



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

*Bayonne, August 6, 2003* – The children of Bayonne Public Housing Day Camp were recently given a personal bus tour of The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor.

The tour was given by the Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority's Jesse Ann Ransom. 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.

"Many Bayonne residents have never been to or seen the former base," said Jesse Ann Ransom, Project Assistant, Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority. "It's an exciting opportunity for these children."

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 students were allowed off the bus to see the dry dock and the pier at the end of the site.

According to one camper, "It was a lot of fun. I never saw a ship that big before. Seeing it in the dry dock with no water was very cool!"

Another said that he was "surprised how big the base was."

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.

Future plans for The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor call for a vibrant mixed-use waterfront development plan comprised of residential, light industrial, commercial and office space. The site

will also feature a marina with ferry service, access to public transportation, more than two miles of waterfront walkway and numerous recreational areas with parks and playgrounds.

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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