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The Poultney DREAM Update January 2009

Greetings from DREAM! Here is a summary of the exciting events and developments that occurred during January. You can always look back at past monthly reports or other programs' reports by going to: <http://www.dreamprogram.org/about/localprograms.htm>. And please, do not hesitate to contact us with questions or ideas.

January marked the start of a new year of DREAM for Green Mountain College mentors, and Poultney children. Arriving back to campus late in the month, mentors met to plan their first few days of programming and DREAMing for the Spring Semester! With snow on the ground, it looks like there may be a few days of outdoor fun in the near future for Poultney DREAMers.

Highlights from this month include:

- Poultney DREAM's first Mentor meeting of the New Year and
- WAC planning!

Wednesdays: The core of Poultney DREAM happens every Wednesday when DREAM mentors meet with their partners in group and one-on-one settings. The meetings occur on college campuses, onsite at the children's homes, and at spaces around the community. With just one opportunity for Wednesday programming this month, DREAMers were unable to program due to inclement weather.

Camp Specific: DREAM's beautiful 50 acre camp is a resource for everyone involved in the program. It is equipped to run program and overnights all seasons. Activities at camp this month included:

- Winter Adventure Camp Planning: With Winter Adventure Camp only a month away, Poultney DREAMers have begun circulating permission slips, packing lists, and Camp literature to parents. Excitements are high, and the hats and mittens are packed for what is sure to be a magical weekend at Camp DREAM!

Other:

- The Central Office has begun to receive applications from DREAM mentors applying for summer staff positions. Summer staff will be hired to work throughout the summer in each of DREAM's communities as well as at Camp DREAM.
- DREAM's Annual Appeal and Alumni Appeals are underway! Both appeals will provide support to the DREAM's Local Programs and Central Office, so we can continue to operate and program in the 14 DREAM communities throughout Vermont.



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Keep DREAMing!

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