



# The Daily Dreamer

Newsletter #3

May '06



CAMP OF DREAMS ...WHOLE LEARNERS, WHOLE LIVES

## Community Days: Reach Out & Give Back

Community Days this winter and spring have been full of activity. Dreamers have participated in workshops ranging from Improv, Poetry, Martial Arts, and Hip-Hop to Science Exploration, Short Story Writing and Team-Building. They have learned about Africa with the help of Nancy Zook, a photography instructor and former Peace Corps volunteer. They have worked on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day projects involving King's 'I Have a



Dreamers "dig in" at a Community Days event for the Communitree project

Dream' speech and the creation of posters. They have also helped build a community garden at 51<sup>st</sup> and South Michigan Avenue with Chad Bliss of the Cob Connection.

We thank LEARN Charter School for donating space for our Saturday afternoon programs—the classrooms, cafeteria, and gymnasium have been the perfect venue for concentrating, communicating, and recreating.

## Countdown to Summer Camp 2006

On July 9th, fifty Dreamers and fourteen counselors will board the buses and head from Chicago to Bradford Woods for three weeks of summer camp. Returning summer campers such as Kishon Perse and Alexis Parker will be joined by new-

comers like Chamira Sankey and Joshua Caldwell for what promises to be the most educational and enjoyable summer of their lives. The Camp of Dreams staff is finalizing the daily schedule of classes and activities, and everyone is looking forward to the learning opportunities presented by the ropes courses, the thousands of acres of woods, the lake, the activity spaces, and the cabins, tents, and cafeteria.

race to gather together every Camp supply is heating up. There are still many items we need to acquire, so please take note of the special "Summer Camp Wish List" and let us know if you can help fill any of these important needs:

### Summer Camp Wish List

- Sheets & Blankets
- Radios with CD Players
- Sports Equipment
- Residential Living Supplies
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Food and Snacks

As the big day approaches, the



Getting warmed up for Summer, Dreamers loosen up with some dodge ball at LEARN.



### In this issue:

Community Days	1
Countdown to Summer Camp	1
Summer Camp Wish List	1
Schedule of Events	2
Dreamer Spotlight	3
Special Thanks	3

### The Wish List...



Camp of Dreams programs are FREE to all participants, and our ability to continue delivering these programs depends on your support.

Financial support is always appreciated. In addition, if there is anything you can contribute from our "Wish List," please let us know:


- Arts supplies
- School Supplies
- Food and beverages
- Facility Usage
- Transportation
- Cultural & Recreational Opportunities
- Books & Computers
- Legal and Accounting

Thank You!!!




# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



# June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 
30	31					

# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Schedule of Events: May – August



## Important Dates

### May

- 6-Community Day-LEARN Charter School 1-4PM
- 20-Community Day-LEARN Charter School 1-4PM

### June

- 10-Community Day-LEARN Charter School 1-4PM

### July

- 9-Summer Camp Begins-Registration at LEARN 10AM-12PM.
- "Bon Voyage Lunch" at 12:00 Noon-Buses depart at 1:00PM
- 22-Family Day at Bradford Woods-Bus leaves LEARN at 8:00AM
- 29-Summer Camp Ends-Arrive at LEARN at 1:00PM

### August

- 12-Community Day-LEARN Charter School 1-4PM
- 19-Final Performance: "Dreamology" at C.o.D. office



Just Chillin': Dreamers Andrianna Gist, Mercedes Scott, Alexis Parker & Dominique Scott at a recent Community Days at LEARN Charter



# Dreamer Spotlight

## Poetry by Jason Jones.

Black is the color of Martin Luther King  
Black is the color that brings us dreams

Black is the color of our skin  
Black is the color of the race we're in

Black is the color of my hat  
Black is a color you can't hold back



Black is the color of death  
Black is the color of a dragon breath



*Jason, an eighth grader, has been attending Camp of Dreams Community Days since January 2006.*

## A Smashing Success...

### Thanks to Everyone for Making our February Fundraiser a Huge Success!

Hundreds of Camp of Dreams supporters came out to the Second Annual February Fundraiser to help raise over \$14,000 for the summer program and even more than that in good will. Especially large thanks to Jessica Bassett, Jason Burrell, Lois Hauselman, and Lori Coomes; Nicholas Barron's Hyperaktive; the Darkroom; Flo and Filippo's restaurants; Corporate sponsors: Boeing, Boomerang and Holsten; and the many other people whose gifts and work made the event what it was.



