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Apply to serve on the 2007-2008 National Youth Advisory Board!

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is looking for a few good teens to serve on the 2007-2008 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board. If you are currently in the eighth grade or in high school you are eligible to apply. Applications are due in the National SAVE Office by May 15, 2007. Please visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YAB0607.php>

Monthly Focus – Substance Abuse

The abuse of substances by anyone is a serious and dangerous situation, but abuse by young people is most disturbing. The naivety and lack of fear among youth coupled with illegal or other harmful materials is a deadly combination. In many instances violent incidents accompany substance abuse, therefore making it another relevant topic to be addressed by **SAVE** chapters. It is important to educate children on the dangers and consequences of substance abuse at as early an age as possible. We strongly encourage **SAVE** chapters to address issues of alcohol and substance abuse especially during this stressful time of year when students are involved with end of year activities from exams to proms and parties. Set the stage for a safe summer free from violence and substance abuse. For other suggested activities, visit [http://www.nationaimst6dprp:/main/mayda.p\(ahpit\)JTJEm](http://www.nationaimst6dprp:/main/mayda.p(ahpit)JTJEm)

Now on Sale! SAVE: Teaming Up for a Better Tomorrow T-shirts!

Get your SAVE: Teaming Up for a Better Tomorrow T-shirt by visiting the online SAVE Store at <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/89shirt.php>. This white t-shirt with the SAVE logo on front and team logo back as well as the number 89 (in honor of when SAVE started - 1989), is currently on sale for \$7 each.

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar for These Events!

- **National Youth Traffic Safety Month – May 2007**
www.noys.org
- **Great American Bake Sale – May 19, 2007**
- **National Youth Court Training – June 10-13, 2007**
http://www.youthcourt.net/training_ta/current.htm
- Other events
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/events.php>

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. Information on funding for activities during National Youth Traffic Safety Month can be found at www.dosomething.org (\$500 grants) and www.noys.org (\$1,000 Allstate Awards).

OJJDP Announces National Double Track Youth Court Training – June 10-13, 2007

On June 10-13, 2007, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP), in collaboration with the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), [Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools](#), and the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), is sponsoring the [National Double Track Youth Court Training](#). Track one is designed for communities interested in establishing a youth court program and for new youth court staff and volunteers. Track two is designed for experienced youth court staff and volunteers seeking innovative techniques to enhance current programs. Early registration is recommended, as space is limited. Resources: To obtain additional information about this training session and register online, visit http://www.youthcourt.net/training_ta/current.htm.

Share Our Strength's

Share Our Strength, one of the nation's leading organizations working to end childhood hunger in America, is launching the Great American Bake Sale campaign on May 19. Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale mobilizes Americans to help end childhood hunger by holding bake sales in their communities. To get involved and help ensure that the 12 million children at risk of hunger in America have the nutritious food they need to learn, grow and thrive, visit <http://www.greatamericanbakesale.org>

Funding Opportunities:

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**

Keep America Beautiful Introduces Graffiti Hurts Grants Program

Keep America Beautiful (<http://www.kab.org/>) has developed a new Graffiti Hurts (<http://www.graffitihurts.org/>) national funding program to help communities kick-start or intensify their local graffiti-prevention activities. The 2007 Graffiti Hurts Grant Program allows communities to apply for a grant of \$2,000. Any of the following groups are eligible to apply for a grant: nonprofit, civic, and community organizations, including neighborhood groups (e.g., Neighborhood Watch); crime prevention associations, civic clubs or organizations, and other nonprofit groups; youth groups/schools, including any group of youth such as Girl/Boy Scouts, 4-H, Girls/Boys Clubs, YW/YMCAs, and students in a class, grade, or school club; government agencies, including police departments or other law enforcement; and city, county, state, and federal government agencies, or subdivisions within these agencies (e.g., department of public works). **Deadline: June 29, 2007**

Contests/Recognition Opportunities:

Become a Conscious Lifestyle Social Innovator

Want to "Eat Well, Dress Well, Live Well" while doing good? Conscious Lifestyle and Youth Venture are teaming up to select 10 teams of young people from across the country as Social Innovators to start sustainable Conscious Lifestyle Youth Ventures at their high school or university. Winners will receive up to \$1000 in start-up funding, technical support, a webpage, cool threads, and more. Through education, awareness, and action, Conscious Lifestyle Youth Ventures connect consumers and companies worldwide to advocate for greater social and environmental standards. Applications are due May 11. To learn more, visit <http://www.consciouslifestyle.org>

Are you the Safest Kid in America?

Every year, Safe America Foundation (SAF) hosts a national safety contest titled Safest Kid In America. This national contest recognizes youth in two age groups, 5-9 and 10-13, for creating a safety message using various artistic forms such as drawings, poetry and videos. Contestants may choose from one of four categories (home safety, outdoor safety, weather safety and personal health and safety), and prizes are awarded in each category. In addition to awarding the winners \$1,000 or \$500 savings bonds. For additional information on this contest, visit www.safeamericakids.org Entries must be postmarked before June 30, 2007.

Submit Stories for the Youth Empowerment Alliance Global Youth Yearbook

The Youth Empowerment Alliance, Inc is creating the Global Youth Yearbook and is looking for the best of the best youth-told stories worldwide. The Global Youth Yearbook will serve as a "snapshot" of life as a teenager during this year and will be distributed in schools, bookstores, and online. The Youth Empowerment Alliance is looking for all types of stories including print, photography, video, and design. The submissions will be evaluated by a group of leading journalists, including Pulitzer Prize winners. For more information on submitting stories, contact sara@tampabay.rr.com