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March 4, 2008

Dear

We would like to invite you to participate in our Teen Driving Safety Forum as an exhibitor. As you have read in the newspapers in our region, teen driving deaths and injuries have impacted our communities at an alarming rate over the past few months. The youth in **Camp Fire USA Teens in Action at Bishop McNamara High School**, in Forestville MD, are very concerned about this. On April 26, 2008, in partnership with local and national partners, we will be hosting a service learning program—**Road Skill/Roads Kill Teen Driving Safety Summit**. We expect to have 225-250 youth and adults participate in the program. We would like to invite you to be an exhibitor at our event. As an exhibitor, you have an opportunity to engage in the important mission of keeping young drivers safe. Your exhibit will engage youth participants as they plan their school or community driving safety activities.

After two years of working on Project Ignition, a teen driving safety program sponsored by State Farm Insurance, we are now taking the challenge of spreading the word more seriously. After many of our friends and young people in our region were killed in auto accidents in the recent months we have moved toward getting more involved in making a difference. This driving safety summit is our response to the need to heighten the awareness of youth and adults to the crisis of teen Driving Safety.

Exhibits for our program should be interactive displays that provide youth with the ability to learn a skill or obtain knowledge that they can utilize when planning their school or community based program. Examples might include interactive computer programs, games or activities that they can use to help engage more youth in their program, programs or resources that can easily be replicated at a local level, auto safety skills that can reinforce knowledge such as –how to recognize that a tire is worn out, how to check your oil, how alcohol impairs your judgment, or other hands on skills. Exhibitors will be an integral part of the program not just host beautiful displays. Students will have Road Skill Books that require that they visit the exhibits of each person and gather knowledge that they can use in future program planning. In addition, each group of students from each school will be challenged to create a project that they will take back to their schools and be able to launch immediately. You will be key player to their planning and success. Please complete the attached registration form indicating your willingness to participate and return it to the address on the form or fax it to us as indicated.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Wroblewski and
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Rosemary Pezzuto, Executive Director

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TEEN DRIVING SAFETY SUMMIT-Road Skill/S/Kill

Sponsored by: *Project Ignition Bishop McNamara High School—
Camp Fire USA Teens in Action*

- I. **Date:** April 26, 2008, **Global Youth Service Day** 8:30 AM – 9 PM
- II. **Location:** Bishop McNamara High School, 6800 Marlboro Pike, Forestville MD-- Point of Contact: Rosemary Pezzuto 301-346-7860 Email-CampFirePatuxent@aol.com
- III. **Sponsors:** Bishop McNamara High School, Teens in Action--Camp Fire USA, State Farm Insurance, Chesapeake Safety Council, Allstate Foundation, and the National Youth Leadership Council and other community groups.
- IV. **Participants:** Students and Adult advisors from local schools and community agencies, local and state agencies as well as local government representatives. Counties to be represented include Prince Georges, Montgomery, Charles, Calvert, and the District of Columbia.
- V. **Cost:** \$20 per person to cover cost of meals and materials.
- VI. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Parents and youth volunteers will be needed as well as business partners
- VII. **Displays and Exhibits**—Exhibitors from local, regional and national driving safety and collateral programs are invited to provide hands on information to young people and their mentors. This information will enhance the learning experience and provide resources for teens. Proposed Invitees include:
 - - AAA Foundation
 - Allstate Foundation—Driving Safety Program
 - Bowie Blade News-David Emanuel Editor and Matt Armes Education Editor—Workshop on working with and preparing press releases.

- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia—Reports on Teen Driving Safety
- Comcast Community Affairs
- Crisis Management Center—Mental Health Folks
- Driving Skills for Life-Ford Motor Company
- Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles
- Mercer Foundation—
- Mothers and Students Against Destructive Decisions
- National Organization on Youth Safety---Info on Teen Safety and Funding for May Event
- National Transportation Safety—Info on Road Safety and Transportation Safety
- Office of Emergency Management- Teen Cert and Fire and Rescue
- Prince Georges County, Montgomery and Fredrick County Sheriffs Department: Gator Program
- Prince Georges County, Bowie, Bladensburg, Greenbelt, Charles County, Calvert County Police and Sheriff Departments, Maryland State Police
- Red Cross-Safety Programs--First Aide and Disaster readiness programs
- State Farm Insurance- Project Ignition and Team Support
- Washington Area Bicycle Association: How to host and implement a Bike Rodeo to teach Rules of the Road

Time Schedule: (Subject to program modification)

8-9:00 Registration

9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30 Presentation on Teen Driving Statistics and Issues—presented by students and guest speakers—What IF?