Much appreciation to all who made the Silent Auction especially large this year. Some of the big selling items were a pair of tickets to the Oprah Winfrey show and an in-home Chef visit from Spiaggia, and dinner with Lara Panka. Whether you donated items, or bid for them, your contributions went a long way to making the Summer Camp a reality.

If you want to get involved in any C.o.D. fundraising events by donating items, or by just giving some of your time — please give us a call at the C.o.D. office.

## 'A Bone Thug' by Jamie Williams.

Once upon a time, there was dog named Bill. Bill was a hood pit bull mixed with a german shepherd and some poodle on his mother's side. One day while Bill was eating a nice plate of cat, he noticed he was missing something. He had overheard a group of guard dogs in front of the police station talking about an enchanted bone. Bill was tired of eating the same ol' thing, day after day. He heard the guard dogs say the enchanted bone was so big, it would take weeks, maybe months, to finish. Bill made it his number one priority to get that bone.

There was just one problem. Bill didn't know where the bone was. He asked almost every dog he knew. Snoopy said the bone didn't exist. Clifford said if there was such a bone, he wouldn't help another dog find it. Snoop Doggy Dog just laughed and said "Church." Bill was desperate, so he went to the wisest dog around.

They called him Young Lasey. Young Lasey told Bill the bone was in Atlanta, buried under the legendary Morehouse College. Bill was shocked because he lived in Detroit, but he was determined to get that bone.



Bill started his journey right away. He walked and walked and walked, and walked some more. Once he reached Alabama he was exhausted. There was no way he could make it, at this rate. Ironically, his friend Jack Greyhound pulled up. He was famous for getting people around. Jack dropped Bill off right in front of Morehouse College.

Once Bill was there he thought victory was his. Bill couldn't have been wrong, for the bone was being guarded by some of the badest dogs around. They called themselves the Q-dogs. They had gold and purple fur and barked with amazing rhythm. Bill must have been hungry because he charged the Q-dogs with all he had. Then he dug up that bone and lived happily ever after.

*Jamie, a sophomore at Holy Trinity, has brought his gifts to Camp of Dreams programs since the summer of 2003.*

\*Both exercises are first draft products of Community Days workshops.





## CAMP OF DREAMS

1235A N. Clybourn, Suite 362 Chicago, IL 60610

Summer 2006  
Newsletter

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Mailing Address Line 3

Mailing Address Line 4

Mailing Address Line 5

Whole Learners, Whole Lives.

### Camp of Dreams

1235A N. Clybourn  
Suite 362  
Chicago, IL 60610

Phone: (312) 649-5551

Email:

[info@campofdreams.org](mailto:info@campofdreams.org)

#### Board of Directors:

President: John Pratt  
Vice-President: Stephen Weber  
Treasurer: Matthew Biecker  
Jessica Bassett  
Connie Boyd  
Jason Burrell  
Charrese Caldwell  
Eric Davis  
Misty Drake  
Lois Hauselman  
Chris Harper  
Kim Warren  
Chris Watkins

#### Administrative Staff:

Executive Director:  
Adam Davis  
Director of Operations:  
Lori Coomes

See more on the Web:  
[www.campofdreams.org](http://www.campofdreams.org)

#### Who we are:

Camp of Dreams is an emerging Chicago program devoted to bringing uplifting, engaging, free educational programs to young people who would otherwise go without. We do this through a year-round project consisting of two complementary components: a summer camp and a school-year program.

Our project as a whole brings a wide range of activities to our participants: Academics, Visual and Performing Arts, Mind and Body, Health and Wellness, and Service Learning. And in all of our activities, our young people learn about accountability, about following through with themselves, their fellow participants, and their broader community. To receive more information about applying to, working with, volunteering for, or donating to Camp of Dreams, please see our website, [www.campofdreams.org](http://www.campofdreams.org), or contact us at [info@campofdreams.org](mailto:info@campofdreams.org) or 312.649.5551.

If you're interested, the Camp of Dreams 2005 Annual Report is available at [www.campofdreams.org](http://www.campofdreams.org)

