



Summer at SDCA



Summer Update - 2008

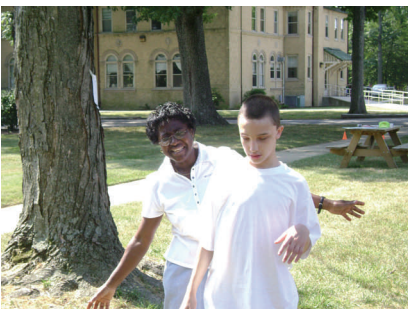
Students Busy with Summer Fun

In between academics at Sarah Dooley Center for Autism, the students are busy with special activities planned just for the summer.

During the first two weeks of the summer session, students celebrated America. They were welcomed back to school by Abraham Lincoln, played baseball, had a morning of Olympics and participated in several art and cooking projects and daily music activities. Staff and students enjoyed a school-wide pot-luck cookout before leaving for the July 4th holiday.

Nature was the theme for the next two weeks. Students planted flowers and seeds, which they continue to water daily. Birdfeeders were made in art, along with pet rocks, leaf rubbings, and popcorn flowers. Staff took students on nature walks to discover sounds and colors in nature. The students seemed to really enjoy making "ants on a log" and "worms in dirt" during their cooking activities. The nature weeks ended with a viewing of *A Bug's Life*.

With less than two weeks left of summer school, the current theme is animals. Art projects have included sock snakes, paper bag puppets, and Styrofoam animals. Music class has been filled with songs about animals. Chelsi's mom brought a horse to share with students during the second week and students enjoyed a field trip to Maymont.



Ms. Joann demonstrates Olympic activities for Devon.

The final week of summer will be water week. Staff will help students create underwater pictures, sea animal masks, and seashell paintings. Students will participate in group games and create Jell-o animals for their cooking activity. The week will end with a fun water day with enough activities to keep every one cool.



Chinedu was all smiles on Baseball Day.

Guardians or parents:

😊 Please send extra clothes, a towel, and sunscreen for Water Day on August 8.



Michael is thinking about his next basketball shot during the school Olympics.