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Dear Prospective Summer Day Camp Dreamers and Families,

Thank you for showing interest in Camp of Dreams' 2014 Summer Day Camp! This year camp will be held from June 23rd-July 13th. It is right around the corner and we are excited to be able to host between 30-40 dreamers at Bronzeville Lighthouse Charter School located at **8 West Root St. Chicago, IL 60609**.

Day camp begins each weekday at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Registration for camp is \$150. For an additional fee we will be offering an option for Early Arrival (7:30-8:30) and Late Pick-up (4:00-6:00). This money helps us to staff our camp with quality counselors, purchase supplies for classes, and pay for our field trip to the beach. In addition, it contributes to our ability to take campers on an overnight camping excursion July 9-13th.

We will be building community and fostering healthy relationships by engaging in challenging and fun classes and group activities. Dreamers will be placed on a team with their peers. Each team will be led by a counselor with educational experience and a passion for working with young people. Over the course of a normal day dreamers will participate in a variety of classes such as (but not limited to) visual and performing arts, outdoor education, dance, and team sports. Additionally, there will be group games and team-building exercises that engage all dreamers at once including Camp Olympics, scavenger hunts, and capture the flag.

We'll be taking two or three trips off-site during Camp. One scheduled trip will take place on Friday, June 27st; we'll be taking a field trip to the 57th St. beach. On July 9 we will be taking dreamers on a camping excursion to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Camp (LOMC) in Oregon, IL for four nights (returning Noon on July 13th). Camp of Dreams has worked closely with LOMC in the past and was our residential camp of choice last summer. We will be staying in cabins and sleeping in bunk beds. This overnight experience can be transformative for dreamers as it challenges them to move outside of their comfort zone, and explore the natural world. While at LOMC, dreamers will have the opportunity to go hiking, swimming, build a campfire, learn about wildlife, and engage in team-building exercises.

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In order to attend Camp of Dreams Summer Day Camp 2014, there are several documents that must be filled out and returned to Camp of Dreams by June 3, 2014:

- **Application for Admission (you may skip the short answer and references section if you apply after June 10 or if you are not applying for funding support.)**
- **Dreamer Code of Conduct**
- **Camper Health History**
- **Risk Waiver**
- **Title XX Camper Registration Form (If eligible)***

We also ask that interested families attend an informational orientation session at Bronzeville Lighthouse Charter School on **Saturday, May 31, 2014 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

I am looking forward to a great summer. If you have any questions about camp, please do not hesitate to contact the Camp of Dreams office at 312-649-5551, Antoinette Wright or email me directly at info@campofdreams.org.

Sincerely,

Travell Williams
Program Director

*Title XX Campership Eligibility:

A Potential camper must reside in Illinois and indicate to that they qualify for any ONE of the following:

- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or,**
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (previously known as Food Stamps)**
or,
- **Medical Services**