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# CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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## CAP can help

The Campus Assistance Program (CAP) is a free service provided by LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to assist faculty, staff, residents, students, employees, and their immediate family members in the resolution of personal problems. The Health Sciences Center recognizes that everyone occasionally needs a helping hand. CAP provides assistance for both simple and complex problems impacting you and/or your job performance.



The Campus Assistance Program can help you deal with problems in the following areas: Family / marital, interpersonal, mental health, alcohol / drugs, workplace conflict, legal referrals and financial referrals.

All information conveyed during use of the services, including use of the service itself, is confidential.

For more information or to speak with a counselor call (504) 568-8888.

## We're just "Wild about Camp Tiger!"



The 27th Camp Tiger ended today with an awards banquet and luncheon for 113 campers and their parents. It followed an outdoor carnival with so many things to do and see, it was hard to decide where to go first – everything from the fire-breathing lady to feeding Tank, the 12-year-old, 90-lb. African land tortoise in the petting zoo. There were therapy dogs, face painting, dress up, LSU cheerleaders, a train to ride, footballs, soccer balls, hoola hoops, and a fire truck

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## Hands-on day at LSUHSC highlights Science Partnership



*Dr. Fern Tsien demonstrates how to isolate DNA*

The LSUHSC-Science Partnership Program wrapped up this school year with a field trip to the Health Sciences Center for nearly 100 fourth graders and their teachers from two New Orleans Recovery District schools.

The program is led by Drs. Fern Tsien and Udai Pandey, with assistance from Dr. Jaime

Becnel. They, along with medical students, graduate students, staff, residents, and

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## Camp Tiger, from page 1

complete with a hose that instantly created a water park to cool off.

Camp Tiger is the class project for the first-year class of LSUHSC medical students. While adjusting to the huge transition from college to medical school, they plan activities, handle all of the logistics, raise all the funds so Camp Tiger is free to the campers (\$113,000 and counting), and then volunteer as counselors. They get a little help from upper classes along with advisor Dr. Joe Delcarpio, and this year, 269 LSUHSC medical students participated.



*Camp Tiger Director James Barrios confers with Dean Steve Nelson, MD*

Camp Tiger was founded in 1985 by first-year students from the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine. Its mission is to give disadvantaged and challenged children an enjoyable summer camp experience. For the campers, this may be their only chance during the summer to socialize with other children without being singled out for their disabilities. This week-long day camp lets campers be “just one of the kids” and provides them with freedom to play, socialize, and express themselves as healthy, vibrant children. Since its inception, Camp Tiger has benefitted more than 1,500 children from the Greater New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas.



Besides beginning the LSUHSC tradition of giving back, Camp Tiger gives our students an opportunity to begin dealing with some of the medical conditions they may encounter during their professional careers.

## Science, from page 1

post-doctoral fellow volunteers went to Bannaker Elementary and Langston Hughes Elementary schools twice a week during the academic year to assist the teachers with their science classes in preparation for the LEAP test.

The children were separated into small groups which rotated among 5 laboratories –



*Eeeeww! Dr. Michael Hall points out effects of disease.*

Dr. Fern Tsien and Bradley Howe with DNA isolation from strawberries and discussion on the use of DNA in forensics; Dr. Michael Hall and Ayesha Umrigar with human organ demonstrations, including the effects of smoking on the human lungs; Dr. Shyamal Desai with interactive videos demonstrating how cells repair wounds and cuts; MD/PhD students and graduate students Felix Nau, Sophie Teng, and Aditi Iyengar with the use of alcohol simulation goggles to show how alcohol consumption impairs the senses; and Dr. Charles Nichols and Dr. Jaime Becnel with Drosophila research and how caffeine affects the



nervous system. They had too much fun to even realize they were learning!