

Science Bound Parent Feedback for Program Improvement and Impact November 8, 2006 Meeting

1. What topics did you like the best in today's session?

- Learning about the SAT & ACT test and when they can be taken. And how to budget & prioritize better.
- The Spending Game was fun and very informative tool to learn how to manage our household responsibilities. It showed us what we can allocate our resources to in differing amounts.
- Information on college/money exercises.
- Finding the black hole in your finances. If you can get a raise from your job then give yourself a "raise" in your budget.
- PSAT & SAT information
- "The Case of the Disappearing Dollars" – "Black Holes"
- SAT./ACT info. "Bean" Budgeting

2. What topics do you still have questions about?

- Financial Aid for housing? What all Science Bound covers? What financial responsibilities will the parents have along with Science Bound?
- How can you go for someone who never saves to saving enough to say for Education expenses.
- None
- SAT prep. On line test w/score for practice.

3. What was the most important thing you learned in this session?

- That my son can take the SAT & ACT test earlier than I thought.
- I need to have a plan in the making. Get on task.
- Plan ahead to save for all of my children's higher education. SAVE NOW! Move priorities around to make room for higher savings.
- How to track money.
- Ensuring that you are prepared for the SAT/ACT tests and finding aid when, where and how much.
- SAT should be taken as a junior.
- I learned how much money I could be saving annually by putting away \$4.00 (cost for lunch at work) daily just by taking a sack lunch. WOW! Also importance of taking both SAT & ACT.

4. What do you plan to do differently as a result of today's program?

- I plan to start saving more for college.
- Our family will renegotiate our family's budget to make room for more savings towards higher education for our children.
- Try to take steps to plug the black holes.
- I need to be disciplined about plugging up my financial black holes. Some of them I will keep because I need for my mental health, but the "pain of giving up Starbucks" will be worth having an extra \$1500 a year.
- Put money that I don't use (from black hole stuff) into my IRA account for future savings.
- I plan to take a sack lunch to work, cook more at home and make kool-aid instead of soda for dinner. A total annual savings of \$2,544.
- More on scheduling student for SAT/ACT tests.