

BIRCHWOOD DREAM

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Family Newsletter

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This is the first of a new monthly newsletter that will help us stay in touch and keep you up to date on all of our DREAM activities!

Recruiting

Currently, the recruiting committee is in the process of looking for new mentors. Champlain DREAM has eight mentees that do or will need new mentors by the end of the semester. Potential mentors have been attending Friday DREAMs and meetings to see if they're a good fit for DREAM. Before college students are accepted into the DREAM program, they must attend a series of Fridays and mentor meetings to show commitment. We also interview all mentors and background checks are completed. By the middle of March, new mentors will have been selected. We need to find new mentors before we recruit new kids, but we are constantly on the look out so feel free to fill out applications for the other children in your family, or refer kids in the neighborhood. Contact Megan Spaulding at 865-8545.

Beautification

Beautification Day is on its Way!!! Save the Date, April 8th. DREAM mentors, DREAM mentees and families, Birchwood residents, friends, and more are taking Birchwood Manor by storm on April 8th to make the neighborhood feel even cozier than ever before. There are five proposed projects with plans underway. They include building benches for the park, flower boxes at the entrances, bus stop coverings for the children, DREAM pride signs and an overall spring clean up. We would love for one and all to gather on this day to make any contribution to take pride in being a part of Birchwood. All are welcome including any age, any skill level and any ideas! There will be a BBQ at the end of beatification. This will help us thank all those who took part in the day. Contact Erin Caswell at 413-348-2316 or erin.caswell@my.champlain.edu.

Trip

We're going to New York City on March 25! Central Park Zoo, the Sony Wonder Tech Lab, and Times Square, are some ideas of fun sites to see. We will be staying overnight, so this trip is for ages eight and up. We are going to be doing a lot of fundraising, so if you have any ideas or would like to help us let us know. If you have concerns please contact Jess Pringle. Champlain DREAM wants to make this trip fun and safe for everyone. Contact her at 865-8450.

DREAMer of the Month: Each month, we will choose a child for DREAMer of the month. Every child will get a turn.

Deejay Chaplin



Age: 10

Mentor: Becky Groberg

Favorite Thing to Do in DREAM:

"Hang out with my friends and have fun."