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Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar for These Events!

- February 5-9 – National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week
www.chooserespect.org
- February 25-28 – OJJDP National Youth Court Training, Las Vegas
<http://www.youthcourt.net>
- February 13-19 - Random Acts of Kindness Week
<http://www.actsofkindness.org/>
- February 17-21 – 19th Annual At Risk Youth National Forum
<http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferen/conferen.htm>
- **National Youth Violence Prevention Week – March 26-30, 2007**
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php>
- **National SAVE Summit – March 31, 2007**
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>
- **National and Global Youth Service Day – April 20-22, 2007**
<http://www.YSA.org/nysd>
- **National Youth Traffic Safety Month – May 2007**
www.noys.org
- Other events
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/events.php>

National Youth Violence Prevention Week – March 26-30, 2007

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is proud to be a founding partner, along with the [Guidance Channel](#), of the [National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign](#). The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence. This weeklong national education initiative will involve activities that demonstrate the positive role young people can have in making their school and community safer. Visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php> to learn how your SAVE Chapter can be involved!

Register now for the 11th Annual National SAVE Summit! – March 31, 2007

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Each year the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere hosts an annual Summit for students, advisors, and community members to celebrate the success of SAVE chapters for the year. Chapter members lead workshop sessions, display accomplishments in Exhibit Alley, and have the opportunity to network with students from across the country. This year's theme, "**Teaming Up for a Better Tomorrow**," was chosen by the National SAVE Youth Advisory Board to reflect the promise of SAVE and its stand against violence of all kinds by students everywhere for years to come! This year's Summit will feature **Miss Virginia 2006, Adriana Sgarlata**, as a keynote speaker as well as **Dr. Jody Roy** who will help students better understand why some people hate and how we all can help move our world beyond hate. **Violence is Not an Illusion** will be performed by **Magician Joseph Daniels**. Visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php> to learn about Summit details, contests, and activities that your chapter can participate in for this important event.

- **Still looking for a few more SAVE Chapters to present a breakout session!** We have a few slots left for some outstanding SAVE chapters to present a breakout session! Your chapter will receive three free tickets to the summit if you are chosen to present. Please email Carleen immediately if you are interested at cwray@nationalsave.org. Breakout sessions are 40 minutes in length and are a great opportunity for you to share your chapter ideas with other chapters across the country.
- **2007 National SAVE Service Project: Team Up for Kids!** This year's national service project entitled, **Team Up for Kids**, involves chapters creating care packages for students. The National Youth Advisory Board suggests purchasing backpacks and filling them with essential items including school supplies, toiletries, etc. Chapters are encouraged to provide them to the social worker in their own school or neighboring schools to distribute to students in need. Chapters who attend the summit are asked to bring some of the care packages to the summit.
- **Display Your SAVE "TEAM" at the Summit!** Help us to Team Up for a Better Tomorrow by making your presence known at the Summit. Chapters are encouraged to create a visual of their SAVE Team to display at the National SAVE Summit! Be creative! Suggestions include: a poster with your SAVE Team picture; a banner with members represented as sports symbols; or a large team jersey with all of their members' names. However your chapter chooses to participate in this activity, be sure to send in your items before **March 1, 2007** and include your chapters name, city and state!
- **Picture This - Call for Photos!** National SAVE is once again creating a big screen slide show to acknowledge the achievements of SAVE chapters. In order to make the show as inclusive as possible, we need photos by **February 15, 2007** showing active work by your chapter (i.e. service projects, meetings, skits, etc.). Please email your pictures to cwray@nationalsave.org or mail them to the National SAVE office. Photos will be kept for the National SAVE photo albums and exhibits.
- **A Better Tomorrow Chant Contest.** SAVE Summit participants have always enjoyed the SAVE-A-Chunga and other chants/cheers at the Summit. Now it is your Chapter's chance to create a chant! Please send National SAVE a copy of your chant/cheer including your chapter name, city and state before **March 1**. Winning chants/cheers will be performed at the Summit. If your chapter attends the Summit, you can have the chance to be on stage and lead 1,000 voices in unison in your chant/cheer.
- **Teambuilding Contest.** The National SAVE Youth Advisory Board is challenging each SAVE Chapter across the country to create a teambuilding activity and submit it to National SAVE. These activities will be compiled and shared with SAVE Chapters at the Summit and on the National SAVE website. Encouraging positive conflict management and working together is an important part of SAVE's philosophy. Share how your chapter is working together as a team in a fun way! A special session at this year's Summit will allow participants to experience the winning teambuilding activities. Send in your Teambuilding Activity before **March 1, 2007** and include your chapter's name, city and state!

