

# BIRCHWOOD DREAM

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## Family Newsletter

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### Howe Caverns

Last Saturday, DREAMers spent the day visiting the amazing Howe Caverns in NY. We took an elevator down 156 feet into the earth and stepped out into a beautiful limestone cave. We had the opportunity to take a boat ride deep into the cave on a winding river down to a waterfall. We even got to see what it was like underground with no lights on! We kept busy on the bus ride with tons of friendship bracelet making and game playing. All in all, it was an amazing culminating experience!



### Beautification – Coming Soon- April 8<sup>th</sup>!

We are still looking for more supplies although we have had many donated already. There will be a community potluck dinner at the end of the day with a DJ and a 50/50 raffle to reward everyone for their hard work! Everyone should have received an invitation and should RSVP to Steve Antaya at 802-865-8535 with the project they are interested in.

### New Mentors

DREAM recently welcomed four new mentors! Katharine Depew, Dave Gustafson, Matt Trudeau and Evan Borden will be joining the DREAM team for fun and adventures.

### Summer DREAM

CAMP: all DREAMers are invited to camp for a few days. Camp is where we add adventure to the summers of the DREAM members from all of the DREAM programs. This allows the DREAMers to meet kids and mentors from other programs. The camp staff is trained in making camp a fun and SAFE experience. If you have any concerns about camp please contact Dave Anderson in the DREAM Office. (802)655-9015

D-unit: Every DREAM organization has a summer intern. The mentor that was hired for the Birchwood community is Nicole Walsh (a.k.a. Vinny's mentor). Every weekday she will be working for DREAM creating many on site activities.

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

### Megan Murray



Age: 8

Mentor: Newly welcomed Matt Trudeau!

Favorite Thing to Do in DREAM:

“Have FUN!”