

Reports and Reflections from Inside and Outside

Hillbrook Youth Detention Center
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"HOLLA IF YOU HEAR ME!"

On Wednesday, April 28th, SUNY Cortland hosted Save the Kids' first "Holla if you hear me!", a hip-hop fundraiser for the organization. The event was a success, with approximately 400 people attending, and close to \$500 dollars being raised. Performances included: SUNY Cortland's Hula Hoop Club and Drama Dance Group, Le Moyne Dolphin Steppers (who stepped with a Gaga theme), DJ Afar, a variety of different sororities and fraternities showing off their strolls, rappers, rap battlers and more!

A local artist painted hip-hop inspired pieces and kung fu movies were projected on each side of the stage during the performances. A former Hillbrook resident even showed up to support Save the Kids and to perform.

It was a thrill to see almost all the seats in the room filled up. This means that STK is getting its name out, and this is just the beginning. "Holla if you hear me!" is bound to be twice as big next year! We hope to get more students and former residents involved.

Memorial Day Picnic

This Memorial Day, Hillbrook counselors and residents participated in a picnic in their backyard. Ms. Miller and Mr. Bomasuto grilled hot dogs for everyone, while the rest of the counselors and residents played games. There were kites, bubbles, hula-hoops, Can Jam and water balloon toss contests. There were also water fights of epic proportions. Most everyone left the picnic soaked!

Help Increase the Peace

Hillbrook residents are participating in HIPP workshops every 1st and 3rd Saturday and Sunday. This program was developed by AFSC in 1991 and is currently being used in more than 30 states and countries around the world. It is a participatory, experiential program to address issues of interpersonal violence, prejudice and injustice with a focus on youth. **Visit: <http://afsc.org/resource/help-increase-peace-project-hipp> for more information.**

Residents who have completed 8 hours or more of the HIPP workshop: Devante, Drequan, Yassin, Anthony, Shaquel, Shaheem, Bruce and Avery.



DJ Afar performing at
 “Holla if you hear me!”

Upcoming Events

June 14th- 18th | Adult HIPP Training @ Hillbrook Detention Center Syracuse, NY

June 19th | Juneteenth: Peace Patrol & Poetry Slam @ Clinton Square Syracuse, NY

July 31st | ST5K Syracuse, NY

Please visit
www.savethekidsgroup.org

STK Programs & Projects

On the Inside:

- Monday | Poetry & Expression
- Tuesday | Global & Cultural Awareness
- Wednesday | Job Readiness & GED
- Thursday | Health & Wellness
- Friday | Youth Empowerment & Leadership
- Saturday | 1st & 3rd HIPP | 2nd & 4th Hip-Hop
- Sunday | 1st & 3rd HIPP | 2nd & 4th Hip-Hop

On the Outside:

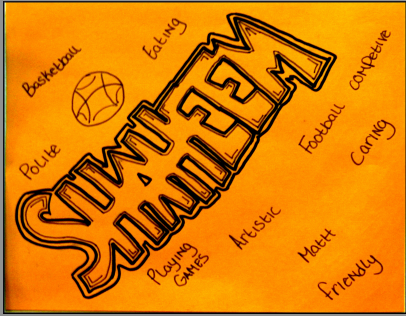
- Outdoor Empowerment on the 1st & 3rd Saturday
- HIPP on the 2nd & 4th Saturday

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“To be nobody but yourself in a world that's doing its best to make you somebody else, is to fight the hardest battle you are ever going to fight. Never stop fighting.”

- EE Cummings

Resident’s Corner:



Favorite Activities in Hillbrook:

Basketball and Boondoggle

Best Movie Seen in Hillbrook: The Legion

Worst Food in Hillbrook: Fake meatloaf

Favorite Food on the Out: Chinese Food

Favorite Basketball Team: The Lakers

Batman or Spiderman: Batman

Favorite Animal: Lion

How was the Memorial Day picnic?

S: I thought the picnic was fun and I liked trying to fly the kite. The funniest part about the picnic was when Ms. Miller got me back for getting her wet and dumped water all over me.

What is the first thing you’re going to do when you get out of Hillbrook?

S: Sleep. Sleep. Sleep.

If you could Change anything in Hillbrook, what would it be?

S: I would make it so we could go to bed at 1:00 AM and wake up at 8:30 instead of 7:30.

If you could wear any type of clothing in Hillbrook, what type of clothing would you wear?

S: My own clothes or (if it had to be a uniform) maybe green and yellow tie-dye.

What is the worst part about being at Hillbrook?

S: The worst part is that you have to be in your room.

What is the best time you have had in Hillbrook?

S: When all of the college students came during the after school program and we played capture the flag and keep up.