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**SAVE Summit – October 17, 2009 – Charlotte, NC
EARLY BIRD DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 15TH!**

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Monthly Focus: Speaking Out - Communication

In September, **SAVE** chapters really get rolling. It takes good communication to get the word out about your chapter and the great things you are doing. Have kickoff meetings, membership drives, and start planning projects and fund-raisers for the year. This is the time when most chapters elect their officers for the year and begin publicizing **SAVE** and all of the great activities that will lie ahead. Start contacting resource people in your school or community (i.e. counselors, SROs, violence prevention specialists, etc.) that can help enhance your meetings or serve as speakers. You may also contact businesses or civic groups about becoming possible sponsors for your planned events. Get together with other schools in your area to begin planning joint projects for the year such as participating in the [National SAVE Rock-A-Thon!](#) Middle and high school chapters may want to contact feeder schools to set up presentations for younger students who may be interested in joining **SAVE**. For suggested activities and downloads, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/septembertheme.php>. For additional information on upcoming monthly topics, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

SAVE Question of the Month – September

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 September Question of the Month: "Why should my SAVE Chapter attend the National SAVE Summit? What benefit will it be to the students?"**

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

**YABer Yak on 20th Anniversary SAVE Summit! – Submitted by
Danielle Diaz, National Youth Advisory Board (NM)**

October is just around the corner, and you know what that means, right? It means that our National SAVE Youth Summit is almost here! The Summit will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at West Charlotte High School. This year's theme is SAVE: Unmasking Violence for 20 Years. SAVE Chapters from across the nation have worked extremely hard all year and this is the time to reflect on the events that they have hosted and the people they have helped. SAVE is continually expanding throughout the country, and this Summit will commemorate the hard work that every individual has put in to create a safer environment in their community. The National SAVE Summit will be filled with inspirational speakers, fun activities, educational break-out sessions, and memories to last a lifetime. I encourage everyone to attend this great event! I hope to see you there!



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

Always remember to **allow** student officers to plan and lead chapter activities. The key word here is **allow**. When an adult allows a student to do something such as make the plans for a meeting or create a fund raising idea, the student will become very involved in that activity. Remember that SAVE is “a program created by students for students everywhere.” Yep, I know that you may think that students cannot think of everything and you are correct. That’s where you come in. Most students will learn to grow in responsibility by first having a responsibility and then by being supported by an adult or in this case the chapter advisor. You as an advisor can help to grow the students in your chapter by letting them be the chapter. Students influence other students far better and quicker than adults. Your chapter will grow and violence will decrease in your school because students will not tolerate other students messing thing up.

Let me tell you about one of the students in the SAVE Chapter at my school where I first started being an advisor. This person had some wild ideas about some skits that could be played at one of our local retail stores. I did not think that the skits would attract anyone’s attention and was very reluctant to let her do them. In the end they were great. This student went on to be our chapter president and later became the National SAVE Student of the Year. The following year she lead the Chapter to become the National SAVE Chapter of the Year. In all of the chapter activities I tried to remain in the shadows where I advised and helped her and the other chapter officers in every way with support, encouragement, and suggestions. I have to tell you that I was extremely proud to see this former Kernodle Middle School SAVE Chapter student, Cassidy Tetsworth, testifying in front of the United States Congress in Washington, DC this summer. My, how she has grown! So I say to you that the best thing you can do as an advisor in your chapter is to remember to **allow** student officers to plan and lead chapter activities.

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>

Summit Raffle – Get Your Tickets Now!

This year's Summit Raffle includes an assortment of prizes donated to SAVE from various companies and organizations. Please visit our Summit Raffle page at <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/raffle.php>. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Summit, by calling the SAVE office at 919-661-7800 with a credit card number, or online via the Paypal button on the Raffle webpage. Raffle tickets will be mailed after purchase, free of charge. Phone and web raffle ticket sales will be accepted through Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 5 pm. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. There will also be an ebay auction held the week of the Summit. Watch the Summit page for more information!

