

My Experience With Glacier Mountain Academy

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submitted on September 24, 2010 5:41 AM EDT

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Comments: we are looking for any and all survivors to come forward so we can make sure no more programs like these go up, we have just recently shut down a couple of programs. for info goto www.heal-online.org We have all the programs listed, with articles, news reports, criminal charges, survivor statements, etc...I am glad that GMA is now closed :) Another one to add to the dead list

submitted on September 24, 2010 5:37 AM EDT

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Comments:

submitted on August 17, 2010 5:51 AM EDT

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Comments: The website seems to be down. I will mail the news to Fornits. http://www.secretprisonsforteens.dk/fornitswiki/index.php?title=Glacier_Mountain_Academy

submitted on August 17, 2010 1:36 AM EDT

Name: Rick Becker

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Comments: In the next month or so, this website will go defunct. GMA has closed and Larry is unable or unwilling to pay his debt. It has been up 3 years. I hope it has helped some who may have stumbled upon it. Good luck.

submitted on August 17, 2010 1:33 AM EDT

Name: Rick

Email

Address:

Comments: Jessica, I hope you are not as angry of a person as you sound. I'm glad for you that you have found success, and hope you are as successful in raising your child as you intend to be.

submitted on August 10, 2010 9:48 PM EDT

Name: Jessica

Email

Address:

Comments: I made a couple typos in using my iPhone! I'm very successful in life and appreciate GMA but I came from a broken home and they had the cash to just throw me away. I felt cared for thought of and safe here. I just scrolled down and read all the comments; you parents disgust me! I hope your ashamed of yourselves!!!! Of course you should fix the problem yourselves that's your job you chose as soon as you got pregnant! Finish the job. I came from a step dad and drunk male dependant mother. To this day I still thank her for

sending me here cause it was better than "home". She divorced him years after and as for me I would never even consider having someone else do MY job! I loved every staff member, owner and student I got to meet. All you parents whining and actually letting your child manipulate the situation really says why your child already acts that way! I know it's not easy being a parent, I am one myself but you can't turn back time. You can make the mistakes yourself and own them or you can make the mistakes and blame them on someone else! It's funny as I have grown older I have seen how so many people just can't do the right thing, and they are all parents :- (poor children. Luckily stupidity usually skips a generation but only cause some parents like mine, teach their children how to be or not be from them being do wrong. I'm sure for all you parents (judging by the comments) your kids did learn from you, way to go mom and dad.

submitted on August 10, 2010 9:25 PM EDT

Name: Jessica

Email

Address:

Comments: I am a past "student" from the academy! I find this womens comments very offensive! Your child was displaying text book psychological crystal fir attention, you say it was hard to send him away well imagine how he felt! You do it anyway and then decide to believe everything he tells you! Of course any child will "run with it" and considering he was already slightly defiant due to you lack of attention as a parent he stretches the truth. But you allowing him to get sent away only to not follow the academys guilelines fir recovery, shows that maybe your the one that needed the eye opener not him! You verified that by your last remarks of your comment. I hope you appreciate your son.

submitted on February 16, 2010 3:20 AM EST

Name: Jake Todd

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Comments: Dont send your kids away... Please for the sake of being families just work your asses off to try to mend issues within the family. My experience at glacier mtn ruined alot for me and I am still to this day working soooooo hard to make the necisary repairs to my life in order to just live day by day. All it did was make me scared of everything and everyone. I wish it never happened to us. All of us who were there.

submitted on February 16, 2010 3:16 AM EST

Name: Jake Todd

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Comments:

submitted on February 16, 2010 3:15 AM EST

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Comments: I was a "student" at that crap hole called glacier mountain. I wont even begin to explain how terrible an experience my stay was there. Treated like garbage the entire time I was forced to live in fear. I would beat the shit out of anybody that was employed by glacier mtn and it still wouldnt allow them to feel the pain that I still have to endure. I am now 26 now and my life has been huge struggles...

