

## SAVE eSOURCE November 2008



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### Monthly Focus: Weapon Safety

In 2005, 19 percent of students in grades 9-12 reported they had carried a weapon anywhere and about 6 percent reported they had carried a weapon on school property (Indicators of School Crime and Safety, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2006). 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 suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/novembertheme.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

### YABer Yak – Submitted by Kalynn Kowitz, Midwest Regional Representative

The National SAVE Youth Advisory Board met for the National Youth Leadership Institute in early October. Ten students from around the country came together to receive training, create curriculum and plan for SAVE's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the National SAVE Summit. Representing the western coast, Danielle Diaz of New Mexico, Candy Gonzalez and Gerardo Ceballos of Colorado, in the Midwest, Brehanna Jordan of Illinois, Amanda Krebsbach and Kalynn Kowitz of Wisconsin, and on the eastern coast, Cassidy Tetsworth, Casey Story, Nigel Cox, and Jonai Lloyd, all of North Carolina.



Each of the YABers were elected to positions on the board. Brehanna Jordan and Casey Story will serve as Co-Chairs of the board. Gerardo Ceballos and Cassidy Tetsworth were selected to be the Co-Vice Chairs. Danielle Diaz and Amanda Krebsbach were selected as Event Planners and Public Relations Coordinators. Jonai Lloyd was named as the Secretary and Nigel Cox, Candy Gonzalez, and Kalynn Kowitz were selected to be the Regional Representatives.

Much was accomplished by the board and quickly too! All together they planned out awareness activities, for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SAVE, planned many of the details of the National SAVE Summit, and completed a brochure on Teen Driver Safety. By the end of the weekend it was a tearful departure but each left energized and excited about making a difference in their schools and communities through SAVE.

## SAVE Hosts Teen Driver Safety Summits – Texas

The Allstate Foundation presented a grant to the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) to fund Teen Safe Driving Summits and activities in Texas high schools. In the first of a series of regional Teen Safe Driving Summits, Lubbock area high schools met to focus on how and why to address teen safe driving issues; what teen safe driving activism plans they have for the coming school year; and what tips they have for other teens who want to drive safely. Teens were engaged in interactive, participatory activities and skits.



The role of SAVE in working with teens to learn wise decision making skills is becoming increasingly important. Peers are a major influence on teens - both positive and negative. Nearly half said they are sometimes distracted by passengers (47 percent), and nearly as many said they drive more safely without friends in the car (44 percent). More than half (53 percent) said friends would be the most effective influence in getting them to drive more safely. (Chronic, A Report on the State of Teen Driving, The Allstate Foundation, 2005) It is important to involve teens in a meaningful way in safe driving efforts. <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/Allstate%20Texas.php>

## SAVE Question of the Month – November

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 November Question of the Month: “If a student is interested in starting a SAVE chapter at their school, what three things would you tell them about SAVE?”** Send your responses to: [forum@nationalsave.org](mailto:forum@nationalsave.org). Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

## Upcoming Events:

- **National Runaway Prevention Month – November**
  - <http://www.1800runaway.org/rpm/rpm.html>
- **Spirit of Safety (S.O.S.) Conference, November 10-12, 2008** - Jackson, MS
  - <http://www.jsums.edu/cll/sos.08/registrationform.pdf>
- **Service Learning: A Strategy for Keeping Youth in School, December 3-5, 2008** - Philadelphia, PA
  - <http://www.igesl.org/>
- **No Name Calling Week, January 26-30, 2009**
  - <http://www.nonamecallingweek.org>
- **The 20th Annual National Service-Learning Conference: Growing Hope, Cultivating Change, March 18-21, 2009** - Nashville, TN
- **National Youth Violence Prevention Week – March 23-27, 2009**
  - <http://www.nyvpw.org>
- **20th National Youth Crime Prevention Conference & International Forum, April 19-22, 2009** - Orlando, FL
  - <http://www.ycwa.org/youthcon/>

- **2009 National SAVE Summit:**  
**SAVE Masquerade: Unmasking Violence for 20 Years**  
**October 17, 2009**  
**West Charlotte High School, Charlotte, NC**  
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>

### **SAVE Across the Country:**

- SAVE is proud to be partnering with the Allstate Foundation in NC, SC, NJ, TX, OK, UT, NV, MN, WI, IL, PA, OH, MI, and IN.
- SAVE speakers can be seen at upcoming conferences in TX and Jackson, MS.
- Texas Teen Safe Driving Tour Launches in Lubbock through SAVE, TX
  - <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/texas-teen-safe-driving-tour/story.aspx?guid=%7B77E133EB-4024-4079-A754-FF6E8DD919F8%7D&dist=hppr>
- Pledging to Stay Away from Gun Violence On Target, SC
  - <http://www.timesanddemocrat.com/articles/2008/10/22/opinion/doc48fe92f760acb748316146.txt>
- Students Learn to Stand Up Against Drugs and Violence, NV
  - <http://www.kvbc.com/Global/story.asp?S=9236507&nav=15MV>

### **Violence Prevention Resources & Information:**

#### **Teen Safe Driving Brochure – Created by the National SAVE Youth Advisory Board**

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of teens in the US. In an effort to address this critical issue the National SAVE Youth Advisory Board in partnership with the Allstate Foundation has created a brochure for teens: <http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/Safe%20Driving%20web.pdf>

#### **Bulletin Reviews Research on Girls' Delinquency**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released "[The Girls Study Group—Charting the Way to Delinquency Prevention for Girls](#)." Part of OJJDP's Girls Study Group series, the bulletin provides an overview of the study group's research on female juvenile delinquency and summarizes the findings presented in each of the remaining six bulletins in the series.

#### **Free Curriculum Guide**

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, based on the 2006 novel by John Boyne, is coming to the big screen in November. The story provides a unique perspective on the effects of prejudice, hatred, and violence on innocent people, particularly children, during wartime. The F.I.L.M. Project has produced a program guide to accompany the book and movie. It includes thought-provoking discussion and inspiring service-learning projects for young people to help end hatred and be advocates for tolerance, unity, and peace. <http://www.youthfilmproject.org/documents/BOYDiscussionGuide.pdf>

### **Funding Opportunities:**

#### **Teaching Tolerance Grants (Deadline: Ongoing)**

Teaching Tolerance offers grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to preK-12 classroom teachers for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas. Proposals from other community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact. Open Deadline. For more information please visit <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

#### **Teach Something Grants (Deadline: December 15)**

Do you want to improve education in your community? We want to help! Do Something and Tutor.com are offering \$500 grants for your ideas or projects that make a difference around education issues. DoSomething.org is giving out ten \$500 grants for education projects. <http://www.dosomething.org/programs/page/how-apply-teach-something-grant>

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