Picture This – Call for SAVE Chapter Photos!

National SAVE is creating a big screen slideshow to acknowledge the achievements of our SAVE chapters. This slideshow will premier at the SAVE Summit. In order to make the show as inclusive as possible, please submit your photos by September 25, 2009 showing active work by your chapter (i.e. service projects, meetings, skits, etc.). Please email your pictures to eduvall@nationalsave.org or mail them to the National SAVE office. Don't forget to include: School, Chapter name, and Advisor name. Photos will be kept for the National SAVE photo albums and exhibits.

Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

One in three teens have been in a school fight

One in three teens, both boys and girls, say they've been in a school fight, according to the latest survey by the National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center. In the dynamic of fighting, there is an attacker and a victim, and typically, one more child: a witness, who is also a victim. Reported by Connect with Kids http://www.connectwithkids.com/tipsheet/2009/451_aug19/thisweek/090819_fight.shtml

One in Five Teens Share Their Prescription Drugs with Friends

A survey of 12- to 17-year-olds in the U.S. has found that about 20 percent said they have given their prescription drugs like Oxycontin and Darvocet to friends or obtained drugs the same way, Reuters reported. The study was published online in the [Journal of Adolescent Health](#)

Free Anti-Drug Resources For Back To School To Help Reach Parents And Teens

The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign Offers Free, Unlimited Printed Materials for Community Coalitions to Help Reach Parents and Teens. Teens cite "coping with school stress" as a major reason

many of them turn to drugs. But research shows that teens who learn a lot about the risks from a parent or other caring adults are less likely to use drugs or alcohol. Youth ages 12 to 17 who believe their parents would strongly disapprove of their using drugs are less likely to use drugs. Also available in unlimited quantities is a brochure that addresses an emerging threat: the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs by teens, as well as a colorful handout highlighting the danger zones where drugs can be found in each room of the home with a printed "house tour." Today, more young people ages 12 to 17 abuse prescription drugs than any illicit drug except marijuana. And each day, more than 2,000 youth try a painkiller to get high for the very first time. Here's how to order the materials. Call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Health Information Network at 1-800-788-2800 and order by number and title:

PHD1114. Keeping Your Teens Drug-Free: A Family Guide

PHD1115. Keeping Your Teens Drug-Free: A Guide for Hispanic Families

PHD1116. Keeping Your Teens Drug-Free: A Guide for African American Parents and Caregivers

PHD1127. Navigating the Teen Years: A Parent's Handbook for Raising Healthy Teens

AVD228: The Teen Years: A Road Map for Parents CD-ROM

POTC-08. The Abuse of Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drugs

ONDCP09-FCINSERT. House Tour Print Insert: Where Are Drugs in Your House?

The Media Campaign also has free unlimited copies of posters and postcards for teens that remind them to be above the influence. Being "above the influence for teens is not letting people pressure you into being less than you." Use these posters at school and teen workplaces and have teens exchange postcards.

Materials include:

ATI-1PCS08 ATI Landfill poster

ATI-2POS08 ATI Respect Myself poster

ATI-3POS08 ATI Martin poster

ATI-4POS08 ATI Pressure poster

ATI-2PC08 ATI Prom postcard

To view and/or download parent materials, visit <http://www.theantidrug.com/Resources/>

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, Southwest Region, West Central Region, New Jersey, Texas and California. If you know of schools interested in receiving grant funds in these areas, please contact the SAVE office.



Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation Literacy and Education Grants (Deadline: 9/30/09)

Literacy and education grants to help children are awarded throughout the year for specific programs with measurable outcomes. We desire to provide support for children in literacy and education programs such as summer reading programs, early childhood education programs and literacy programs for children with special needs. The grant request deadlines are at the end of February, May, and September.

<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/bearhugs.aspx>

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>

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