10:30 Roundtables with Politicians and Community Leaders:

Specific Questions to be assigned to tables on specific Driving safety topics. These would include

- How to engage the community in Teen Driving Safety Promotion
- What legislation is necessary to ensure teen driving safety is a priority
- Why is teen driving safety ignored as the Major Public Health issue for teen death and injury
- How do we help teens take driving more seriously
- How do we get the Surgeon General or President to convene a Teen Driving Safety Summit at the National Level?

- What support programs are necessary for schools and students who been impacted by teen driving deaths or injuries?

(Legislators to be invited: Local Government Leaders, Mayors, State Senators and Delegates, Local Congressional Staffs, and Chamber of Commerce Staff.)

(Refreshments will be placed on each table for the group)

12:00 *Lunch*

1:00 *Workshops:*

- ALIVE AT 25—Chesapeake Safety Council – this will go from 1-5 PM and will pilot this program for a limited number of youth pre-selected from the registration. Each school will have at least one student engaged in this program.
- TEAM WORK/TEAM PLAY-We are asking the YMCA to help with this activity
- Fundamentals of Service Learning for Teachers and Parents –NYLC Staff
- Using Fine Arts to share the message—Speaker to be announced
- Planning a one day service event—someone from NYLC or Points of Light
- Using Technology to make a difference
- Partnerships and funding- How to create them and make them work—Speaker to be announced
- Creating News releases and broadcasts that tell the story- Bowie Blade News and TV and Radio news staff
- How to create a Bike Rodeo to educate young children on Road and Passenger Safety-WABA

2:45 *Break*

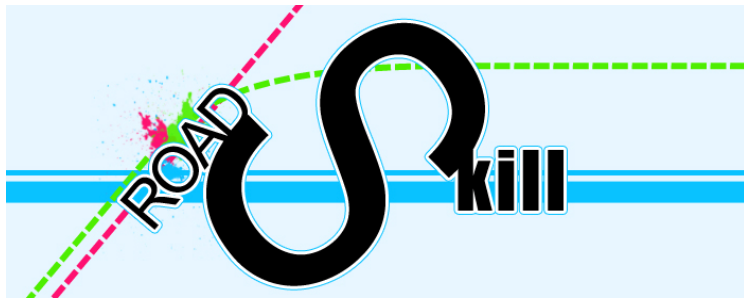
3:00 ***Workshops Repeat***

5:15 *Dinner*

6:15 *Putting it all together—Creating a Driving Safety Service Event*

Small Groups composed of schools from geographic areas working together to create a presentation for their school using the information presented in the workshops.

8:00 *Reflection and Closing (Presentation of Distractions)*



Exhibitor Registration Sheet

Due April 14, 2008

(Please Print or type clearly)

Name of Company _____

Point of Contact _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Website _____

Type of Program

_____ Auto Maintenance and Repair

_____ Service Learning Resources

_____ Teen Driving Education

_____ Interactive Driving Safety Activity

_____ Teambuilding and Communications

_____ Teen Driving Safety Program

_____ Emergency Readiness and Response

_____ Other: Please Describe

Please describes your proposed Exhibit/Learning Activity (50 words or Less)

What type of Space do you require for your exhibit

_____ Indoor table space

_____ Indoor activity space

_____ Electricity (Very Limited)

_____ other: please describe

_____ Outdoor demonstration space

**Please Fax this form to: 301-262-0212 or Mail it to Camp Fire USA,
Road Skill/Roads Kill Teen Driving Summit,
12005 Whitehall Dr, Bowie MD 20715 by March 25, 2008**

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