

Knice Knotts!!

My day at Knott's Berry Farm was look-ey awesome, being with friends that you don't really know but it was cool to hang out with them. The best part was being on *Boomerang*. That was scary. Oh yeah, my crew was Tyease, her cousin, that was boring but funny at the same time and Lil Shaq. Yeah, but it was like everybody didn't want to get on *Silver Bullet*. I was so mad but I gave it to Tyease for being down with a real player like myself. Then out of no where we see Miss Cook and Mr. Douglass. I had to show them some love, so we got on the train. That train ride was relaxing. I thought I was lookey famous on the train the way those people were waving at me. YEAH! - **Jacy**

After the NAACP 'Technical Theatre Awards'

After performing at the NAACP, all P.A.L.E.F. kids took a tour to Hollywood. My experience walking around Hollywood was good. I got to see such weird folks. Their was a dude with no legs, also, their was a dude with span-dex showing all of his ????

:~x. - **Robinisha**

The Summer Of Success II kids, just outside the gates of the fulfilled Knott's Berry Farm



Kim Coles and the PALEF kids SOS II 2010

PALEF GUIDEON ANGELS (PGA's)

In 2011, PALEF has aspirations of launching its 'mentor' program. This ambitious program is being called "The Guide-eon Angels" program, because the mentor will be there to see their 'Charge' through the program from beginning to end. He/She works with the participant well after the regular class schedule and into that Youth's academic life . They set goals for the future together and the PGAs help guide the Youth to fruition of his/her program.

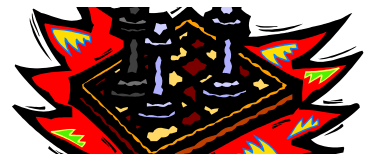


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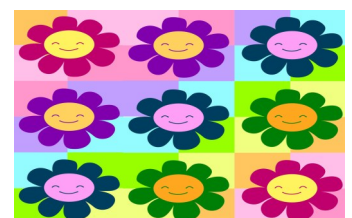
At The



Game Lounge!

We took a bus ride to Glendale and we went to a game lounge. It was packed with lots of games from all over. There were some games everyone was familiar with, and some we've never heard of. The owner of the lounge taught us how to play the games that we didn't know of. Some people were outside and inside playing all different types of games like *Monopoly*, *Connect 4*, and *Chess*. I was paying *Connect 4* outside of the game lounge, with another colleague. I have never been to a game lounge before, but it was a fun experience and I thank P.A.L.E.F. for giving us the opportunity to experience that.

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"A SUMMER OF SUCCESS II-2010"

Until this summer, I had never done or even *thought* of doing 'face painting'!! My experience with face-painting at the park was okay. I didn't even know I could face-paint that well. The little girls' face that I painted was so happy with the star and the heart I drew on her cheeks. There were a lot of kids in line for my face-paintings. Unfortunately, I only got to do that one girls' face because after that, we had to go perform Clownstown Clownees.

The road to the NAACP Technical Awards was short and long at the same time. Short in the sense that we only had two weeks to get our performance down and long in that we had so much to learn. Getting there was the easy part, but actually performing was nerve-racking. I cannot speak on behalf everyone when I say that I was terrified, but I am pretty sure everyone can agree that when we hit that stage, it was extraordinary and it gave me and everyone else a sense of accomplishment. Our load may have been heavy, but we climbed that hill w/the help of each other and we conquered the unthinkable. PALEF's objective became that of our primary focus and direction. We emphasized the need to be as professional and as mature as possible in every situation. Plenty of time was spent in mentor sessions and with various workshops on professional behavior.

-Ladana

KNOTTS BERRY FARM

Well my day at Knott's Berry Farm was very fun because I had never rode none of the rides before at any amusement park, so it was a fun experience for me. So the 1st ride that we went on was pretty tight, it was called *The Revolution*, it was cool and it made you feel that your stomach was gonna drop out of your mouth. Last, we went on a ride called *Boomerang*, it was very exciting. The ride started to go backwards and it went up, and up, up and up, until it stopped....then it just dropped straight down and somehow we ended up looking in the wrong direction and it went up *again* and we came down, then it stopped and after that the ride was over.

WHEW!!

-Shaquille G.

My day at Knott's Berry Farm was fun! Me and some other of my co-workers got in groups. We had a great time we got on every ride except for two. It was real funny because my cousins came and he was scared of height and every-time he got off the ride he will star shaking, but anyways I was happy that we had a chance to go to Knott's especially for the people who never went their. I can say from all the time I went to Knotts that day was the best! –

- Kadeijah Flowers

My day at Knotts Berry Farm was great; I had a lot of fun. For the first time I got on some of the big rides and I have to say it feels good. One of the ride that I didn't get on was supreme scream I am scared of getting on that one. I think it was a really good idea to go to Knotts in a group because we had fun as a whole and we shared some time together like a family. -

Jessica Pacheco

The way I feel about not going to Knotts Berry Farm is I should've gone. I feel like that was a part of the group I missed. By me not coming and having the opportunity of

going I should've gone with my colleagues.

Shaquille James

I only remember going to Knotts Berry Farm once in my life. I was 5 years old and only allowed to stay in Camp Snoopy. I was excited First and foremost, I have to say I didn't get lost. Thank goodness. I really enjoyed my experience at Knotts Berry Farm. I hadn't been there since preschool, so it was very exciting when I learned that we would be going. Myself going for free was a bonus as well. I managed to ride the bigger rides. I was a little scared because I've only been on huge roller coasters at my Grad night.

