

Newsletter #2

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# CAMP OF

CAMP OF DREAMS ... WHOLE LEARNERS, WHOLE LIVES

# **Summer Campsite comes into Focus**

Our search for a new summer camp location has come to a successful conclusion.

The 2006 summer camp will take place about 180 miles south of Chicago, at Indiana University's Bradford Woods. Bradford Woods is a beautiful, heavily wooded 2500 acre campus, and its cabins, platform tents, lake,

challenge courses, and trails will provide Dreamers with a safe and challenging home for three weeks in July. To get a better sense of where our young people are headed, check out Bradford Woods at <a href="https://www.bradwoods.org">www.bradwoods.org</a>. Everyone at C.o.D is thrilled to be getting back to nature again for this year's summer camp, July 9th-July 29th.



Picturesque Old Swimmin' Hole Lake at Bradford Woods

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# **Saturdays at LEARN Charter are Back!**

Winter and Spring 2006:
Camp of Dreams will run a
packed schedule of programs
this Winter and Spring. Two
Saturdays a month, from
1:00 to 4:00, Camp of
Dreams will host Community
Days at LEARN Charter
School — 1132 S. Homan
(Homan & Grenshaw). Community Days will give Dream-

ers the opportunity to participate in educational, artistic, and recreational activities with old friends and new friends. In addition, Camp of



Dreams will continue to run enrichment classes and tutoring sessions from 4:30 to 6:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at Perspectives Charter School. If you have any questions about attending or volunteering with any of these programs, please contact us at 312.649.5551 or info@campofdreams.org.

# February Fun at the 2006 Fundraiser



Mark Your Calendars...

Camp of Dreams will hold its second annual February Fundraiser on Thursday, February 16, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Darkroom, at 2210 W. Chicago Avenue. Highlights include: drink specials, delectable food from local restaurants, mellifluous sounds from two Chicago-area bands (Nicholas Barron's Hyperactive and a second band T.B.D.), and a loaded Silent Auction.

Proceeds from the event will help a full slate of deserving young people attend the three-week overnight camp this summer. Invitations and e-vitations will go out soon.



#### The Wish List...

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

<u>Financial support</u> 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!!!

# **January**

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# **February**

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# Schedule of Events: Jan.— Mar.

#### January

9-After School Resources Begin
14—Community Day—LEARN Charter School 1-4pm
16-No After School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
26-No After School
28-Community Day-LEARN Charter School 1-4 pm

#### February

11-Community Day-LEARN Charter School 1-4pm 16-Fundraiser at the Darkroom 6-9pm 20-No After School-Presidents Day 25-Community Day-LEARN Charter School 1-4pm

#### March

6-No After School-Pulaski Day 11-Community Day-LEARN Charter School 1-4 pm 25-Community Day-LEARN Charter School 1-4 pm 30-No After School



## March

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Campers go to town on some pizza at a recent C.O.D event.

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# **Dreamer Spotlight**

Alixa Gutierrez (below in middle) is a veteran of the Camp of Dreams program. She is participating in her second school year program. Alixa is a seventh grade student from Orozco Community Academy. She attends the Camp of Dreams after school program two days a week. Alixa enjoys participating in the Hip Hop dance class and working on her spoken word in the Poetry Slam class. She looks forward to attending sleep away camp next summer.



#### Please take a Bow...

Huge thanks to our volunteer tutors this fall:

Allison Kean, from the University of Chicago. Rodrigo Carrilo for dance instruction.

Kate Welsh, Nick Hybel, Tom Hokin, Stephanie Goldfein, Kenny Haines, and Chris Norrod from the Latin School of Chicago.

Carlye Greene, Joe Maher, Felicia Williams, Simon Flory, Torrey Lee, Camilo Maya, Beth Marco and Jessica Herman from City Year Chicago.

Thanks also to our Fall instructors: Marchello Lee (hip-hop), D. Morrison Lyman (visual arts and fashion), Christian McCraney (creative writing and journalism), Randall Horton (poetry slam), Kelvin Caldwell (martial arts), Eric Davis (entrepreneurship) and Wendell Macllin (Drumline).



Daniella Pruitt (above) joined Camp of Dreams this summer. She is a fourth grade student at Murray Language Academy and it was just announced that she attend the National Young Scholars Program. Daniella attends the Camp of Dreams afterschool program where she exhibits commitment to her academics and a humorous personality. Daniella enjoys working on her moves in Hip Hop dance class.



City Year Volunteers: (left to right) Simon Flory, Torrey Lee, Felicia Williams, Camilo Maya, Joseph Meyer & Caryle Green

### **Special Thanks for Dream Donations**

We would like to thank all of our donors who contributed this fall. An extra- special thanks goes out to the following people whose generosity helps Dreams come true:

Michael and Lindy Keiser, William and Lex Layson, Nina and Michael Mitchell, John and Karen McJunkin, and Zev and Pam Davis.

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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, <a href="https://www.campofdreams.org">www.campofdreams.org</a>, or contact us at <a href="mailto:info@campofdreams.org">info@campofdreams.org</a> or 312.649.5551.