



METROsquash 2010 Summer Enrichment Program

METROsquash hosted a summer camp for three weeks in July that was open to existing METROsquash students as well as new students. The focus of the camp was geared toward coupling the sport of squash with an intensive three week writing workshop. Through the duration of the camp students became familiar with the game of squash, engaged in rigorous physical activity, and improved their overall athletic ability. Campers learned about three specific writing genres: Expository, Narrative, and Poetry. Each camper submitted a minimum of three written pieces to be published in the METROsquash 2010 Summer Enrichment Program Anthology.

Total students served = 47

New students introduced to METROsquash = 27

Schools Served:

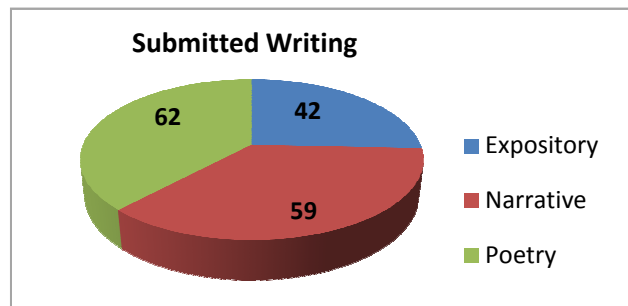
Students from 11 Chicago Public Schools and 2 independent schools participated in the camp, including:

Kozminski Community Academy
Reavis Math and Science Special School
John Fiske School
University of Chicago Charter School – Woodlawn
Noble UIC
Lindblom Math and Science Academy
Wendell Phillips High School

McDade Elementary Classical School
Carnegie Elementary School
Ariel Community Academy
St. Germaine School
Roycemore School
Rosenwald School

Writing Program Results

Throughout the duration of camp, students submitted at least three written pieces - one from each specific writing genre.



On top of having students submit their own work, we also were able to read through several stories in a “read-around” style session. The stories that we read were:

- ***To Build a Fire***, Jack London,
- ***Ain't Going to be the Same Fool Twice***, April Sinclair
- ***Native Son***, Richard Wright
- ***Me and Uncle Romie***, Claire Hartfield

Highlights

- The publication of the 2010 Summer Enrichment Camp Anthology showcasing student work
- Visit on the final day of camp from Claire Hartfield, a Chicago native and author of *Me and Uncle Romie*. Claire talked with the students about the writing and publishing processes.



Squash Results

- 18 hours of athletic instruction for each student
- 7 hours of open court time
- 15 “guest campers” from the Chicago Fitness Challenge played squash for their very first time



Edward teaching squash basics to a new student

Field Trips

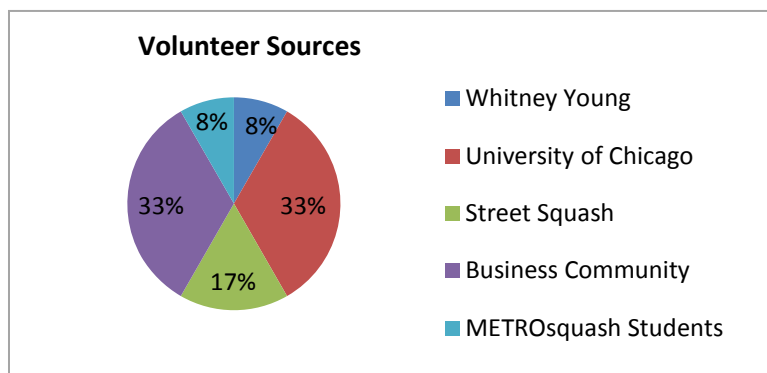
- Students visited the DuSable Museum of African American History where they saw the following exhibits: The Black Panthers, The Civil Rights Movement, Blacks in the Armed Forces
- Campers returned to the museum to watch the film “The Tuskegee Airmen”, about the dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America's first black military airmen
- Participants experienced a poetry writing and swimming excursion at local landmark, Promontory Point

Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

METROsquash employed 4 high school team members as Summer Enrichment Camp Counselors who each went through a rigorous hiring and training process, consisting of:

- A resume and essay submission
- 3 interviews by METROsquash staff
- A rigorous 3-day training session
- Submission of a 2-page reflection essay at close of camp
- A final exit interview with staff to provide and obtain feedback

A total of 12 volunteers participated in the classroom and on the squash courts.





Community Partnerships

- **Chicago Fitness Challenge**
15 students came from the Chicago Fitness Challenge for their first exposure to the game of squash. These 15 new students spent 3 hours on the court.
- **Woodlawn 1000 Man March**
METROsquash students, staff and volunteers (11 in total) helped organize and run the 1,000 Man March in Woodlawn. The event was spearheaded by Joe Brown, superintendent of The University Church.
- **The University of Chicago NSP Program**
NSP provided METROsquash with a daily work study tutor, Jesus Albarran.
- **Woodlawn Community**
This summer METROsquash participated in 5 Woodlawn community meetings. 12 students, 2 parents, 4 staff members, and Board President, James Dodson presented METROsquash's plans for the future.



Jolee gets the campers ready for another great day



Edward getting the campers warmed up for squash



Claire Hartfield, with final words of advice