



The Daily Dreamer



CAMP OF DREAMS

Community Days: Creating Young Leaders

Our 2007-2008 Community Days program will finish up at the end of May having served the most students in Camp of Dreams history. Over 135 students participated in the twice-monthly meetings offered at LEARN Charter School in North Lawndale, engaging in a wide variety of academic and cultural enrichment activities. Highlights from the year include **rap writing and performing, multi-cultural arts, creative writing and poetry, and theater arts.**

Leadership classes were offered to all age groups during Community Days this year. The high school students have been participating in a year long leadership course offered by Educational Endeavors. This program fosters mentoring and teaching skills for the Dreamers to put to use during the summer camp experience and beyond.

Whole Communities Whole Learners Whole Lives



Dreamers participate in an art project with teacher Mary McGrath.

Health Education classes were taught by over 50 volunteers from Rosalind Franklin University's Chicago Medical School. Classes covered topics such as the prevention of diabetes, CPR and first aid, nutrition and exercise, blood pressure and cholesterol, HIV, and substance abuse.

Whole Foods makes

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Camp of Dreams has been chosen by Whole Foods Chicago metro stores as the beneficiary of the One Dime At A Time Program. As of April 1, 2008 Whole Foods has offered customers the opportunity to donate a dime to Camp of Dreams every time they bring in their own bag. Camp of Dreams will receive the benefit of the One Dime At A Time Program until June 30. Make sure to bring your bags when you shop and ask your cashier to donate your dime.

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Summer Camp Wish List

- Twin Sheet Sets
- Blankets
- Backpacks, sleeping bags and tents
- Board Games
- Athletic socks
- Speakers for IPOD
- Water Bottles
- 100 White T-Shirts
- Disposable Cameras
- Construction Paper, markers, notebooks, and pens

To donate any items, please call **312.649.5551**.
Camp begins June 29th.



Dreamers look on as Community Health Teacher, Caitlin Colvard, points out different parts of a **real** brain. Dreamers were studying the effects of substance abuse on the body and had the chance to inspect real organs.



Dreamer Michael Mosley and mom, Jackie. Michael will attend his fourth summer camp in 2008.

News and Notes

Dreamers Kyran Vaughns and Daviana Sankey have been chosen as recipients of the Kristin Linnea Skvarla Foundation Scholarship. The KLS Foundation will provide support for Kyran and Daviana to participate in Camp of Dreams programs for 2008.

Our two oldest Dreamers, Nadja Richardson and Jamie Williams, will head off to college this fall. Nadja will attend McKendree College while Jamie is headed to the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign.

The 2008 summer camp will return to the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL. Dreamers are looking forward to the three week overnight experience where they will canoe, camp in tents and participate in a variety of academic and cultural classes.



Volunteer health educators from Chicago Medical School.

Schedule of Events

May

17-Community Day at LEARN 1-4 PM

31-Community Day at LEARN 1-4 PM

June

14-Camp Orientation Day at LEARN 1-4 PM

29-Camp Begins-depart from LEARN at 12 PM

July

19-Camp Ends-return to LEARN at 1 PM

August

2-Friends and Family Event 1-4 PM



Board members John Pratt and Debbi Dameshek help raise awareness at a Camp of Dreams fundraising event.

Behind the Dreams-Events

Camp of Dreams programming would not be possible without the generous support of foundations and individuals.

In October 2007, Board members hosted a successful event at the Chaise Lounge. This event promoted awareness of Camp of Dreams programming.

In February 2008, the annual "Summer Dreams" fundraising event was held by our very generous sponsor Pops for Champagne. Thank you to all the individuals who contributed to make this our most successful single event in Camp of Dreams history.

In May 2008 staff member Jennifer Steele held a date auction at Tantrum that raised money to sponsor one Dreamer for summer camp.



Dreamer Spotlight

Jim Kendrick is a ninth grade student attending Michele Clark High School. Jim has been with Camp of Dreams since 2004. He has been participating in the Leadership Training classes offered during Community Days to help prepare him to have more of a leadership role at summer camp and in his school and community.



Jim Kendrick and Mareon Vaughns cool off after a tough basketball match-up at a recent Community Day.

I picked the Chili card. Mine has a man with a sword stick and a sand timer and a baby with a ribbon wrapped around it that says Happy New Year.

I believe that this could be a good message to the world saying that each year starts a new generation but time is running out. Our generation is dying. The kids are dying because of drugs, gang violence, not having a father figure around, etc. If we don't hurry to change what's going on we won't have a history.

By Quanesha Richardson in response to a picture chosen in a social issues discussion.

Today I feel like I found the key to my lock.

I once was lost, but now I'm found.

Then I felt as if something was holding me back. But now I feel free. So that's why I say I found the key to my lock.

In other words,

I am not afraid any longer. I feel free to dance, sing, talk, walk, express, impress, cry, laugh, scream, smile, write and finally open up.

By Jalissa Swoope, 7th grade Dreamer



Jalissa Swoope and friend Dashae Cora pair up to answer health education quiz questions.

Jalissa Swoope is a seventh grade student at St. Michael's School. This summer will be her third summer camp experience. Jalissa has been an integral part of the Camp of Dreams step performance the last two years. She also enjoys creative writing and poetry classes. We are looking forward to more great performances from Jalissa in the future.

Servant Leader

I could be a servant leader in my community by helping people out, not because I was told but because I felt it was the right thing to do in that moment of time. To be a servant leader in my opinion means to be a leader not because of the power or the money but because I am helping out my community. I am showing them that my age doesn't matter, it's all about my influence on people and the way I decide to use my responsibility.

By Alexis Parker in response to a discussion on different leadership styles. Alexis is in the 8th grade.

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Whole Communities. Whole Learners. Whole Lives.

Who we are:

Camp of Dreams is a Chicago program devoted to bringing uplifting, engaging, free educational programs to young people who would otherwise go without. We accomplish 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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