Plan a Service Project for National & Global Youth Service Day

National and Global Youth Service Day (N & GYSD) is the largest service event in the world and is April 20-22 for 2007. Resources are available to help you plan your service project: Order or download free planning resources: Planning Tool Kits, Service-Learning Curriculum Guides, and posters are available at <http://www.ysa.org/nysd/resource/planning.cfm> Youth Service America also requests that those planning N &

GYSD projects register their projects. Registering your service project at <http://www.YSA.org/nysd> enables Youth Service America to highlight your project through its national media campaign.

National Youth Traffic Safety Month – May 2007

National Youth Traffic Safety Month addresses the number one cause of death for youth in our nation. Every year over 6,000 youth die in traffic related crashes. Many of these crashes are caused by avoidable behavior. The theme of National Youth Traffic Safety Month is "Safety is NO Accident!" Safety is not an accident; youth can take specific actions to be safer as drivers and passengers. National Youth Traffic Safety Month is also a time to celebrate and promote those who work to help keep youth safe on the roads. Youth will be participating in activities to thank and support those working so hard to protect them. Check out: www.noys.org for downloadable activities and information.

Recognition Opportunities:

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR SAVE ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominate a SAVE *member, advisor or chapter* who has made a difference in your school or community. Annual award recipients are announced at the SAVE Summit. Recipients do not have to be present to win. Award recipients will receive a certificate and letter of recognition.

Award Categories:

- **SAVE Student of the Year at the elementary, middle and high school levels**
- **SAVE Advisor of the Year at the elementary, middle and high school levels**
- **SAVE Chapter of the Year at the elementary, middle and high school levels**

Nomination Deadline: Nominations are due in the National SAVE Office by **March 1, 2007**. Visit www.nationalsave.org to download nomination forms.

SAVE Question of the Month – February

Please share the SAVE Question of the month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the website is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country!

The February Question of the Month is: "February 5-9 is National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Week, how does your SAVE chapter help to prevent Dating Violence?" Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

Monthly Focus – DON'T BE A CHARACTER...HAVE GOOD CHARACTER TRAITS!

All is fair in LOVE and SAVE! February, the month for love, is the perfect time to show your good character! What are some positive character traits that you admire in others? In this month especially, try to demonstrate good character traits. Be a positive role model for those around you so they can learn good traits as well. Pick out a person in your life that demonstrates good traits and shadow that person for a day. For other suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/februarytheme.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

Funding Opportunities:

Macy's Department Stores Shopping for Charity Day -March 17, 2007

If you have a Macy's Department store in your area, this is a great way to **raise funds for your SAVE Chapter!** Chapters in the following states are eligible to participate: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia. Would your chapter be interested in selling special Shopping Passes to Macy's Shop for a Cause charity event? Basically, you would receive discounted shopping passes that your members would sell for \$5 each. The passes are good for all Macy's stores in the Southeast and a few additional states for their Shop for a Cause Day on March 17, 2007. By purchasing a shopping pass to the event, customers can support their favorite cause while enjoying a day of special discounts, refreshments, entertainment and contests. The special shopping pass includes an offer for \$10 off a single \$20 purchase when the pass is presented, as well as a 20% discount on other items. This one-day-

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only shopping event was created as a way for Macy's to help support local non-profit organizations. **YOUR CHAPTER** would get to keep the entire **\$5.00** for each one sold. You would be responsible for tracking how many are sold and being sure that they are not given away, duplicated or sold at a reduced rate within your chapter. Please email Carleen if you are interested in participating at cwray@nationalsave.org

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Program

To empower parents and further encourage their involvement in their children's schools, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has established the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program to fund school improvement projects initiated by parents. Lowe's will donate a total of \$5 million to schools and school parent teacher groups at more than 1,000 different schools in 2006 and 2007. Any nonprofit K-12 school (including charter, parochial, private, etc.) or parent group (associated with a nonprofit K-12 school) that has a group tax ID number and official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS is eligible to apply. Parent groups that do not have 501(c)(3) status should apply through their school. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. Up to \$5,000 per school is available. Application information: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>. **The grant deadline is February 15, 2007.**

Tu Voz My Venture Grant

Youth Venture, in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and MTV "Tr3s Voces", will select teams of two or more youth, ages 13 - 20, every week through June 29, who submit great ideas for encouraging their peers to graduate from high school and college. Tu Voz My Venture winners will receive grants of up to \$1,000 to create their ventures - an organization, business, or club to help young Latinos stay in school and prepare for college and careers. To learn more, visit <http://www.mtv3voces.com>. **Grant deadline is June 29, 2007**

Contests:

National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

The U.S. Department of Justice's, [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) is sponsoring this year's National Missing Children's Day [Poster Contest](#) for the 11th Anniversary of AMBER Alert Program. This year's theme is "Bring Our Missing Children Home." Held annually, this contest challenges 5th grade students to develop artwork that represents America's goal to bring missing children home safely. The winning poster is displayed at the National Missing Children's Day ceremony, which will be held May 23, 2007. <http://dept.fvtc.edu/ojjdp/postercontest.html>