dpi suitable for print publication. Vector image files are preferred, but other formats are welcome.

The contest ends November 10th and the winner will be chosen by the Dream Adaptive Board of Directors at the November 15th board meeting. The winner will be notified by November 20th and the winning design will be posted on the Dream Adaptive website.

For further information, call Lynette at 314-2834 or visit our website, www.DreamAdaptive.org



Calendar

October 26th, 2011

Annual Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Three Rivers Bank
552 North Meridian - Kalispell

Nov 29th & Dec 1st, 2011

Volunteer Orientation
Times & Places TBD

December 6th and/or 8th, 2011

Indoor Adaptive Training
Times & Places TBD

December 10th-11th 2011

On-Snow Training
Whitefish Mountain Resort

February 4th, 2012

Whitefish Winter Carnival Parade

February 17th, 2012

DREAM 'N the Night Away Dinner
Hilton Garden Inn - Kalispell

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www.DreamAdaptive.org

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