

## Elizabeth Ouellette- AmeriCorps Summer 2002

### Rotator Position

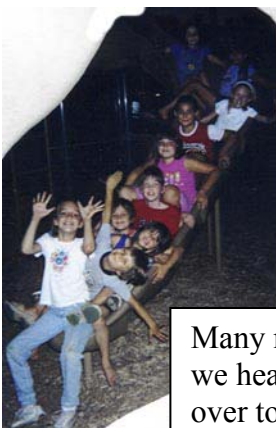
I cannot imagine a summer where I have learned more. The experience that I have had these past four months are sometimes indescribable. You can tell people the activities that you did, and the games that you played, or even tell them about the field trips you went on. But it is really hard to explain the excitement they have when they have made something great, or the expressions on their faces when they just won the game, or even how happy they are when they get to do something they have not ever been able to do.

Being able to work in the schools was also something I was lucky to have experienced. I spent three weeks helping at Lincoln Summer School. I loved being able to be in a classroom and assisting the teacher with activities. I helped with stations with the kindergartners, helping them with writing their names, and participated in songs and nursery rhymes. I had to help the teachers keep the children on task, and teach them the importance of listening in school. There is nothing better to prepare you for a field in education other than hands on experience. In fact, because of AmeriCorps, I have now just added a second major, elementary education.



Comiskey was a great experience for me. Each time I would get out of my car, I would see smiling faces headed my way. That is when you know you are really making this a fun experience for the kids.

AmeriCorps is for getting things done for America—to make our people, safer, smarter, and healthier. I feel the impact that my fellow AmeriCorps Members and I have made on these children has done exactly that. You really see the impact of what you have on the kids when you leave.



Many nights we headed over to the playground equipment.



During our Spanish and Multi-Cultural week, we had a fiesta. Here we are showing off our homemade ice-cream.