

Welcome to the first Teen Scene column! This one was written by one of our fabulous interns, but we'd like to invite middle and high school students to write one of your own and send it in. You may write on any topic that interests you, but please use appropriate language. Send columns to: [schooldesk@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:schooldesk@lamorindaweekly.com). We'll need your name and grade, and your home phone number. Oh, and feel free to suggest a new name for the column!

# Teen Scene column

## Teen Scene: Summer School By Nee-Sa Lossing

Sun, beach, vacation, sleeping in, late nights. These are all things that most teens associate with the word "summer." Although I'm a teen, I don't associate these words with summer. Not this summer, at least. For me, Summer 2007 is not going to be the stereotypical sunny, beach-y, vacation-y, well-rested, party session that I had hoped, and that is all thanks to summer school.

I've never attended summer school before. I always thought that I never needed to, but since entering high school, I've realized that attending summer school for advancement is not something uncommon. When you go to a school as academically competitive as mine, it's almost encouraged, because, really, the more classes on your transcript, the better.


When I first told my mom that I wanted to sign up for summer school, she said something along the lines of, "Nee-Sa, you know you'll have to be in Lafayette at 8:00am, right?" I only live ten minutes away, but those are still ten minutes that I wouldn't be sleeping. I knew that having a jam-packed schedule next school-year would be miserable, and that although summer school would be a drag, it would spare me a lot of stress later on.

As I write this, I'm listening

to Lil Mama's "Lip Gloss," which is, according to MTV's music video show TRL, destined to be a "summer anthem." Let me tell you, this is definitely not the type of music I would usually be listening to. I guess the lurking feeling of the upcoming summer (and summer school) is making me gravitate towards anything that will somehow mask the fact that this summer may be completely horrible.


I have a plan to minimize this feeling, though. I've strategically sprinkled a couple of summer music festivals, trips to amusement parks, movie and book releases, and even a short vacation at the end of the summer into my summer schedule to keep the fun summer vibes flowing among all of the anti-summer vibes emitting from summer-school.

I find that the whole concept of summer school is so ironic. Although some students have to go to make up classes from the previous school year, many students attend by choice. Students already spend nine months out of the year going to school, so why is it that so many students choose to spend their always-awaited-for and greatly desired summer vacation at summer school? I don't know. What I do know though, is that I'm determined not to let summer school ruin my summer.




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