We had a great summer program. The students were able to show off their artistic talents in ceramics, write children’s books and read them to the MC day care center, go to Gerardo’s Casita for Spanish class and order lunch in Spanish, and volunteer their time to Helping Hands, The Soup Kitchen, and Manor Park. We also enjoyed field trips to Sky-Vue Drive-In, AMC Bowling, and Putt-Putt. Our trip to Colorado was fantastic and we took in the beauty of Pike’s Peak and battled the waters of the Arkansas River on rafts. It was a trip we will all remember! We will have pictures up soon on our website.

We look forward to another great year and have many activities planned for the students. We have fourteen seniors this year and know they are excited about their last year in high school and we will be working with them to plan for college. I want to welcome our new science teacher, Stephanie Brown, and our new counselor, Betty Tonde. They look forward to meeting all of you!

Cheree Smith, Director

Welcome back!

Students work for a good cause

During the 2005 Summer Program a new class was added called Community. Every week the students volunteered at different Midland agencies, and the fourth week the students voted on which agency they wished to return and volunteer more time and effort to its cause. We helped out three agencies: Helping Hands, Midland Soup Kitchen, and Manor Park. At Helping Hands the students lifted heavy old refrigerators and TVs into the dumpsters to make room for more donated items, organized clothes, books, and dishware, and decorated X-mas trees. To help the Soup Kitchen we organized boxes and boxes of food. The students voted to return to Manor Park the last week of the Summer Program to continue spending time with the elderly by making arts and crafts with them.

We truly enjoyed the experience and made a difference where we were. Every student poured their heart into their work for a good cause.

Please note: UB has a pair of glasses that no one has claimed, if you think you have left your glasses during the UB program please call us @ 686-4215.
At 6:00am on July 11th, Upward Bound staff and participants loaded a charter bus and headed to Colorado Springs, CO. After 13 hours of driving we arrived and saw mountains and more mountains!

Bright and early Tuesday morning we headed to Seven Falls. Upon reaching the top of many trails we were able to experience a breath-taking view of Colorado Springs and its beauty. While at Seven Falls, local Indians performed fascinating dances. For lunch we headed to old downtown. Then on a full tummy, we toured the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Afterwards, students voted and majority decided that we would head to Denver and dine at Casa Bonita. Along with great Mexican, an array of entertainment such as, cliff divers, mariachis, a game room, and a carnival room awaited us at Casa Bonita. Everyone had an awesome time!

On Wednesday, our day started at Garden of the Gods Park, we were mesmerized by the towering sandstone rock formations against Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. Our visit at the Garden was short for we had to head to the white waters of the Arkansas River for some rafting in Big-horn Sheep Canyon! Some engaged in water fights with other boats, some tumbled into the water purposely and not, but all in all, everyone had a blast. A big thanks goes to Chaloin Mitchell for saving Tim Parks from the rapids, and performing the exact method she was taught in the safety briefing. Chaloin you are a hero, girl! If you would like to view some of our rafting pictures go to http://www.viewmyimages.com/mp_includes/index.asp.

After rafting, we dashed back to the hotel, changed, and were off to explore the Flying W Ranch Village. We ate great western food and experienced great entertainment from the Flying W Wranglers. Wednesday was a jam-packed, long day, but it was fun!

Thursday would be our last day in Colorado Springs. We began our day with a self-guided tour of the Air Force Academy. We snapped a group picture in front of the beautiful chapel, and heard a mission briefing of the Academy. At 1:00pm, we headed to the Cave of the Winds. We went on the discovery tour and saw amazing rock formations that took centuries to form. Once the tour ended, we took off to Pikes Peak. Everyone boarded the tram and were spellbound by the beauty of the scenery. It was simply more and more breath-taking—and cold—the higher the elevation we traveled. Once on Pikes Peak, one could feel the effects of the high elevation on the body. I was so thirsty but could not take my eyes off the beauty that surrounded me. Well, an hour later, we had to go and begin our long journey back to Texas.

Our 2005 Summer Trip had
Upcoming events

September
10– Student/Parent Orientation Mtg.
22– Ben Stein at Chap Center 7:30pm
24– Texas Tech vs. Indiana St.

October
1– Saturday Academy
8– Saturday Academy

November
5– Saturday Academy
19– Saturday Academy
19– Thanksgiving Feast at MC Roadrunner Room 6:00pm

December
3–Saturday Academy & X-mas Party (students only)

Stars in the Summer program

The following students received an award from their teacher:

Art
Outstanding Student: Fannie Lenard
Outstanding Student: Iskra Rodriguez
Most Improved: Rashad Ahamad

Reading
Outstanding Student: Isabel Carrillo
Outstanding Student: Adriena Perkins
Most Improved: Abby Gomez
Best Actor Award: John Higgins

Writing
Outstanding Student: Isaac Romero

Most Improved: Adrian Lopez
Math
Outstanding Student: Isaac Romero
Outstanding Student: Desmond Anders
Most Improved: Adriena Perkins
Most Improved: Adrian Lopez

Outstanding Chess Player: Mario Siqueiros
Stock Market Winner: Isaac Romero

ACT/SAT Prep
Outstanding Student: Adriena Perkins
Outstanding Student: Darius Anders

Outstanding Spanish
Outstanding Student: Perla Castillo
Most Improved: Darius Anders

Outstanding Other Languages
Outstanding Student: Isabel Carrillo
Most Improved: Adriena Perkins

Outstanding Science
Outstanding Student: Isabel Carrillo

RA AWARDS

Funniest Girl: Iskra Rodriguez
Funniest Guy: Rodrigo Medina & Blaise Davis
Best Hair: Perla Castillo
Best Hair: Desmond Anders
Biggest Sweetheart: Carline Vita
Biggest Sweetheart: Mario S.
Most Improved: Chaloin Mitchell & Fannie Lenard
Most Talented: Adrian Lopez

Best Attitude: Raquel Navarrete
Best Attitude: Hector Rosas
Best Dressed: Adriena Perkins
Best Dressed: Isaac Romero
Most Talented: Chaloin Mitchell & Fannie Lenard
Most Talented: Adrian Lopez

Best Smile: Orfa Siluentes
Best Smile: Darius Anders
Doobie Award: Isabel Carrillo
Doobie Award: Zach Chavez
You’re So Vain: Carline Vita
You’re So Vain: Bryant Baeza
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