submitted on November 29, 2009 4:49 PM EST

Name: Richard Dargis

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Comments: Our son attended Glacier Mountain academy at about the same time as yours in 2007. Our experience is about exactly as yours. It was terrible and Larry's daughter Libby should go to jail. We would like our money back. Would you consider a class action suit? Richard Dargis St Vincent, Alberta Canada T0A3B0

submitted on June 13, 2009 1:39 PM EDT

Name: Susan Jones

**Email
Address:**

Comments: Who is rbecker? Where do you live? What do you do for a living?
How do we even know you are a real person?

submitted on May 12, 2009 2:16 AM EDT

Name: Former "student"

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Address:

Comments: I attended Glacier Mtn. for around 9 months when I was 16-17. I'm almost 26 now, but I still recall Glacier Mountain as some of the worst experiences in my life. I remember my room mate running away every week, the double standards, the statutory rape that would go on between other people... probably the best thing about Glacier Mtn. is that I hooked up with the only girl in the house. When I "graduated" I went on to smoke meth for 5 years and go to rehab for like a year and a half. I'm clean now, but if anything, Glacier Mtn. made me a far worse and manipulative person than I was to start off. Screw Larry Bauer and his lies.

submitted on March 25, 2009 7:06 AM EDT

Name: Susie Warren

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Comments: I am ready to press charges against Larry Bauer. My son was the last to enroll in GMA and after 5 weeks the school if you can call it that shut down he basically took advantage of a single mother desperate to save her son enrolled him knowing he was shutting down took every last cent i had and demanded more 2 days prior to my son being forced home .. almost \$11000 for 5 weeks of absolute nothing but lies and deciet... No food no education . I am ready to take action . any of you other victims of Larry Bauer care to join me please email me... He can not get away with this

submitted on December 12, 2008 10:02 PM EST

Name:

Email

Address:

Comments: GLACIER MOUNTAIN ACADEMY IS CLOSED. GET OVER IT.

submitted on December 10, 2008 6:58 PM EST

Name:

Email

Address:

Comments: Larry Bauer, Libby Bauer, and Daniel C. Peach should face charges for fraud and neglect. I encourage everyone to file a complaint with the Idaho Attorney General's Office:
<http://www2.state.id.us/ag/consumer/general/complaintforminfo.htm>
The more complaints, the better

submitted on November 11, 2008 4:34 PM EST

Name: Barbara Sakuma

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Comments: In 2001, I placed my addicted 17 yr old daughter there. So much of what you reported was so similar to what happened with us. My child ended up in foster care because she ran away from there. I did hire a Sandpoint attorney, and after a year and a half got some money back. Let me know if you'd like that attorney's info. I too am thankful that I now have a healthy and responsible daughter and a wonderful 3 year old grandson. Thank you for posting your story. It needs to be told. Could you share with me how I could do something similar?

submitted on October 23, 2008 1:15 PM EDT

Name: DD1224

Email

Address:

Comments: my good friend sent his kid there a few years back and he has never been the same since. basically he is scared for life. thanks for this.

this made my day

submitted on October 23, 2008 1:01 PM EDT

Name: DD1224

Email

Address:

Comments: Am I the only one that is happy about this?

submitted on October 14, 2008 5:54 PM EDT

Name:

Email

Address:

Comments: gma is closed now. aren't you happy?

submitted on October 13, 2008 8:05 PM EDT

Name: Shane

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Comments: Imagine my suprise to see this site when I went looking for ph numbers for old jobs. I used to work here for a few months. This place is a joke, if you really want to pay someone 2k a month to babysit your kid, then by all means send them to me. This place has no structure, no leadership, and like all posters say Larry is never on site, and even when there is a "real problem" on site, you have to leave Larry a voicemail, which he may or may not return. Im sorry that I didnt devote any time to get the word out there about this place, I just figured if you were stupid enough to put your kid in there, maybe they were better off there. Most kids were there because their parents just didnt want to deal with them or didnt know how. If you really are out of touch with your kid or unwilling to get them professional help, Glacier Mountain is for you. Oh and PE consists of dropping the kids off at the local health club for an hour of non structured activity. (they can sit around if they want)

