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SAVE Summit – October 17, 2009 – Charlotte, NC BE THERE!

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Monthly Focus: Back to School Safety

It is "that" time of year again. Students are heading back to school and it's hard to determine who is more excited, the students or the parents! Students have their pens, paper, and outfits for the first day of school, but have you thought about safety and what you need to do to prepare for a safe school year? A small amount of planning now, can help everyone have a more pleasant and safer experience during the entire school year and beyond. SAVE Chapters nationwide are encouraged to lead their school sites in safety activities. This month's focus includes activities in the areas of Safety Awareness, Crime Prevention, and Conflict Management. Let the beginning of the school year be a time to concentrate on new SAVE activities that can result in fewer cases of violence in and around the school and community and the improved safety of those around you. Contact National SAVE for the Back to School Safety Toolkit. For suggested activities and downloads, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/augusttheme.php>. For additional information on upcoming monthly topics, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

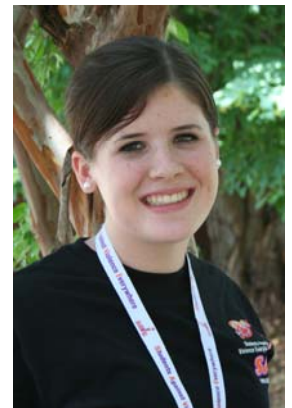
SAVE Question of the Month – August

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the forum is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country. **The August Question of the Month: "What is your best back to school safety tip? How is your SAVE Chapter assisting in Back to School Safety efforts?"** Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

YABer Yak on Back to School

– Submitted by Casey Story, CoChair (Garner, NC)

As summer comes to an end and everyone heads back to the classrooms, once again school safety becomes an important issue to discuss. Knowing your school rules is the key to a safe environment. It is also crucial to know who you can go to at your school in case of an emergency or to report any violence issues. The beginning of the school year is the perfect time to get your SAVE club active again or to start a SAVE club if your new school does not already have one. One significant thing to discuss at your first meeting is the National SAVE Summit that is occurring October 17th this year, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Students Against Violence Everywhere. Now is the time to get your chapter registered if you have not already done so. Have a safe school year and I'll see you at the Summit!



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Moser's Moments – SAVE Advisor of the Year, Mike Moser

Work with your chapter officers to make plans to take your SAVE Chapter to the SAVE Summit each year. One of the most exciting times for SAVE members is their attendance at the Annual SAVE Summit. Here, students get to attend an event that is like going to an adult conference. They get to collaborate and network with other students just like them from all across America. They can attend breakout work sessions to obtain information and ideas that they may use later in the year. They get to see presentations, skits, listen to songs, attend a luncheon, and in general do things that are usually accomplished at adult work conferences. It is their day to get fired up about their cause and to show what they have accomplished all year. The Summit is a great way to end the year or to start a new school year. I know that this year's Summit will be especially great as it is the 20th anniversary of the organization and it will be held at the site where SAVE was started back in 1989. Oh, I know what you are saying, it is a far distance to go and it will cost a lot of money or you will need lots of chaperones. Yes, and that is exactly why each chapter needs to get started making plans now to attend. Money is scarce, but perhaps a church organization would like to help sponsor your trip. Or maybe one of the local businesses like TARGET or WAL-MART would be willing to help pay the way. Don't forget about asking your very own school PTA for help. You may even want to search the internet for companies that will provide grants for chapters like yours to attend such a worthy event. And always remember donations from your student families. Your chapter will want to conduct some sort of fundraiser for the event. Whatever you do, you can be assured that it is well worth the effort and that your students and the SAVE chapter will always benefit from attending.



UPCOMING EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFO
OCTOBER			
16	Alex Orange Memorial Dedication	Charlotte, NC	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php
17	2009 National SAVE Summit	Charlotte, NC	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php
19-23	America's Safe Schools Week	Global	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php
21	National SAVE Day	Global	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php
23	SAVE Rock-A-Thon	Global	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2009 SAVE SUMMIT!
The SAVE Masquerade: Unmasking Violence
for 20 Years!
October 17, 2009
Charlotte, North Carolina



Thanks to a partnership with the Allstate Foundation, the 2009 Summit will be held on the campus of West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, North Carolina on Saturday, October 17, 2009 to celebrate SAVE's 20th Anniversary and the birth place of SAVE. There will be motivating workshops, outstanding speakers, a multimedia slide show presentation, and a national service project dedication. Workshop sessions will be filled with both fun and educational information. The sessions will be presented by SAVE members from across the country. Visit the Summit Web Page for information on speakers, presenters, other summit highlights and to register for this historical summit!
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>

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Have your Chapter Represented at the Summit – Chapter Mask

In keeping with this year's Summit theme of "Unmasking Violence", we are encouraging each SAVE chapter to create a mask representing their chapter to be displayed at the National SAVE Summit. These can be made out of poster board and brought to the Summit or they can be mailed to the National SAVE Office before September 10th.

