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CAMP OF DREAMS ...WHOLE LEARNERS, WHOLE LIVES

2005 Summer Camp Goes Swimmingly...

According to one participant in the 2005 Camp of Dreams summer program, camp was "fun, crazy, enduring." According to another, it was "adventurous, fun, and different." 42 young people from the Chicago area participated in the Camp of Dreams 2005 summer camp. Fresh faced newcomers like Aqueeta Dickerson and Jacob Pruitt joined such seasoned veterans as Ashley Cunningham and Luis Perez for three one-week sessions at Perspectives Charter School. Campers took workshops in everything from Creative Writing and Digital Design to Stepping, Mythology, and Yoga. Some campers, like D. Joshua Ray and Cannon Grandison, seemed

especially devoted to Mr. Chello Lee's Hip-Hop workshop, while others, like Christina Parker and Chris Jackson, came alive in Kelvin Caldwell's Martial Arts workshop. "In Improv," Karon Martin said, "you learn you have to go with the flow." Other campers said they learned how to sew, or how to be patient, or how to exert self-control. Sam Lewis learned from the entire experience "that anything is possible." The vast range of workshops and teaching styles was augmented by Thursday trips to the NTA Park District swimming pool and field trips to the Museum of Science and Industry, the French Pastry School, the Lincoln Park Zoo,

and a Chicago White Sox game. As Cynthia Lee-Stewart, the summer program's on-site director, would no doubt say, we should all "give it up!" for all the Dreamers that made the summer program what it was.



Campers take a break to smile for the camera

School-year program kicks off this fall!

The Camp of Dreams school-year program is growing in all sorts of ways. In 2005-2006, Camp of Dreams is running after-school programs three days a week (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays) at Perspectives Charter School. We're leading quarterly workshops in

Entrepreneurship, Hip-Hop, Drumline, Rocket-Building, Creative Writing, and more, and we're also offering academic tutoring to all our Dreamers.

In short, don't let the name "Camp of Dreams" mislead you into thinking we only run

a summer camp; instead, we aspire to run camp - with all of the energy, community, and growth the word implies - all year-round.

Classes begin September 12th and will be held from 4:30-6:00 p.m.



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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 Expertise

Thank You!!!





September

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November

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Schedule of Events: Sept.— Nov.

September 12-After School Resources Begins-Persepectives Charter School 4:30-6:00 p.m.

October 10-No After School Resources-Columbus Day

October 12-Prospective New Camper Open House-Perspectives Charter School 4:30-6

October 15-Camper Recreation Night-Drucker Center 7-9

October 26-New Camper Applications Due for Second Quarter

November 3-No After School Resources

November 10-First Quarter Final Performances

November 14-After School Resources-Second Quarter Classes Begin-PCS 4:30-6

November 24-No ASR-Thanksgiving Day



Important dates



Year-round academic enrichment programs make brighter students!!!



Dreamer Spotlight



Genesis Villalobos (above) joined Camp of Dreams this summer, and she brought a range of talents and graces along with. Genesis stood out as an actor, a writer, and a generally positive presence. The Camp of Dreams newsroom would therefore like to take this opportunity to shine its light on Genesis, who will attend Perspectives Charter School this fall.

My favorite moment ... Camper words

Chris Jackson: "The main reason why I attended the Camp of Dreams was because I have all the fun in the world for three weeks straight. I liked all the classes also because some were educational and some were active classes."

Cyan Grandison: "My favorite moment from the Camp of Dreams was the day we were in the park. We did a lot of group activities. Oh, and when we went to the zoo, because I love animals. What else? The last performance was awesome. I had so much fun. Let's just say the whole summer was a blast. From beginning to end. I don't want to go back to school."

Daniella Pruitt: "My favorite moment at the Camp of Dreams is at Stacy's Music class. The reason why this is one of my favorite moments is because I like singing. It is also one of my favorite moments because I like making up new songs. Another

Jena Thomas (below in white) attended weeks 1 and 3 of the 2005 Camp of Dreams summer program, and while Jena excelled in everything, her work in Brendan Boyle's Entrepreneurship Workshop is worthy of special mention. Jena's final presentation - on her music production company specializing in bringing unknown artists to the world - demonstrated broad vision and careful attention to detail. This fall, Jena will matriculate at Lane Tech High School.



Tylia Ray: "My favorite moment of the Camp of Dreams was when everybody got along and played games, laughed, talked, etc. It really made me happy."

one of my favorite moments is when in Yoga we learned to relax our body and stretch out our muscles."

Cannon Grandison: "My favorite moment from the Camp of Dreams was the performance. I had fun because of all the excitement from the audience on what a good job

each of my teammates and also I did. I felt I did a good job and achieved what I came there to do. This was my favorite moment from the Camp of Dreams. My second favorite moment was when I learned how to dance and do improv. Trust me I could not do either one of them. I had fun when I tried new things and finally learned them. At the end I got an award for both, proudly. This is my second favorite moment at the Camp of Dreams."

Camp of Dreams goes with full-court press

Meet Lori Coomes

Camp of Dreams has recently hired its first full-time staff member, Assistant Director **Lori Coomes**. Lori joined Camp of Dreams for the 2004 summer camp, where she directed the Athletics Program and helped campers and staff out with everything else as well. "I feel this position is a great opportunity for me to work with a growing and meaningful program...I also love the kids," said Lori. Throughout the 2004-2005 school-year, Lori



Lori Coomes (Left) is pictured with C.O.D staffers Stacy Young and Brendan Boyle at the DVD party on August 29th

taught math and writing, and during the 2005 summer program, she led workshops in Mythology, Basketball, and Entrepreneurship, and she filled in wherever help was needed. Before becoming the Assistant Director at Camp of Dreams, Lori had been a certified Chicago Public School teacher for four years at Dvorak Specialty Academy and Ella Flag Young Elementary School. She also served as the assistant program coordinator for the Metro Achievement Center and coached soccer and basketball at the middle school level. Lori received her B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of New England, and she has the basketball acumen to match up favorably with Jamie 'Stop-and-Pop' Williams.

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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, or contact us at info@campofdreams.org or 312.649.5551.



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