submitted on October 2, 2008 12:19 AM EDT

Name: cody trevino

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Comments: i went to G.M.A for a year and 2 months and 3 days and i hated it/. it was horrible all we did was watch videos play video games and read we went to the so caled "school" but all we did there was play video games to the place was a joke i hated it it was a waste of my moms money because wile i was there i smoked every day and smoked weed wile i was there i was given smokes to by a staff and all this bull shit and we only saw larry like 1 time a week for 1 houer i had got a 24 pack of beer wile i was at GMA well long story short dont send your kid to GMA

submitted on August 21, 2008 12:58 AM EDT

Name: mike

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Comments: I wish I would of seen this before hand, my child is up there now, and we are having some concerns and possible problems. Is Larry associated with Owen in more than business? Is there a current suit or something right now?

submitted on August 18, 2008 11:04 AM EDT

Name: Michelle

Email

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Comments:

submitted on August 11, 2008 10:12 AM EDT

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Comments: It appears that Glacier Mountain Academy has a different domain. I still do not believe that an individual person who is not connected to

a business should take the name of that domain name and use it for his own purpose. Let's see. I think I'll use McDonald's as a domain name and create a website to tell everyone how their food creates obesity in our children.

submitted on August 10, 2008 3:38 PM EDT

Name: Rick Becker

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Comments: Below you will see that Susan questions the ethics of this web page, and feels that it is a scare tactic. First, there is nothing wrong with publishing this web page. What is wrong with publicly telling of your own experiences? There is still free speech in most parts of this country. I make no accusations and say nothing slanderous. If you don't want to hear of what I experienced, then don't read it. Simple. Further, the web address was available. I didn't do anything dishonest to obtain it. It was just there and available. I don't know why Larry didn't use it. Do you also want to make that illegal? As far as being a scare tactic; it is not. If my experiences scare you, that's the real world. They are only the experiences of one person out of many that have attended this place. All comments are welcome here. It is a completely open forum. If my experiences are the only bad ones, and all other posts were good, it would reassure parents, and become a web site that would actually encourage enrollment. In fact, only one person posted positive comments. She posted three. The other comments lack anything positive at all. Additionally, I have received far more direct e-mail than the number of posted comments here. I don't know the reason for it. Aside from the single positive commenter, every single one of the e-mails I have received have been negative. So should this scare a parent? It would have scared me. I would have then been spared the extraordinary disappointment and financial waste I experienced. So, I wish someone would have taken the initiative to put their experiences, positive or negative, out there for me to see.

submitted on August 10, 2008 11:59 AM EDT

Name: Susan Jones

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Comments: Is it legal and ethical for you to choose glaciermountainacademy.com as a website address when you are not an owner, or even, affiliated with it? Although you have had concerns, I'm sure there are plenty of children who have benefitted from this place. In fact, there COULD be other children who would benefit, but you choose to scare their parents.

submitted on July 30, 2008 1:39 AM EDT

Name: jason james

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Comments: TAKE YOUR KIDS OUT OF GLACIER MOUNTAIN ACCADEMY IMMEDIATETLY You are spending a lot of money just to traumatize your children. To a desperate parent it may seem like the right answer however what they portray and what actually happens there are two totally different things. They have an answer to every question a parent has. They have an excuse to why letters never reach home. They degrade you and say they are trying to break you down to build you up and never build you back up. There is hardly any education and gym class is mowing and raking the lawn or shoveling snow. You take a trip that is considered Social Studies and is really the yearly visit to the friends house in Washington. There is never a counselor present during the so called group therapy sessions. I would sweep the floor and they would knock the dust pan from my hand and tell me to do it again. I guess this was considered reform. I just think that it is a horrible shame that they are still able to take advantage of desperate parents.

