



CAMP OF DREAMS

Spectacular Summer Camp 2008

Oregon, IL: Fifty-Six eager Dreamers boarded buses on June 29th and headed out to camp for 3 weeks of fun in the sun. They lived in cabin groups, attended enrichment classes daily, and explored the 625 acre wooded campus of LOMC. Highlights of the summer included: trips to the Stronghold high ropes course, the annual Fourth of July fireworks trip, bowling, canoeing, swimming, capture the flag, and a memorable Final Performance. Each camper participated in an overnight camping trip which included very important lessons in S'mores making. We had our own Olympics — "Camp Olympics" — that featured 5 powerful teams: Word, Dynamite, Ballerz, Blackout and Breezies. The race was tight this year, coming down to 5/10ths of a second separating the winner from the rest.

Whole Communities Whole Learners Whole Lives



"Looney Tunes" cabin mates kickin' it with Jeff

Congratulations to the 2008 champions, Ballerz. Camp ended with our annual Final Performance on July 17. Campers showcased all of their hard work from classes in dance, step, vocal music, percussion, poetry, marital arts, and rap. Without a doubt this was the best Camp of Dreams yet...but just wait until next year.

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Carrie Newton joins Camp of Dreams

Camp of Dreams is excited to announce that Carrie Newton became our first full-time Executive Director in August of 2008. We are thrilled to have her as part of CoD and we look forward to her leadership role in helping CoD fulfill its' mission. Carrie is an experienced attorney, policy wonk, and philanthropist, and has jumped right into theCoD family:



Carrie Newton with Dreamers Jamonay Wise and Jalen Louie.

"I'm excited about using our existing programs to impact the lives of an even greater number of Chicago youth

than we already serve, as well as expanding our programming beyond what we have offered in the past. Great things ahead at Camp of Dreams!"

We wish Carrie great success in her newest endeavor, and a hearty "Welcome aboard!"

Community Days

Wish List

- Board Games
- Spiral Notebooks
- Pens and Pencils
- Scissors
- Markers, Crayons and Colored Pencils
- Speakers for IPOD
- Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Kickballs
- Childrens Books
- Disposable Cameras
- Construction Paper

To donate any items, please call 312.649.5551. Community Days occur 2 Saturdays per month.

Building Community on Saturdays

This year's "Community Days" kicked off on September 6th at LEARN Charter School with a full schedule of enrichment classes. During the fall, the third through fifth grade students are working on reading, math, science and visual art. The sixth through eighth grade students are participating in Spanish, poetry, visual art and theater. Our high school students are participating in the *Ideal Student Workshop*, which focuses on skills to succeed in school as well as classes in visual art and African-American identity. A year long health education program provided by medical students from Rosalind Franklin Chicago Medical School began in October. Workshops will cover nutrition and exercise, diabetes, hypertension, drug abuse, domestic violence and cholesterol. And of course, each week Dreamers also participate in community building activities.



Makalynn Sankey and Diamond Smith at Community Days.

Behind the Dreams

Camp of Dreams is free to all participants, and its' continued growth depends on the generosity of donors like you. So you might as well have some fun while supporting a great cause, right? Camp of Dreams' next fundraising event will be on March 8, 2009. We'll be returning to the ever popular POPS for Champagne for a night filled with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions, and an unlimited amount of excitement!

Schedule of Events

November 1	Community Day	1-4 PM
November 15	Community Day	1-4 PM
December 6	Community Day	1-4 PM
December 9	Community Day	1-4 PM
January 9	Bulls Fundraiser	7:30 PM
January 10	Community Day	1-4 PM
January 24	Community Day	1-4 PM
February 7	Community Day	1-4 PM
February 21	Community Day	1-4 PM
March 7	Community Day	1-4 PM
March 8	Annual Fundraiser	4-7 PM
March 21	Community Day	1-4 PM
April 4	Community Day	1-4 PM
April 18	Community Day	1-4 PM



Jason Burrell with event guest Abbey Larner and CoD staff member Angela Montagna at the Chaise Lounge event.

Your generosity at our signature event in 2008 allowed us to expand our high school leadership program, broaden our course offerings both during the school year and at camp, and increase the number of Dreamers who work with us. It was a great success. We look forward to seeing you on March 8!

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for champagne



Dreamer Spotlight



Andrianna Gist is a tenth grade student at Lane Technical High School. She just finished her third summer camp experience with Camp of Dreams. This summer she participated in the Counselor-in-Training program while at camp. Andrianna helped the younger girls in her cabin group adjust to camp life as well as assisting in teaching the Step class. Andrianna participated in the dance, leadership, rap and women's empowerment classes at camp this summer. She also helped organize the camp dance and hosted the annual final performance.

From Andrianna's Summer Camp Journal...

"I had to work on the trail today. We are almost up to the top. All of the high school students have been working on this CoD trail to replace the camp Meadows trail. It's a really cool thing to do. We are adding our own touch to LOMC camp. But it is really hard work. I use the weed whacker to help build the trail."

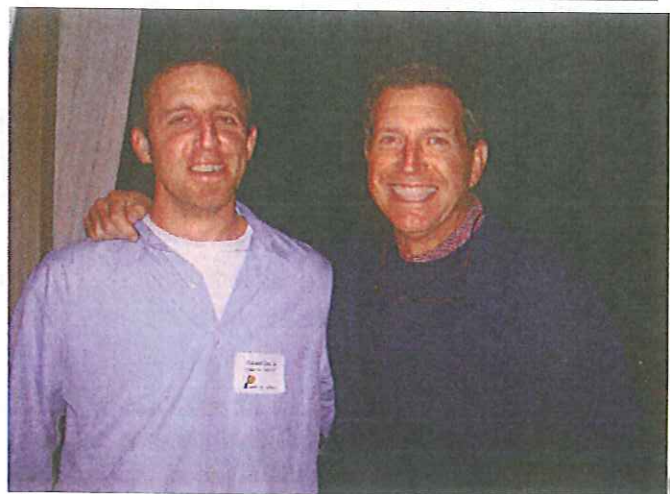
"Good day, Sir!" Adam Davis shifts to the Board of Directors for Camp of Dreams

In August of 2008 Adam Davis stepped down as Executive Director for Camp of Dreams. Adam was an essential part of the founding of the organization with his brother Eric in 2003. Camp of Dreams is a labor of love for Adam and the organization has greatly benefited from his leadership. Adam will not be going far as he has moved from Executive Director to the Board of Directors. Adam will continue his work for the Project on Civic Reflection and the Odyssey Project. Camp of Dreams would not be the great organization it is without your hard work and dedication. Thank you Adam!

Camp of Dreams Wish List on Amazon

Camp of Dreams has set up a wish list through Amazon. This list contains many of the supplies necessary to providing rich experiences for our students out at camp and here in the city on Community Days.

To access the Camp of Dreams Wish List please visit www.amazon.com and search for the Camp of Dreams wish list. Next time you are on Amazon check out all of the different ways to support Camp of Dreams.



Adam Davis with his father Zev Davis at a Camp of Dreams Fundraising event.

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Who we are:

Camp of Dreams is a Chicago program devoted to bringing uplifting, engaging, free educational and cultural enrichment 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 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, and 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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