Kansas City a Successful Bridge Trip

by Thuy N.

The trip was like a huge picture that says 523,434,895 words that I can not describe. One out of the many reasons the Bridge Trip was thrilling and unforgettable was the UB members and new surroundings. Like, the first day in Kansas City, we were eating out at Golden Corral because we are “old school.” We were playing a game where I laughed so hard my face was red and tears were coming out of my eyes. After Golden Corral, we had a choice of going to the outlet mall across the street or go back to the hotel and enjoy the gym, swimming pool and jacuzzi.

The second day of the trip we went to Oceans of Fun Water Park. You have to go into the parrot/bucket/water jungle chaos! Once you enter, there is no way you are coming out dry. Not to mention all the scary water rides, especially these three slides that are so high they had this enormous hill you had to conquer before you can go down the slide; but it was all worth it.

On the third day, Worlds of Fun Amusement Park, the best thing in this park in my opinion was the ride where you get your picture taken. It is so funny to see what your face expression looks like one moment during the ride.

Later that night we went to Applebee’s where this talented person made creative balloons for us and showed us some magic tricks. Since this restaurant connects to a mall, shopping was next on the list. On the bottom floor, we spotted a carousel, and on the carousel was a spot where about four to five people fit and go round and round; like the tea cups at Disneyland. We got so dizzy all we wanted to do was get off or stop but Jonathan kept spinning.
Library Books
If you checked out a book from the Upward Bound library this summer, please return it so someone else can enjoy it.

ACT Schedule

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Upward Bound wants you to take the ACT at least twice. The first time you take it we’ll use a fee waiver. The second time you take it U.B. will pay for it. Turn your completed packet into Mrs. Moss by deadline if you want to take advantage of this benefit. The regular fee is $29.

HolidaHolidaHolidaHolidaHoliday Event
With the success of last year’s holiday event, the staff is looking forward to even more students signing up to show off their talents at the December 16 meeting. Performers will earn extra stipend money. Please contact Mrs. Berousek if you would like to perform, 945-8623.

Grade Policy
All students are required to turn in a copy of their progress report at the end of each nine weeks to the U.B. Office.

Any student making a grade lower than a “B” in a core class (English, math, history or science) will be required to attend weekly tutoring sessions.

Grades will be monitored very closely by the U.B. Office.

Good Summons Recipient
Enjoys Bridge Trip
by Michael M.

Hey everyone. I’m here to tell you about the 2006 Bridge Trip to Kansas City. There are only four words that describe it: THE TRIP WAS AWESOME!!!!!! During the trip, we went to Oceans of Fun Water Park and Worlds of Fun Amusement Park. And for all of you first class shoppers, we also went to the mall. For dinner, we ate Golden Corral, Outback Steakhouse and Applebee’s. It was a great experience for all I think. It seemed that everyone had a blast. Yes, the places we visited were great, but that wasn’t the most important part. The most important part in my opinion was having extra time to socialize with my fellow UB students. For all of the students that haven’t got to experience a Bridge Trip, when you do you will have the time of your life. I would just like to thank everyone who made this trip possible.
**10th Graders Need to **PLAN** On It**

Soon, your school will announce it is giving the PLAN test. PLAN helps sophomores get ready to succeed in college and beyond. So, of course, Upward Bound students will be anxious to take the test and share their results with their U.B. counselor.

**Why Take PLAN?**
- Students who take PLAN are more likely to go to college.
- Taking PLAN helps ensure you are taking the courses needed to be successful in college.
- It identifies academic strengths and weaknesses, so you can get extra help or take additional courses to strengthen areas of need.
- PLAN gives you an estimated ACT score.
- Students who take PLAN are more likely to score higher on the ACT than students who do not.
- PLAN helps you explore career interests.

**Tips for Doing Your Best**
- Get a good night’s rest.
- Follow directions exactly as they are given.
- Mark your answer folder carefully.
- Answer every question. There is no penalty for guessing.
- When you’re not sure of the correct answer, first eliminate every wrong answer you can. Then, pick the best answer from those left.
- Don’t spend too much time on any one question. If a question is difficult for you, choose the answer you think is best and go on to the next question.

**What to Take with You**
- Your Social Security/School Identification number.
- Three sharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers.
- A watch, if you want to pace yourself.
- A calculator, if you want to use one. **The following are not allowed:** Texas Instruments: All model numbers that begin with TI-89 or TI-92; Hewlett-Packard: hp 48GII and all model numbers that begin with hp 40G or hp 49G; Casio: Algebra fx 2.0, ClassPad 300, and all model numbers that begin with CFX-9970G; calculators with built-in computer algebra systems; or calculators built into cellular phones or other electronic communication devices.

If you would like to check out some PLAN test questions, visit www.act.org/plan or stop by the U.B. Office.

(Source: www.act.org/plan)
Hi Everyone. I have decided to join the Upward Bound team full time. Most of you already know me as a TC from the last three summers. For the majority of my life, I have been a resident of Oklahoma City. My family and I spent three years in San Antonio, Texas. Part of my childhood, I lived in Duncan, Chickasha and Lindsey, Oklahoma.

I have been married for twenty-three years and have two daughters, ages 15 and 12. They keep me very busy with their activities. I enjoy volunteering for the activities they are involved in, keeping score at softball games, fund raising for the cheer team and cooking for the Junior Police Academy. Mostly, I just enjoy watching them. My hobbies are arts and crafts, gardening and adventures. I love going new places and trying new things. Moving to San Antonio for three years was great. There were so many new things to try and explore.

I worked at Putnam City High School for the last six years. I love working with kids. I graduated from Northwest Classen in 1983. Although I have taken a few computer classes here and there, I have never been to college. I have been inspired by the students of Upward Bound and its staff to give college a try myself. For the first time, I am currently attending a few college classes, right here at OSU-OKC. I would not recommend that you wait as long as I have. I miss all of you and can’t wait for your return next summer. It is just too quiet without you.

What U.B. Has Done For Me

Unique in everything that they do,
P raise for family, friends and you.
W atch your progress so you’ll never slack,
A ward you with a pat on the back.
R eserve a place for me in their heart,
D irect me all the way from the start.
B efriend me when others don’t,
O pen up their arms for me when others won’t.
U nderstand it when things go bad,
N ever fault me for being mad.
D irect me in the right direction, always pushing me for perfection,
Showed me things that I didn’t see, and never ever gave up on me.
If I needed something, I knew where to run,
So what am I to do now that my time is done?
I am going on into my adult years with no questions, doubts, maybe or fears,
And if there is ever a door to which I have no key,
I will always look back and say -
What would the people at U.B. tell me?

-Timeka Tyler, U.B. Bridge Student 2006

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Sat., Oct. 14
Sat., Nov. 18
Sat., Dec. 16
(Meet at Embassy Suites on Meridian.)
Sat., Jan. 20
Sat., Feb. 17
March TBA
U.B. State Leadership Conference
Students to attend will be announced.
Sat., April 21
Sat., May 19
Summer orientation.
Parent must attend.

Generally monthly meetings are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and breakfast and lunch are served. Please check the meeting reminder letter for exact times and details.

Please present this to your employer as soon as possible so they can arrange your schedule around these dates. If he/she has any questions, please have them call the Upward Bound Office at 945-8623.

Students are required to attend monthly meetings. Unexcused absences will result in a $5 reduction in stipend. Three unexcused absences will result in program probation.

VOCABULARY

Disdain - to despise in haughty contempt, to reject as inferior.
Haughty - having or showing great pride in oneself and contempt for others.
Contempt - the feeling one has toward somebody or something one considers low or worthless.