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Bayonne Housing Day Camp Given Special Tour of The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor

Bayonne, August 9, 2004 – The children of Bayonne Public Housing Day Camp were recently given personal bus tours of The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor.

The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority's Jesse Ann Ransom and Lance Krubner gave each of the three tours. The hour-long tour included a brief history of the former military base as well as factual information about the site. Each camper was given a map of the base so they could follow along with the tour.

The tour guides proudly spoke of The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor's newest and largest tenant, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.

"The children enjoyed seeing the various types of vessels at the base from a ship being repaired in the drydock to the large cruise ships pictured on the RCCL advertisements to the smaller coast guard boats sailing in the channel," said Jesse Ann Ransom, Project Assistant, Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority.

The children were also allowed to disembark the bus to get a better view of the drydock, the views at the northeast corner as well as at the coast guard area.

"Many of the children have never been to or seen the former base," said Ransom, "It's an exciting opportunity for them."

The students were asked if they knew what a peninsula was, if they had ever been to the former base before or if they knew what a dry dock was or how it worked.

Ransom explained each of these concepts and also offered fun information including that the dry dock was the largest of its kind on the eastern seaboard and that famous basketball player, Shaquille O'Neal, lived at the base as a child.

The free day camp (a government program) is offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children ages six to 12 who reside in one of the nine public housing development located throughout Bayonne.

For more information on Bayonne Public Housing Camp please call James Jackson at (201) 858-7895. To schedule a free tour of The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor please call (201) 823-0333.

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