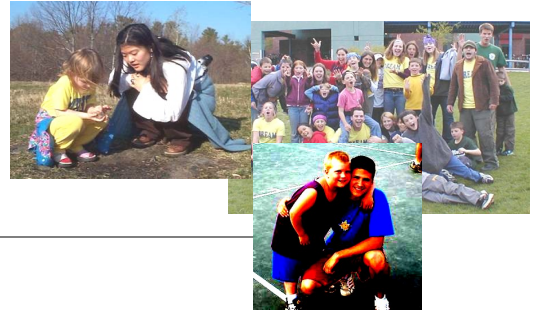




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The Willowbrook DREAM Update June 2009



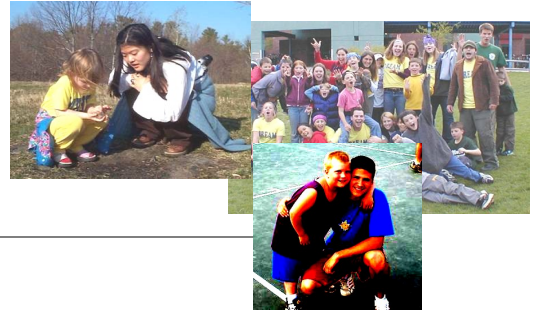
Greetings from DREAM! Here is a summary of the exciting events and developments that occurred during June. You can always look back at past monthly reports or other programs' reports by going to: <http://www.dreamprogram.org/about/localprograms.htm>. And please, do not hesitate to contact us with questions or ideas.

The Willowbrook DREAM Program soared into their very first Summer of DREAM programming with Faith and Alicia, both Willowbrook DREAM mentors. Both Faith and Alicia were hired to spend their summer months as Willowbrook DREAM's D-Unit summer interns. Programming offered by summer interns' compliments school year programming which is offered when mentors' and mentees' schools are in session. Willowbrook's summer programming kicked off with homemade pie making and an ice cream social in the park! During the first week of programming at Willowbrook, Alicia and Faith ran programming after school to ease the children into summer programming and prepared some DREAMers for their upcoming sessions at Camp DREAM.



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Highlights from this month include:

- Baking Delicious Treats,
- Art and Crafts, and
- Games Galore, Followed by Movie Night!

Special Events for Children: Special events this summer included:

- Baking Delicious Treats: Homemade pies, popcorn and cookies from scratch!
- Art and Crafts: Sidewalk chalk, bracelets, and one really big mural!
- Games and Movies: After school games soon led to a daily activity that kept the children running around and thinking on their toes. To end one of the evenings, DREAMers came together to watch a movie in the community center with freshly made popcorn.

Mentor Training: The DREAM Central Office is in close communication with the mentors as to meet their individual and group needs. The Office continues to develop training modules to fit the mentors' needs, and encourages them to go on retreats and have other bonding events – it is important for the children and mentors to have a tight and energized mentor group. This month, training activities included:

- This summer, DREAM has hired eleven D-Unit summer interns to run summer programming in DREAM communities across the state. All but two interns, who are DREAMers at heart, are DREAM mentors from this past academic year, and they all have been teamed up into four regional groups to help support each other on a weekly basis.
- To begin their summer, D-Units met at Camp DREAM for a three day orientation and retreat to prepare them for ten awesome weeks of programming in their communities and their regional groups. Willowbrook DREAM is part of the southern group, which includes Sharon, a D-Unit from Forest Park's DREAM program and Kate, an intern from Forest Park's DREAM program.
- A CPR Training led by Steve Addison, Camp DREAM's Land and Facilities Manager, got the D-Unit's, Camp Staff, and Counselors-in-Training pumped about keeping the kids' safe

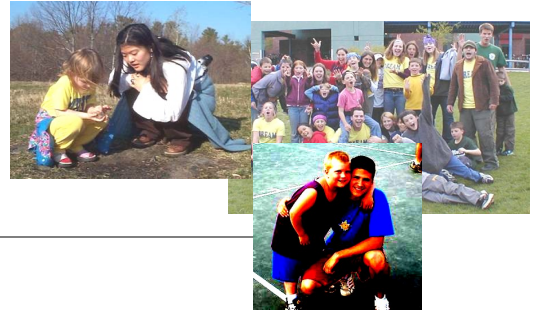
Camp Specific: DREAM's beautiful 50 acre camp is a resource for everyone involved in the program. It is equipped to run program and overnights all seasons. Activities at camp this month included:

- This month, DREAM welcomed aboard five camp counselors with a week long orientation at Camp DREAM. Orientation served as a time to introduce these new staff members to what Camp DREAM is all about – offering innovative, inspiring camping experiences to the children we serve and to build amongst them a sense of caring for community, environment, and self!



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- Summer Camp sessions also began this month. The first two sessions sprung summer at Camp DREAM into action, first bringing 10-12 year-old girls and then 8-9 year-olds boys and girls to Camp.

Keep DREAMing!

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