

## Molly Kisting- AmeriCorps Summer 2002 Dubuque Community Y Cool School

The memories I've made over this summer will be kept as a treasure in my heart for the rest of my life. The lasting bonds with the children, the fun activities, and the great feeling of helping children learn made my summer great.

I was placed at the Dubuque Community Y. The early mornings and long hours weren't so great, but when arriving at the Y, the children assured me of why I climbed out of bed every morning. I can't even begin to explain the feeling of emptiness after leaving the Y and announcing to the children it was my last day. The looks on their faces and the many hugs made me feel how important I was to all of the children. I know I had a huge impact of their summer and hopefully helped them learn in many fun and interesting ways.

Some of the kids pose for a picture on the train at Storybook Hill.



Feeding the goats at Madison Zoo.



To keep the kids busy during the summer, we did lots of different things. We went on lots of different field trips from Storybook Hill, to the Madison Zoo. We also had people from the area come in and share their expertise and knowledge with the kids.

One requirement over the summer was to teach a curriculum we were trained with. Here I am helping the kids test the ice cubes for the "Who Stole Mr. Bear" kit.



Here some kids hold a kitten from the Dubuque Humane Society.

