



On "Science Mania Day", two JDA teachers, Ms. Heidi Schmall and Mr. Jeff Brotnov, provided the students with a hands-on activity about the energy dry ice produces. Later, CSUF faculty member, Mr. Roger Key gave an interesting presentation on "Fun with Physics" where students learned the importance of physics and how this relates to everyday life. The students ended the week on Friday "River Day at Lost Lake", hosted by the San Joaquin Park's Education Director, Saundra Plett and her assistant. The JDA students participated in activities such as "Insect Safari", "Creepy Crawlies", and a nature walk to discover and learn about the wildlife that live along the river and lakes. A few caught some interesting critters with the assistance of our teachers, Ms. Schmall, Mr. Guhm and Mr. Brotnov. A special thank you to our amazing parents/guardians for recognizing the importance of their student's participation in the 2008 JDA Summer Math and Science Camp, and to Doctors Academy alumni/ group leaders, Gagandeep Gill, Melissa Medina, Julio Romero, Lilian Thaxoachay and Tonja Wilson who assisted tremendously throughout the week to make this a memorable experience for the JDA students.

## 2008-09 news and events

September 1, 2008	Labor Day Holiday
September 3, 2008	Back-to-School Night @ Sequoia Middle School
September 17, 2008	Back-to-School Night @ Kings Canyon Middle School
September 25, 2008	Back-to-School Night @ Terronez Middle School
November 10-11, 2008	Veteran's Holiday
November 15, 2008	JDA Parent Meeting @ UC Center
November 24-28, 2008	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 22, 2008-Jan 9, 2009	Winter Break

### **Interested in the JDA Program:**

If you are interested in joining the JDA program, please contact your middle school Guidance Learning Counselor or contact us at 241-7670 to obtain an application. Application can also be found on our website at: [www.fresno.ucsf.edu/latinocenter/jr-dr-academy](http://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/latinocenter/jr-dr-academy)

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news for the junior doctors academy community

## Welcome Back!

Junior Doctors Academy (JDA) Parents/guardians and students, welcome back to another wonderful academic school year! We hope you enjoyed your summer. Now that a new school year is upon us, the UCSF Fresno Latino Center and JDA programs at Kings Canyon, Sequoia, Terronez and Washington Colony Middle Schools have great events scheduled for you and your student. Please be sure to attend your site's Back-to-School night (dates on the back page) and learn about the events scheduled for this year.

## 2008 Summer JDA Math and Science Camp - June 16-20, 2008



A total of 31 8th grade and six 7th grade students participated in week-long activities at the 2008 JDA Summer Math and Science Camp on June 16-20, 2008 at California State University, Fresno (CSUF). JDA students from Kings Canyon, Sequoia, Terronez and Washington Colony schools were provided with a daily schedule of hands-on activities and presentations from CSUF faculty in the math and science departments.

The first day was designated as "Teambuilding Day". After introductions, the students participated in a scavenger hunt where groups searched for landmarks on campus and later played team competition volleyball and dodge ball games. On "MESA Day", students enjoyed hands-on activities such as the "Egg Parachute" where students created a parachute with straws, newspaper and string that would sustain a raw egg from breaking upon landing. A few JDA students were very successful. Way to go team!

On "Health Career Day" students learned about new and interesting health careers. The students received a presentation from Dr. Robert Fire on the Nursing program and Mr. Tim Anderson on the Kinesiology program offered at CSUF.

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