submitted on May 4, 2008 2:10 PM EDT

Name: Julia Boyd

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Comments: Part Two: my post is long and needed to be divided. Read the other one first. My son wrote me a letter asking for his Nintendo Wii and money for a GameBoy. He is a level one, meaning he cannot have

these privileges except for one hour over the weekend. I am not sending these requested items--ever. Instead, I ordered a few board games from amazon.com and had them sent to kids. These games require cooperative play as well as competition and strategy. The kids have already been playing group games as a way of bonding during their time at night and on weekends. Otherwise the kids spend a lot of time reading. They also have a paintball course in the back yard. The kids did a community service project and ended up receiving \$50 each for their work. My son decided to spend his money on a paintball gun. GMA holds the remaining money in the office. We also decided my son needs to see a psychiatrist to determine whether he needs medication and also for additional insight on his treatment at GMA. This idea is the result of staff members observing his behaviors and thinking patterns and working closely with me, all the way from Oklahoma. In Oklahoma, the laws are different, and teens can leave or check themselves out of a facility at 16 (unless they're homicidal or suicidal, of course, and my son isn't.) He turned 16 last month, so of course this was not an option. I visited schools in Missouri and Kansas, but decided GMA was the best. I'm sure I'm leaving something out, but I just wanted to share my experience.

submitted on May 4, 2008 2:09 PM EDT

Name: Julia Boyd
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Comments: Part I: My comment was too long for one post, so I divided this into two. My son has been at Glacier Academy for almost a month, and things are running smoothly. The GMA school is accredited, and he goes Monday-Friday from 9-3. The kids also go to the gym almost every day, and my son is working on weight-lifting as one way of building his self-esteem. I sent him a book on weight-lifting, and all the kids use it. One GMA staff member calls me on Mondays and Thursdays with reports, and another one calls me on Tuesdays and Fridays with reports. For the initial three-week period, GMA staff had been observing my son's interactional patterns and talking to him about his prior experiences leading to GMA. The result is a treatment plan that will of course evolve as needed. With my son's background, we decided a GED was the best path, and since he won't be integrated into the public school as one way to work on his issues with social functioning, he will instead get a part-time job. My son has had a problem in the past functioning in social and group settings with peers and authority figures, and at a job, he will be exposed to both, along with customers. If issues arise, which I'm sure they will, GMA can work my son immediately.

submitted on April 26, 2008 10:48 PM EDT

Name: Rick Becker
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Comments: Julia, I am sorry that you feel my web page is alarmist in nature. It serves no other purpose than to recount my experiences with Glacier Mountain. I believe the majority of parents considering sending their child to an academy such as GMA would welcome ANY information which would help them make an informed decision. Like you, I felt Glacier Mountain Academy was a safe place, and the best alternative for my son. Unfortunately, I came to that conclusion based only on my interaction with Larry. He has a very reassuring manner. I wish I had been privy to more information at the time of my decision, hence the publication of this page. As for a "balanced perspective", all comments are welcome here whether positive or negative. My experience was negative. Aside from your positive first week at GMA, I have not received any positive comments, either on this web page, or directly e-mailed to me. This is not an English paper which must offer and debate both sides of an issue. I'm just a dad who wanted the best for his kid, and was let down terribly.

submitted on April 21, 2008 4:06 PM EDT

Name: Julia Boyd
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Comments: I enrolled my son in GMA over a week ago, and my experience has been extremely positive. I believe in parental input and freedom of speech. I can't help but wonder if this website also serves an unnecessarily alarmist function without also providing a balanced

perspective. I think GMA should post a comment here too. I admit that I got scared yesterday when someone sent me the link to this website. There's nothing worse than trusting your children to strangers when your family is in crisis and second-guessing your own decisions afterward. But both Larry and Libby returned my phone calls promptly, and I again feel assured that I made the correct decision in sending my son to GMA. For parents doing research: Remember that a multiplicity of viewpoints exist. In fact, when I researched schools, I heard negative commentary about all the facilities. As parents, trust your intuitions and do what makes you feel comfortable. There's not a miracle cure for emotional problems, drug abuse issues, and conduct disorders. It takes years to reverse negative patterns. GMA is a safe place and the best intervention I found for my son. Let me offer an analogy. I'm an instructor at the college level, and I get positive, negative, and mixed evaluations from students. You can't go off the negative ones alone. I have had students say their writing skills did not improve in my English classes and that English is a waste of their time. But I always see students' learning curves and notice improvements, big, average, and small. I understand that there are a number of issues contributing to a decision to send teens to residential treatment facilities. It's a painful experience. But all the issues should be examined and not just the facility itself.

