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SADD CONFERENCE UPDATE

The slogan for the conference is "May Your Decisions Be Ever Positive."

The theme is based on the positive aspects of *The Hunger Games*. Stu-



dents will be assigned to "Districts," and advisors will represent the "Capitol." It's going to be a lot of fun!

Due to generous donations that provided larger scholarship amounts for this conference than last year (\$125 for students, \$100 for advisors), we are already receiving registrations. We expect to have capacity attendance, and the earlier your registration

comes in, the more likely you are to receive a scholarship. Please register as early as possible.

SADD SHARES

There will be a service component to the conference this year. Each participant is asked (not *required*) to bring a canned good for the Food Bank of NC *or* an item for our troops overseas. Because of the increased number

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Some never get any."***

of people seeking food, the food banks are experiencing severe shortages. The shortage is such that the Food Bank is only able to give needy families one week's worth of food per month.

Our overseas troops are also in need. Beverly Jackson, assistant center director of USO-NC, the United Service Organization that serves the state's military personnel, explained that troops must buy their own toiletries, snacks and miscellaneous items. This is often difficult or impossible when they are overseas. "Some troops get five care packages a week from home. Some never get any," Jackson said. The USO is experiencing a shortage of items to make care packages to send the troops and to provide crisis and emergency assistance to military families on bases.

A list of the items needed is on the last page of this newsletter.

GOT TALENT?

Can you sing, dance, write poetry, paint, draw? If there are talented members in your chapter, we want to feature them at the conference. This is not just for students, we also want to celebrate advisor talent. Let the state coordinator know you would like to be on the program or exhibit something you've created. Don't be shy. You're leaders!

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Ideas? Questions? Concerns?

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NOMINATE YOUR ADVISOR FOR AOY!

Do you have an advisor who goes the extra mile to make sure your school has a great SADD chapter? Is he or she a person the members can count on for support? If you think you have the greatest advisor in the state, why not nominate that person for the Advisor of the Year Award? All you need to do is email a write-up to the state coordinator, Ms. Southerland, stating why you think your advisor should receive this honor. Send your entry to hsoutherland@ncsadd.org. All entries must be received by 5:00 pm, October 31.

STILL BRINGING IN THE BOYS!

Several schools have reported that their "Increase Male Enrollment" drives are having positive results. Camden County advisor Jackie Duncan excitedly announced, "We couldn't come to conference last year, but we are coming this year. We have nine boys in our chapter!" Congratulations! SADD needs more boys to model good behavior and positive decision-making for their peers.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

SADD Members Make Great Leaders



Southwest High's Student Leadership Team

Front row left to right: Audrey Alderman, Meanique Pollock, Tyler Baker, Claire Pelletier *Back row left to right:* Anastasia Stevens, Sarah Haga, Ladwaune Edwards, Katherine Keating, Emily Pettway, Jayle Smith, Kanoshia Duncan

Southwest Onslow High School SADD exemplifies the SADD model of student leadership. The 2013-14 Student Leadership Team is made up entirely of SADD Club members! The team is appointed based on recommendations from teachers. The students attended lead-

ership training sessions during the summer. They began the school year as hosts for the Freshmen Class Orientation. The Student Leadership Teams duties include helping with Open House, the Mr. and Miss Southwest High Pageant, the Senior Class Womanless Beauty Pageant and other student body activities held during the year.



Southwest SADD president and Student Advisory Board member Claire Pelletier helps staff the Wildcat-Stallion tent.



SADD Advisors working hard and having fun!

Rivals Make a Great SADD Team

On Friday, September 6, the Richlands High School SADD Club and the Southwest Onslow High School SADD Club joined together for a prevention and information booth at the football game between the two schools. The theme of the night was, "Teaming Up for a Safer Onslow County," and the booth was decorated in

blue and gold (RHS) and black and orange (SWHS) to show unity between the schools.

Members of both SADD Clubs gave out water bottles, T-shirts, caps, texting awareness bracelets and informational pamphlets about drinking and driving, seat belt use, tobacco use and other topics. The most popular items at the event were mini footballs in each school's colors with the messages "Wildcats don't drink & drive or text & drive," and "Stallions don't drink and drive or text & drive". The footballs were provided by the Onslow County Driver's Ed program.

RHS SADD Advisors Jackie Gaddy and Rise Hatton, and SWHS SADD Advisors Diane Dail and Valerie Williams were on hand to help. They want everyone to know that even though the two schools are opponents on the football field, they can still work together to get the message out about the importance of making good decisions. Plans are already being made for next year's game.

Congratulations to Richlands and Southwest High Schools for coming up with such a creative project.

We have great chapters doing remarkable things all over the state. Please let the coordinator know what's going on with your chapter so we can share it in the newsletter.

Rx SAFETY MATTERS AND AMA GRANTS

Pain affects millions of Americans each year and is one of the top reasons people seek medical care. However, the illegal trafficking, diversion and abuse of prescription medicines has become a serious public

health problem in our country. In an effort to combat prescription drug abuse, the Purdue Pharma Company, in partnership with the American Medical Association, other health organizations, law enforcement and communities, has developed an array of prescription drug abuse programs focused on education, prevention and deterrence. The AMA is also offering grants for organizations conducting prescription drug abuse projects. For more information on the program and instructions on applying for a grant, visit www.rxsafetymatters.org.

USO OF NC WISH LIST

Food Items

- Bottled Water **
- Snack Crackers/Nuts*
- Packaged Cookies
- Wrapped Candy/Mints

Children's Items

(For crises or emergencies stateside)

- Diapers
- Formula
- Burp Cloths

Center Items

- Tissue packs
- Greeting cards
- Comic books
- Playing cards
- Wash cloths **
- Toothpaste- travel size
- Deodorant-travel size **

Office Supplies

- Note Pads
- Pens
- Digital Cameras

*All Food Items MUST Be Individually Wrapped!



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