2009 National SAVE Service Project & Alex Orange Memorial – Peace Gardens!

The National Youth Advisory Board has announced the 2009 National SAVE Service Project Initiative – Peace Gardens! Each year, SAVE Chapters across the country participate in a common service project. This is a chance for SAVE Chapters to feel a part of the national effort, while making a difference in their own community. The YABers are encouraging every SAVE Chapter to create a Peace Garden in their school or community. A place where students and adults can sit, reflect and enjoy the friendship of others. Please be sure to send us a photo of your SAVE members in your Peace Garden so that it can be displayed at the National SAVE Summit! In addition, in honor of SAVE's 20th Anniversary, the YAB would also like to purchase a memorial in honor of Alex Orange for the Peace Garden at West Charlotte High School. Since the 2009 SAVE Summit is going to be held at West Charlotte High School on October 17th, it will be an opportune time to present the memorial to them! In order to accomplish this, we are asking each SAVE Chapter to conduct a small fundraiser and send the proceeds to National SAVE – be sure to mark the donation for Alex's Memorial. Thank you for remembering Alex Orange and the first SAVE chapter formed in 1989 through this effort! More info: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>

SAVE Vice Chairwoman Testifies Before Congress Subcommittee

Cassady Tetsworth, vice chairwoman of the National Youth Advisory Board for Students Against Violence Everywhere testified at a hearing regarding strengthening school safety through prevention of bullying before subcommittees of the US House Committee on Education and Labor on July 8, 2009. For more information and to view her testimony, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/cassadytestimony.php>



9.11 Day of Service and Remembrance (September 11)

September 11th was officially established as a National Day of Service and Remembrance by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, passed by Congress earlier this year and signed by President Obama in late April. "United We Serve" will culminate on this new National Day of Service and Remembrance. The new 911day.org website launched in late June.

Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

COPS Guide Addresses Bullying in Schools

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has published "[Bullying in Schools](#)," Part of COPS' [Problem-Specific Guide Series](#), the guide provides police with information about the causes and extent of bullying in schools and includes recommendations for developing practices and policies that promote student safety.

www.cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ResourceDetail.aspx?RID=18

New CDC Website for Youth Violence Statistics

Violent injury and death disproportionately affect adolescents and young adults in the United States. Homicide is the second leading cause of death among youth aged 10–24 years. [Violence](#) is also a major cause of nonfatal injuries among youth. However, it is possible to prevent violence and help our youth to live healthier and more fulfilling lives. Monitoring and tracking trends in [youth violence](#) across the United States provides critical data to help prevent youth violence. CDC's new [website](#) provides national and state-specific statistics on youth homicide and non-fatal assault-related injury rates. These data can help public health officials, researchers, practitioners and the public to describe and monitor youth violence trends and to develop and evaluate prevention programs and strategies. Together we can create communities in which youth are safe from violence.

http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/youthviolence/stats_at-a_glance/index.html

Teen Drinkers Face Greater Alcohol Risks as Adults

New research suggests that individuals who begin drinking alcohol as teenagers are more likely than those who start drinking after age 21 to suffer alcohol-related harm as adults. Reuters reported June 5 that researchers Ralph Hingson and Wenxing Zha from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) found that adults who began drinking at age 16 or younger drove drunk, suffered unintentional injuries, and became dependent on alcohol at about twice the rate as those whose onset of drinking occurred at age 21 years or older. The findings were published online May 26, 2009 in the Journal of Pediatrics. <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/123/6/1477>

Guide Seeks To Heal the Wounds of Children Exposed to Violence

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Safe Start Center has published "Healing the Invisible Wounds: Children's Exposure to Violence." The guide, which is available in English and Spanish, offers informative tips on how to recognize the signs of children's exposure to violence and helpful advice on helping children thus exposed. Exposure to violence is a pervasive problem that crosses all ages, and the guide provides specific information pertaining to children of various ages, as well as a list of useful resources. Resources: "Healing the Invisible Wounds: Children's Exposure to Violence" and related resources, including a Quick Reference Guide, are available at www.safestartcenter.org

Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Allstate Foundation Grants

Thanks to a partnership with The Allstate Foundation, SAVE will be conducting special activities and events in the following areas of the country: Southeast Region, North Central Region, Midwest Region, West Central Region, New Jersey, Texas and California. If you know of schools interested in participating in these opportunities, please contact the SAVE office.



Pay It Forward Foundation – Pay It Forward Mini-Grants (Deadline: 09/15/09)

Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or community. These projects must be based on the "pay it forward" concept – where one person does a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others. <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/mini-grant.html>

Wal-Mart State Giving Program (Deadline: 9/18/09)

Through the State Giving Program, the Wal-Mart Foundation seeks to support organizations with programs that align with our mission to create opportunities so people can live better. The State Giving Program strives to award grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact. The Foundation has four areas of focus: Education, Workforce Development / Economic Opportunity, Health & Wellness, and Environmental Sustainability. Minimum grants are \$25,000. The State Giving Program application period is June 15 - September 18, 2009. Learn more at: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx?p=8979>

National Gardening Association & Home Depot – 2010 Youth Garden Grants (Deadline: 11/2/09)

The National Gardening Association and The Home Depot provide Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

Teaching Tolerance Grants (Deadline: Ongoing)

The Teaching Tolerance Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center, offers grants to pre-K-12 educators for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas. Proposals from community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be focused on character/moral education, conflict resolution, multiculturalism, community service, and other aspects of tolerance education. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>