submitted on March 23, 2008 8:40 PM EDT

Name: Kris Aadahl
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Comments: I went to GMA a few years ago when Matt and Ramona Slover were the houseparents and Libby Bauer was the houseparent of the "transitional house." Larry never talked to us kids, we never learned anything (just played video games at school), at least one kid was assaulted by Matt Slover, and more. I've tried revealing this place to as many people as I can via internet, but nobody ever seemed to want to listen. I mainly posted on Fornits.com under the name hawaiianguy3; the site appears to be down at the time I'm writing this. About a year ago, I started getting bills from the community college for a class I went to while there that Larry was supposed to pay for. I ended up paying for it, and after many unanswered phone calls to Larry's office, he agreed to reimburse me. I haven't gotten a check for over a year. So, in conclusion, email me if you have any questions, any way I can help get Larry Bauer's program shut down, or anything really. By the way, what this man's written sounds exactly like what it was like when I was there, except with different people in charge of the house.

submitted on February 25, 2008 4:10 PM EST

Name: Robin Nelson
Email
Address:

Comments: I have experiance this program first hand i attend back in 2000 and i still have nightmares. I'm sorry you had to experiance that it's a terriable place.. my father got part of the program shut down before he passed away. i would never want anyone to attend their faculty

submitted on February 23, 2008 12:45 PM EST

Name: tyler kassuba
Email
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Comments: i defend larry NOT! hes a lier

submitted on February 23, 2008 12:36 PM EST

Name: tyler kassuba
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Comments: tell them the truth i was there with your son and i was physically by the same guy. that place sucked

submitted on December 5, 2007 11:08 PM EST

Name: Laurie Chapman
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Comments: Mr. Becker- what a heart wrenching story- I am so glad your son was able to finally communicate his problems to you. Thank God for that! My son is at a residential treatment center called Rancho Valmora and has already had a serious assault. We are looking at transferring him to Summit Academy or somewhere else immediately. I can't bring him home yet, my son is 16 and has a severe drug problem. I would like to do a warning site like yours for anyone looking at Rancho Valmora, I'm not real computer literate, can you help me set something like this up? Laurie Chpaman

submitted on November 28, 2007 11:42 PM EST

Name: Sheila Hurd
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Comments: Hi Larry, Thanks you for your alert. I was considering sending my son somewhere he could finish HS without having marijuana which is easy to get in Missoula MT. He has dual Diagnosis which is depression and substance abuse.He was recently suspended from school for 5 days for being high and having a vial with marijuana residue. I just want his brain to have time to heal free of pot. I will rethink my idea of residential placement now. Thank you, Sheila Hurd

submitted on November 24, 2007 4:30 PM EST

Name: Zach Richer
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Comments: I was a student at Glacier Mountain Academy during the 97-'98' school year which was a year full of dishonesty and negativity. I honestly could write a short book about all of the cruel goings on, along with a list of ways that they mislead & misinformed the parents. We were even individually interviewed by Child Protection workers and the talks were all recorded, there was even a younger male student that was being mistreated that they immediately sent home in preparation for the investigation. I'm sure it's possible that things have changed over the past decade, although a program that began with such greedy intentions must surley be doomed to failure. - I wanted to add that I attended Elk Mountain Academy within a year after my "treatment" at GMA & discovered a school founded on genuine concern for helping the students and they're families. Elk Mountain is located within an hour of Glacier Moutain and I did spend a full 12 months in there program. - Thank you for allowing me this outlet!

submitted on November 19, 2007 2:19 PM EST

Name: Francis Debuche'
Email:
Address:

Comments: hello mr becker. thank you for informing the common public of horrors such as these. although my son is misbehaving and getting in trouble with the law, you have provided me the knowledge as to lead me not to send my child to glacier mountain.

If you are considering sending your child to an academy such as Glacier Mountain Academy, in Sandpoint Idaho, headed by Larry Bauer, feel free to e-mail me if you have questions. In 2007, I pulled my son out after six weeks due to serious concerns. rbecker@bis.midco.net

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