The last time I went to Knotts, I had to stay in *Camp Snoopy*, (which happened to be where I was confined to as a little tot), where a roller coaster is a train ride. *This* special trip I got to go on the GIANT ones like *Xcellerator* and *Riptide*. I thank, (we all thanked) PALEF for giving us the opportunities to experience entertaining activities, and to have as much fun we I did. I can't wait to go back with my whole family, which is more that 15 people, so we get the group rate of \$22 a person. – **Jonathan**



In front of our bus at Knotts!!

The field trip I regret missing...

I couldn't make the field trip with my fellow work mates, due to me getting ready for school, getting my hair done etc... that being said, I missed such a wonderful day! I'm still happy everyone else enjoyed themselves.

- Robinisha

HOLLYWEIRD!!

Hollywood, commonly known as *Hollyweird*, is not the best place to get lost in! You see, we can back this up for a fact. While in Hollywood, on a trip with the PALEF kids, we had the chance to experience a new place, which was very exciting for a pair of twin sisters that have never been many places. Ms. Cook had told us where everyone was supposed to meet up. But we forgot the address. We bumped into a few PALEF kids, and yet we did not tag along. But we *thought* we were fine. Until we realized we were completely alone. Our cell phone was dying, but fortunately we were able to get a text to our Dad to pick us up. While we waited, we explored Hollywood. *Well, a side walk of it at least.*

We saw so many "STARS"

– Jantae & Janae Mercado

**FIELD TRIPS, KIDS
ACTIVITIES AND FUN!**

I can say without a doubt this summer's group of students and teaching staff participating in PALEF's Summer of Success II, 2010 Summer Program were absolutely extraordinary! I have been a teacher for over 26 years and I was so impressed with the self discipline, eagerness to learn and do new things and overall humanity. Each student brought so much to the program. Each field trip, each activity was made successful by what the kids and staff put into them. In this case, *Maturity, Tenacity and Professionalism*, our mantra here at PALEF, was embodied by all, and it showed in the successful outcome of each event. I am proud of each one of our summer participants!!

Ms. Cook - Program Director

SOUND OFF!!!**P.A.L.E.F. Trip to El Dorado Park...**

In the beginning our field trip to El Dorado Park was enjoyable. I was happy to *be of service*, but they had us kids doing too much! They made us shuck a million ears of corn. Blow up (with a helium tank) balloons that all practically popped. And they made us do some heavy lifting. And some of us weren't in the best of condition for it! I would have been okay, but when they made us shuck more corn... fully aware that we had to get ready for our performance, I was turned off. And it went even further, when they didn't let us P.A.L.E.F. kids take cases of soda, but they let the army kids take sodas, when we did just as much work as them. I'm kinda glad they didn't allow us to take any, ALL the drinks were expired!!

– Janelle Mercado

OUR 'DAILY DIVA' KIM COLES**Appearance highlights:**

- *In Living Color*, '89 '90
- Synclaire James, *Living Single*, Fox, '93 '98
- *Hollywood Squares*, 1998
- Host, *New Attitudes*, Lifetime, 1999
- Judy Owens, *The Geena Davis Show*, ABC, 2000
- Panelist, *To Tell the Truth*,
- Herself, *Celebrity Mole: Hawaii*, ABC, 2003
- Herself, *Coming to the Stage*



Here is a list of some of the venues we played, and have been to:

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- ©The LA Parks and Recs.
- ©Jan Perry's South LA, City Hall
- ©Hollywood 'Game Lounge'

**PALEF
BILLBOARD'S
TOP 4**

- ☺ *Brand New Day*
- ☺ *Clownstown Clownees*
- ☺ *Mr. Bartholomew*
- ☺ *Runaway Love*

P.A.L.E.F. 2011-Resource Guide

☎AYESummer Jobs Program (323) 731-8596
 ☎Infoline (310) 551-2929
 ☎LA Public Library- youth Services (213) 228-7518
 ☎The National Conference (213) 896-4251
 ☎Free Parenting Classes (310) 823-7846
 ☎Free Computer Classes (213)483-9201Royal Palms
 ☎Free Job Readiness Training- (323) 276-5870
 ☎Speakers for Free (310) 822-4922
 ☎Free Food for your family -Phillips Temple 971 E. 43rd St. Wednesdays 11-2 you must arrive early for number
 ☎Fix St. Lights 1-800-303-5267
 ☎Runaway Hotline 1-800-231-6946 Suicide Hotline 877-727-4747

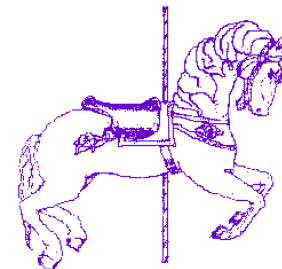
☎Mayor's GRYD- anti-gang unit 310-925-2071
 ☎South Central -YEA / Community Coalition 323-(213) 750-9087-
 ☎LA Team Mentoring (213) 742-6733
 ☎FREE STUFF via the Internet: totallyfreestuff.com
Charter Bus Service Partners
California Touch Of Class-
 323-232-7466

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If Wishes Were Horses

This section will be dedicated to the truly remarkable and **upbeat** in our midst. Some people strive for excellence and their wildest dreams, hearts desires, and yes their wishes do come true. In "If Wishes Were Horses" we intend to spotlight a person or people just like that, who are making



dreams come true! It might be a remarkable young person or a special teacher, counselor or mentor. It might just be an ordinary everyday individual who is very special in some way. This is where PALEF plans to give him or her their due. We hope this section and the people represented here can encourage or inspire one of our readers!

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