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Armory Square DREAM Update July 2006

The month of July was filled with DREAM activities. From Camp DREAM, to D-Unit, to Friday Activities, the community's children have been busy taking advantage of the long, hot days and soaking up the sun. Approximately twenty-five children participated in DREAM Programming throughout the month, and sixteen children were invited to participate in free residential programming at Camp DREAM!

Though based out of Rutland, the D-Unit interns have had the chance to spend a fair bit of time at Armory Square this summer – learning more and more about DREAM families, and meeting newcomers to the community. Day trips to Kennedy Pond, the Montshire, and St. Gauden's National Historic Site have given ample space for a variety of summertime activities. Arts and crafts with the younger children and hiking trips with the older children have brought DREAM kids outside in the sun all month long.

Justine Modica, the DREAM Outdoor Intern, has been planning regular hiking trips around the state of Vermont. Trips have taken DREAMers from St. Gauden's National Historic Site to the Montshire Museum (for rainy days). Armory Square DREAMers had the opportunity to participate in a number of these trips according to their age and interest in the subject matter.

And then there was Camp DREAM! In the month of July five camp sessions took place bringing DREAMers ages 8-10 and 12-14 years of age up to Camp for three and five day sessions. It has been an amazing summer up at Camp – regular tubing trips down the Lamoille River, cultivating vegetables from the fresh organic garden, and meeting new friends from around the state. For some of the Armory Square DREAMers this was their first year at Camp – first time in a canoe or camping outside in a tent and, for some of them, their first night away from home. DREAM Staff were amazed and impressed with their willingness to take on new challenges – from night-hikes, to taking care of the camp chickens! Even more impressive was the fact that High Adventurers up at camp showed an extraordinary sense of leadership and maturity when interacting with other campers—a true sign of success for their recent trip to California.

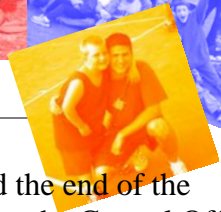
Last, but not least, the Dartmouth mentors kicked things into full swing over the month of July, including an extra trip in the middle of the term to the Montshire Museum, in Norwich VT! This hands-on children's museum was an awesome day adventure for everyone. Kids and mentors had a chance to play in the museum's giant fountains, hike nearby trails, and perform their own science experiments.

In addition, the mentors spent countless hours with the Armory DREAMers down on the Connecticut River and running around outdoors. All this while training around ten new mentors for the summer and fundraising close to \$1,100 over Sophomore Parent's Weekend at the College! This summer has been an amazing one for the Armory Square DREAM Program.



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Look forward to news of summer's end festivities, the final days of Camp, and the end of the summer term in next month's report. And, as always, please feel free to contact the Central Office with any questions or thoughts.

Keep DREAMing!

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