

# Grenada Elementary Top Accelerated Readers



(Front l to r) Reagan Vreeland - 180.5 points, Addyson Elliott - 36.7 points, Abigail Presley - 96.1 points, Aiden White - 282.9 points, (back l to r) GES 2-3 Principal Raleigh Wood, and K-1 Principal Dr. Vivian Simmons

## GUES Duke University Talent Winners



Front left to right-Tyler King, Ellie Welsh, Lauren Dungan, Cameron Bailey, Abby Griffin back left to right- William Sykes, Trey Brower, Lauren Brogan, Mersie Watkins, Madison Flowers, and C'era Meredith

A group of GUES students have been identified by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) as academically talented students. These selected students have been invited to complete either the SAT or ACT college entrance examination. TIP provides the participants with comparative information concerning their academic abilities and resources for unique educational opportunities.

The Duke Talent Search is the largest program of its kind in the nation, representing participation from over 5,865 junior high and middle schools in our 16-state region. Over a million students have completed the Talent Search since its inception in 1980. The Talent Search identifies academically talented 5th and 6th graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or early middle school.

# AmeriCorps Continues Community Work



AmeriCorps members (l to r) Alecia Lemon, Sharon Mathis, Gabriel Thomas, Freddie Watt, Lysondra Jones, Crystal Edwards, Dianne Hubbard, Joan Wicker, Teri Sims, Jasmine McClain, Kaitlyn Lollar, and Meagin Carver worked at Grenada Thunder on Water.

By Gwen Woodson  
AmeriCorps Director

School is out, but the Grenada School District AmeriCorps Program (GSDAP) is hard at work serving the Grenada community. "Even though the GSDAP focus is tutoring Grenada School District k-8 students in math and reading, the members have been busy "Getting Things Done" in the community this summer, said Gwen Woodson, program director.

In exchange for a year of service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award of \$5,550 that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans if they have earned over 1700 service hours at the end of their service term. "The service hours that members receive this summer will help them meet their goal," said Woodson.

Below are some projects that members have participated in:  
**Summer School Tutoring**  
During the month of June, members continued to tutor at risk students to improve their academic skills.  
**Senior Citizen Computer Training**  
GSDAP has partnered with the City of Grenada this summer to provide computer classes at the Lewis Johnson Senior Citizen Complex. Ale-



AmeriCorps member Joan Wicker helps with the TOW fishing rodeo.



Montina Bloodshaw fills bags during AmeriCorps participation at the food pantry.

cia Lemon, AmeriCorps member, facilitates the classes with other members assisting her. Classes will end July 30, 2014. We also have members serving at the City Manager's office and helping with the summer feeding program.

**Thunder on Water**  
Members endured the heat and served each day at Thunder on Water. They helped in all areas or where they were needed. They also distributed information about AmeriCorps.

**Food Pantry**  
The AmeriCorps members are dedicated to helping at the Food Pantry each month distributing food to those in need.

**Grenada Lake Visitor Center**  
Members play a huge part at the Grenada Lake Visitor Center. In order for the center to stay open, it has to be operated by volunteers. Our members

welcome visitors to our lake every Saturday and Sunday. Elizabeth Jones Library Members continue to help at the Elizabeth Jones Library by assisting with reading programs and other projects.

According to Woodson, some members will end their service term on August 31, 2014, but half will stay on to serve another year. The Grenada School District AmeriCorps Program has also selected 16 new members for the 2014-2015 program year.

For more information about the Grenada School District AmeriCorps Program, contact Program Director Gwen Woodson at [gwoodson@grenadak12.com](mailto:gwoodson@grenadak12.com). For more information about AmeriCorps, visit [www.amer](http://www.amer)

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