

Site visit report

After-school program observations.

Six volunteers were helping fourteen 8-10 year olds in a classroom. The children were mostly in groups of 2-3 and took turns reading a play aloud. The supervisor was down the hall for an extended period of time counseling another supervisor who was having some “personal issues”. One of the volunteers was giving one-on-one diagnostic tests in a separate room behind a closed door. With a few exceptions noted in this report, the observed period was uneventful, with the children generally on task and cooperative. During a break, volunteer Sam demonstrated to a couple of kids how he could lift one of the girls over his head with only one arm. Volunteer Bob was reading the new “Swimsuit Edition” of his new *Sports Illustrated* magazine and letting some of the kids look at the pictures. Volunteer Kathy was overheard inviting several of the kids to her dorm room that evening to download some new music. Volunteer Edna was playing a game with some of the kids in which they would try to tickle one another so softly that it would raise “goose bumps” on their skin. When the Good Humor truck arrived in the parking lot outside, all but one volunteer left the kids inside for 10 minutes while they went to get some ice cream. Finally, one boy complained to volunteer Joe that another volunteer had threatened to make him stand in the corner holding his arms out with a heavy book in each hand. Volunteer Joe told him that he probably deserved the punishment and he was very fortunate that the other volunteer had not actually carried out his threats.