

# Connect



**SAVING THE WORLD SADD STYLE**

Recharge your powers at the  
**GATHERING OF THE HEROES**

November 21-23, 2014 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and  
Convention Center in Research Triangle Park, NC.

The SADD conference is just around the corner, and the Student Advisory Board has been meeting at the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office in Raleigh over the last few months to plan an exciting, energetic experience for conference attendees, adults included. They have lots of fun activities planned for what is going to be one of our best conferences ever!

Some schools have already registered for the conference, so don't wait until the last minute to sign your school up. The registration deadline is **October 31, 2014**. Because a \$100.00 scholarship has already been deducted from the registration fee for students *and* adults, the registration process is quicker; advisors won't need to call in to see if scholarships are available before sending in their registrations.

All chapter advisors are asked to bring a small door prize for an adult. There will be a separate door prize drawing for advisors. Oh what fun!

The Saturday evening banquet is semiformal. After the banquet, students will change and show up at the **Superheroes Dance** as their favorite superhero!

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**Don't forget**



## Hanging Out and Having Fun

The Student Advisory Board takes a break from conference planning to smile for the camera.

*Clockwise from left:* Hannah Guill, Sarah Traylor, Tré Frederick, Deangelo Lunsford, Na'asia Wright, Anastasia Stevens, Sarah Haga, Katie Thompson, Lindsay Shea and Advisor of the Year Dallas Hicks.



Advisors are encouraged to participate. Aren't you getting goose bumps just thinking about how much fun this is going to be?

### A VERY IMPORTANT WORKSHOP

In addition to having the Ford Driving Skills For Life program at the conference, we will also have the renowned VIP for a VIP, the *Vehicle Injury Prevention for a Very Important Person* program. They will conduct a workshop for advisors and students who cannot participate in the Ford driving program. The VIP program is delivered across the state by volunteers that include local fire, EMS, police and State Highway Patrol agencies. Their workshop will educate attendees about what the program entails and let them know how to get the program to their schools. This is an excellent resource for prom and graduation safety campaigns. There is no cost to your school to host a VIP for a VIP event, but you need to get on their calendar as early as possible.

### GROWING, GROWING, GROWING

Schools are continuing to recognize the value of SADD in the safety and wellbeing of their students, and they are continuing to establish SADD chapters. We welcome the following schools into the SADD family.

- North Iredell High, Olin, Iredell County
- Sandy Grove Middle, Lumber Bridge, Hoke County

- Southern Nash High, Bailey, Nash County
- Sun Valley High, Monroe, Union County
- T. C. Roberson High, Asheville, Buncombe County
- W. A. Hough High, Cornelius, Mecklenburg County

Many thanks to existing chapters and advisors who were instrumental in helping some of these chapters get started. Also, if one of these new schools is near you, reach out to the new advisor and offer your support. You may also be able to do some joint projects or activities. New chapters are encouraged to attend the state conference. Chapters that attend conference tend to consistently have stronger programs and more active members. Remember that your state coordinator is available to assist you with programming and resources.

### ONSLow COUNTY IS ON THE BALL

**Southwest High School** SADD's entry won First

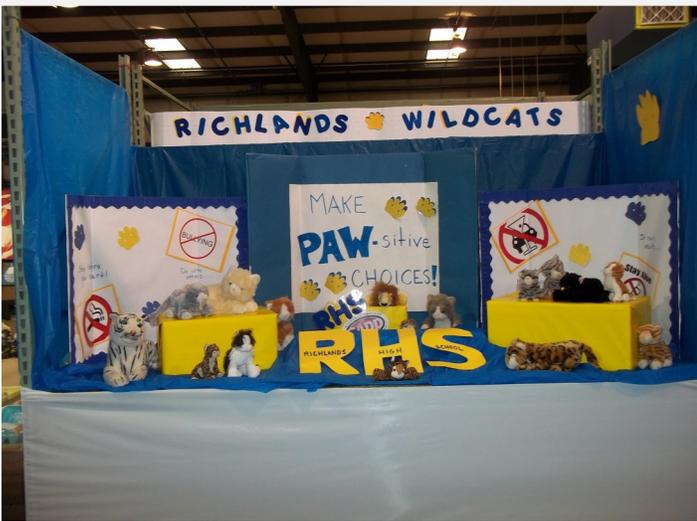


Place and \$300.00 in the School Youth Division at the Onslow County Fair earlier this month. Their exhibit featured their new SOS theme for 2014; Saving our Students, Saving our Schools. Congratulations Southwest. Stallions are bringing it!

**Richlands High School** SADD's entry won Third Place and \$100.00 in the same division. Richlands'



mascot is the wildcat, and the theme of their entry was Make Paws-itive Decisions. Congrats to the Wildcats!



**Doing SADD Proud at the Onslow County Fair**  
 Top: Southwest High School Exhibit  
 Bottom: Richlands High School Exhibit

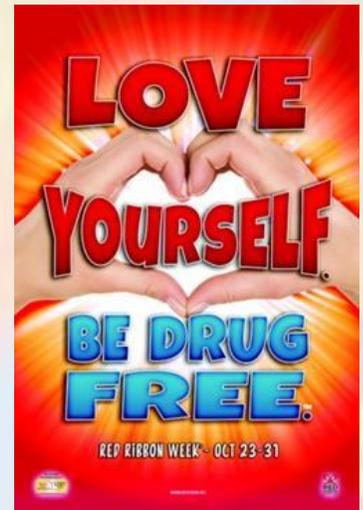
**HURRY!! OCTOBER 17 IS DEADLINE FOR CHALLENGE**  
 Nationally, more than 50% of all teen drivers and more than 60% of all teen passengers who die in car crashes are not wearing their seat belts. To change this, the National Organization for Youth Safety (NOYS), in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Association and the National Road Safety Foundation, has created the Seats Belts Save Challenge. They are asking us to be a part of this life-saving initiative by using social media to spread the word about Seat Belts Save, encouraging high school students, teachers and administrators to register for the Challenge. The deadline to submit your participation form is **October 17, 2014**. You can follow and join the conversation using

#seatbeltssave. Unfortunately, there is not much time left to sign up, so you should register immediately at <http://www.seatbeltssave.org/accept-the-challenge-register-today/>. You will be instructed on how to download the Seat Belts Save *Implementation Guide*. You just might win a share of the \$10,000 in prizes to be awarded to schools. Good luck!

**RED RIBBON WEEK 2014**

Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations.

Red Ribbon Week is **October 23-31**. The 2014 campaign theme is "Love Yourself. Be Drug Free." During Red Ribbon Week, we work to educate young people about the importance of living their best life by being drug free and encourage them to participate in drug prevention activities. For Red Ribbon resources and activities or to download a Red Ribbon Tool Box, go to



<http://www.ncparentresourcecenter.org/red-ribbon/red-ribbon-celebration-2012/>. There is also a house door decorating contest underway with prizes of \$1,000 and an iPod.

**THANKS FOR REGISTERING**

SADD National has informed the state SADD office that registrations from our state are steadily coming in. Advisors are busy people, so we appreciate the time you took to update your chapter registrations. Once you register, you're done for the year, unless you have information updates to send in. In addition to other benefits, you will receive the *SADDvocate* national newsletter. Thanks for showing that North Carolina is not slack! If you haven't gotten around to registering, you can do so online at <http://www.sadd.org/chapterreg.htm>. All chapters must register each year to be counted and considered active. Keep up the good work.

**SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER!**