

SAVE eSource
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SAVE Question of the Month –

The November Question of the Month is: *“How has your SAVE chapter connected students in a meaningful way to your school and/or community?”*

Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org

Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php#SD> to see your response posted!

Inspire Your Students

Students ages 10-20 have the opportunity for their writing, art or music to be published in two **Guitars Not Guns** benefit projects, a book and music CD to be sold to the public. Students will help promote safety in schools. These projects raise funds for guitars for at-risk students to help promote music as an alternative to school violence. Selected entries will be published in a book or recorded on a music CD backed by professional musicians. See entry requirements at <http://www.astarrynightproductions.com/> or email starrynight_kids4kids@yahoo.com with questions before sending copies, not originals, postmarked by December 31, 2005 to: A Starry Night Productions; P.O. Box 1648; Woodbridge, CA 95258.

Monthly Focus – WEAPON SAFETY

Many weapons, not just firearms, are discovered on school campuses every year. Do students at your school know what is considered a weapon? Each state has a specific definition of what is considered a weapon and what the consequences are for bringing a weapon on campus. November is a great time to remind students what school policies exist on weapons and the consequences for bringing weapons on campus. For additional information visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

Opportunity of the Month: THINK MTV YOUTH VENTURER GRANTS

MTV will award 33 grants of up to \$1,000 each to youth-led community-service programs. The Think MTV Youth Venturer grants will support projects that focus on discrimination, education, environmental, international, or sexual-health issues. Individuals ages 13 and older may apply. Deadline is Dec. 31. For more information, contact [Youth Venture](http://www.youthventure.org), 690 Eighth Ave., Sixth Floor, New York, NY 10036; 212-278-8930; e-mail: thinkventures@youthventure.org

Coming next Month: SAVE ESA Foundation Mini Grants

Chapters in good standing with SAVE will receive the applications for the next SAVE ESA Mini Grant opportunity in December. Not sure your chapter is in good standing with SAVE? Be sure to review the chapter list at <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/locations.php> or check your SAVE chapter certificate for when your affiliation expires.

Upcoming Event: 2006 National SAVE Summit

Mark your calendars! The 2006 National SAVE Summit is scheduled for April 1, 2006. The National Youth Advisory Board has begun planning for this important event and chapters will be receiving information in the mail in mid December. This year's theme is *SAVE: Erasing the Colors of Violence*. The Summit is an opportunity for students, advisors, and community members to celebrate the success of their **SAVE** chapters for the year. Chapter

members lead workshop sessions. Every participant in the Summit receives valuable educational information from exhibits, hears from outstanding speakers, and has the opportunity to network with other students across the country who are making a difference. The students will also have the opportunity to participate in an on-site national service project which this year includes the collection of coloring books and crayons to be distributed to needy children. For additional information on the 2006 National Summit visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>