

# Houston Institute for Culture

## Camp Dos Cabezas

### Press Release

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Camp Dos Cabezas enters its third year by providing children from at-risk communities the experience of a lifetime to help them achieve success in their lives. The children, who are nominated by their teachers for their potential to excel in school, will set out on a week-long camping and learning experience in the Chiricahua Mountains of Southeast Arizona (May 26 – June 3) and the Zuni Mountains of Western New Mexico (August 4 – 12).

Camp Dos Cabezas utilizes educational resources in Arizona and New Mexico, including national and state parks, Native American reservations, museums and private research foundations, to provide great educational activities and help the children develop interests that will impact the quality of their lives.

Scholarships are extended to sixteen children during the summer of 2007. Following their camp experience, they will join eighteen students from the previous two years, who are currently part of the monthly Continuing Education Program. The camp helps high school bound children understand scholarships and develops community leaders. Five of the previous camp participants will be eligible during the upcoming fall to apply for scholarships to attend an advanced camp, Camp Chaco, in southwest Colorado, and several others will serve as volunteers in future years of Camp Dos Cabezas in Arizona and New Mexico.

The camp is provided free to the Pilgrim Elementary School students by Houston Institute for Culture with sponsorship from Literal–Latin American Voices Magazine and assistance from the University of Houston College of Education. The continuing education program for the young scholars is supported by Houston Young Lawyers Foundation with additional support of 100 Percent Taquito. Classroom furniture and other facilities have been donated by Affiliated Systems and the US Department of Justice. Additionally, Bohemeo's Café helped raise funds for the camp by hosting a benefit in April.

Camp Dos Cabezas plans to grow to serve more children by increasing scholarship opportunities and hosting fundraising events to establish permanent camp facilities. The camp will then be open to work with other non-profit organizations to host groups from marginalized communities across Texas and the Southwest.

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Program Descriptions and Camp Itineraries are included with this release and are available on line at [www.houstonculture.org/camp](http://www.houstonculture.org/camp). Photographs taken by the children while at camp are available by request.

Additionally, a CD-ROM with a PDF version of the Camp Sponsorship Brochure and an Overview of Houston Institute for Culture programs may be requested by calling 713-521-3686, or sending an email to [info@houstonculture.org](mailto:info@houstonculture.org).