



HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

End of Summer Edition

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



Jumpers, family resources, and Dora The Explorer were just a few of the attractions at Horizons' 2nd annual Summer In The City block party. This event was held on Sunday August 9th @ Precita Park, a beautiful afternoon full of sunshine and community appreciation.

The event itself was organized by Horizons DJ Project Youth Crew, a hardworking handful of MYEEP participants assigned as on-site event planners for events like this. This summer's Youth Crew worked daily from 2-6 pm on contacting vendors, securing entertainment, and writing press releases for media publication.

CALMECAC CAMPING TRIP

For the second year in a row, Out-patient Program CALMECAC organized an end-of-summer camping trip for 9 youth and 4 counselors alike. Ocean-Youth pictured below:



Once youth returned from Dillon Beach, they finished up another piece of the CALMECAC Summer puzzle. A handful of youth have been consecutively attending program here at Horizons since 2007. We've watched them mature for over two years, and the collage documents this growth every step of the way. Youth chopped up photocopies of their most telling adventures from the past years, and with the guidance of Counselor Francisca Lizana, they created the masterpiece pictured below:



PREVENTION EDUCATION

Horizons Prevention Education teamed up with The San Francisco Police Department this past August for two great fishing trips. The trips were organized through SFPD Youth Fishing Program- a project 40 years in the making, aimed to offer recreational opportunities for Bay Area youth. A handful of police officers volunteer their time to help youth enjoy Bay Area natural resources, and at the same time teach

them to strengthen relationships and build community.

Chaperoned by Prevention Coordinator Hector Ramos, 30 youth from Soccer and Capoeira programming set out bright and early on a charter boat ride under the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges, around Angel Island and by the banks of Tiburon. Below: youth pose for the camera.



Below: Tiger sharks and halibut are their reward.



Horizons Unlimited Soccer Team still has 5 slots available for the upcoming season. Participants must be b/t 15-18 years old, and available for twice a week practices & Sunday games. Contact Prevention Coordinator Hector Ramos for more information @ (415) 487-6707.

September Progress & October Updates

Hispanic Heritage Month

Beginning on September 15th and running through the 15th of October, Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries- Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Honduras. Mexico and Chile declared their independence shortly thereafter on September 16th and September 18th, respectively. Additionally, Dia De La Raza falls within this 30-day period.

Teaching of the historic contributions of Latinos helps to build the pride and self-respect of those who identify themselves as Hispanic Americans. This month serves as a reminder that ethnic and linguistic diversity is a beautiful part of every nation.

FEMALES AGAINST VIOLENCE (FAV)

Horizons bids farewell to FAV Coordinator Linda Aguilar. Her successor, Yolonda Young Armstrong, stepped in starting August 1st to lead FAV's team of 9 young women towards their goal of peer education and leadership. Please join us in welcoming Yolonda to Horizons.

ADMINISTRATION

September 15th marked Outreach Worker Beverly Escobar's last day at Horizons. What better way to commemorate professional growth than words of support coupled with tres leches cake. Below: Prevention staff smiles alongside Beverly.



THE DJ PROJECT

The DJ Project Youth Crew embarked upon an educational outing this past July to neighboring Non-Profit Baycat, which stands for Bayview Hunters Point Center For Arts and Technology. Baycat invited Horizons youth to a live viewing of their web cast. This edition featured a talent show tribute to Michael Jackson. Baycat & The DJ Project pictured atop the following column:



After successful summertime event planning, The DJ Project Youth Crew rounds out its summer cycle with one final photo:



OUTPATIENT PROGRAM (OP)

It's back to school for Horizons' OP Counselors. This October, staff will be re-entering into Mission, Newcomer, John O'Connell, and Burton High Schools for substance abuse and gender specific counseling groups.

Gracious Donation To MYEEP

After 8 months on the job, MYEEP Coordinator Sabrina Mutukisna has promoted Horizons' employment services with a great deal of success. Sabrina's networking has connected her with Landor Associates, the benefactor to whom this donation to MYEEP is attributed.

Landor Associates is an international design firm headquartered in SF's Financial District. They have chosen the Horizons-based MYEEP program to receive \$755 in donated funds for college tours.

Landor's fundraising mission worked out to be a win-win situation for all. The company raised money by setting up Spirit Week at the office, wherein each day was designated a different theme and executive sponsors donated \$1 to MYEEP for each employee that dressed accordingly. This proved to be a truly entertaining way to promote college education.

In addition to securing exciting new work-sites like *Produce To The People*, Sabrina has now given her youth opportunities to travel the state with college on the mind.

Summer & Fall
All-Staff Meetings @12pm
 Mark Your Calendars

September 2	October 7
November 4	December 2