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March 31, 2008

Dear Students and Parents,

We want to invite you to participate in our Teen Driving Safety Forum. 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 are very concerned about this. On April 26, 2008, the teens in partnership with the National Youth Leadership Council, the Chesapeake Safety Council, State Farm Insurance, Bishop McNamara High School, National Organization for Youth Safety, and other community, government, businesses and non profit groups, will be hosting a **Road Skill/Roads Kill Teen Driving Safety Summit**. This summit is a component of the work the students have done over the past 2 years to heighten the awareness of the community to the issue of teen driving safety. We would like to invite students from your school to participate in our event. The summit will be held at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, MD. Youth from across the area along with their adult mentors and advisors are being invited to explore ways that they can implement a Teen Driving Safety program in their school or community organization.

The event is purposefully being held on **Global Youth Service Day** and will follow a Service Learning Format. Youth will be engaged in discussions of Teen Driving Safety issues, provided resources for addressing issues in their local schools or communities, and will in the course of the day create a service-learning project that they can launch during the Month of May 2008 and in the beginning of the 2008-9 School year. Student and expert speakers will demonstrate methods that they have used to increase awareness the need for this issue to be addressed in our community. A variety of events are planned for the day including—a 3-hour workshop that pilots the new **Alive at 25** Teen Driving Education Program sponsored by the National Safety Council. A representative of each school attending will be enrolled in this course and will be able to bring the information from the course back to their school and work at having the program offered in their school community.

The Day will begin at 8:30 A.M and end at 8:30 PM. The cost of the day for each participant will be \$20.00, which includes the cost of lunch, Dinner, Snacks, and materials for each participant. A tentative Schedule is attached so that you may have some idea of the activities planned for the day.

If you have questions, you can contact Mrs. Rosemary Pezzuto, Executive Director, Camp Fire USA, and Patuxent Area Council at 301-346-7860 or via email at [CampFirePatuxent@aol.com](mailto:CampFirePatuxent@aol.com) .

Sincerely,

Anastasia Wroblewski and  
Travis Barrett, Youth Board Members

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](mailto:CampFirePatuxent@aol.com)
- III. **Sponsors:** Bishop McNamara High School, Teens in Action--Camp Fire USA, State Farm Insurance, Chesapeake Safety Council, and the National Youth Leadership Council and other national and local businesses and corporations.
- 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:*

1. 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.
2. TEAM WORK/TEAM PLAY-We are asking the YMCA to help with this activity
3. Fundamentals of Service Learning for Teachers and Parents –NYLC Staff
4. Using Fine Arts to share the message—Speaker to be announced
5. Planning a one day service event—someone from NYLC or Points of Light
6. Using Technology to make a difference
7. Partnerships and funding- How to create them and make them work—Speaker to be announced
8. Creating News releases and broadcasts that tell the story- Bowie Blade News and TV and Radio news staff
9. How to create a Bike Rodeo to educate young children on Road and Passenger Safety-WABA

2:45 *Break*

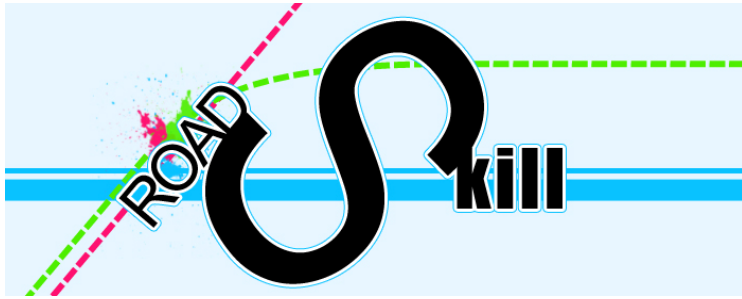
3:00 ***Workshops Repeat***

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)*



**School/  
Organization  
Participant  
Registration Sheet**

*Due April 15, 2008*

**(To be completed by each group attending the Summit--Please Print or type clearly)**

Name of \_\_\_\_\_  
 School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Point of Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Website \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the names of youth from your program and their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop Choice:

First Name	Last Name	Grade	Workshop Choices

Faculty/Organization Advisors to Attend

First Name	Last Name	Address	Email Address

Each Student must have a Parental Participation and Medical Authorization to Attend. See attached Form.

**Please Mail this Form and your payment to  
 Camp Fire USA, Road Skill/Roads Kill Teen Driving Summit,  
 12005 Whitehall Dr, Bowie MD 20715  
 by March 25, 2008**

Questions: [CampFirePatuxent@aol.com](mailto:CampFirePatuxent@aol.com)

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**Camp Fire USA**  
**Youth Permission to Participate**

All information must be completed and form Signed Please Print Clearly

**YOUTH Information**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender M / F Student Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Student Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City , State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
For Statistical Purposes Only (often grantors ask us for this information when we request funding)  
**Ethnicity** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disabilities** \_\_\_\_\_ **Religion** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 1**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Pager \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 2**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Pager \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact 1**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Parent/Guardian Authorization

I (Parents Name) \_\_\_\_\_ give my permission for (Youth Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Youth Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_,

- To participate in Road Skill/Roads Kill Teen Driving Safety Forum sponsored by Camp Fire USA Patuxent Area Council. Bishop McNamara High School and their partners.
- That Photo and video images of my child and/or myself \_\_\_ MAY \_\_\_ MAY Not be used by Camp Fire USA and its partners to promote programs in Youth and Teen Safety programs. These may appear in printed, electronic, or other promotional media.
- I certify that I/ or my child is in good health and can participate in all normal activities. I understand that my child must comply with all rules and that I will be contacted if there are infractions which violate the program rules.
- Health limitations are

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Allergies, Asthma, Blood Disorders, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Heart Defect, Food Allergies, etc.)*

- I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of me/or my child \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that I or my listed emergency contact will be notified as soon as possible in case of an emergency. In case of sickness or accident, I authorize Camp Fire USA and Road Skill/Roads Kill Program Staff to obtain necessary medical care for my child in my absence. This includes care provided by licensed medical personnel and may include authorization for surgical procedures including anesthesia as deemed necessary by a supervising adult and licensed medical provider.

Insurance Information: Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Physicians Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Signatures

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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