



Hello 2009 SADD National Conference Participants!

In just over 3 weeks, you will be joining your SADD peers (youth and adults) from across the country at the 2009 SADD National Conference, *Climbing the Hill*, in Washington, D.C.! We are excited to see all of you, and we look forward to an amazing, productive, and inspiring few days.

Within the next week or so, all **group leaders** will be receiving a packet of information from WorldStrides, our conference logistics partner. Please keep an eye out for this information. In the meantime, we have some important information to share with ***all*** conference participants to prepare you for the upcoming conference.

Rally on Capitol Hill/Meet Your Legislators!

Just a reminder that the Conference will conclude on Wednesday, July 15, with a rally on Capitol Hill followed by group visits with your elected representatives and lunch nearby. We will make these meeting appointments for you, and all conference participants will be prepped for these visits. This will be a great opportunity for all conference participants to visit the halls of Congress and for you to have your voice heard regarding important youth traffic safety issues!

Logistics for Wednesday. After the legislative visits, all participants will be given a voucher for lunch at Union Station (a short walk from Capitol Hill). After lunch, all participants who have booked air travel through WorldStrides will depart (from Capitol Hill) for their departure airport. If you did not book your air travel through WorldStrides, you will collect your luggage and head wherever you need to go (to your departure airport, the local sites, or back to the hotel). Please note that the Conference ends at Union Station after lunch on Wednesday, July 15th. All details pertaining to the Capitol Hill visits will be provided upon arrival. Just a reminder: **if you did not book your air travel through WorldStrides, your group leader(s) is responsible for arranging transportation from the Capitol Hill area to your departure airport.**

SADD in Action – We Want Your Pictures!

What a great year it has been! Everyone has been working so hard, and it's clear that we have made a difference. At the National Conference, we want to celebrate what we have all done. Share with us any pictures you may have of your chapter in action. You can e-mail them to Ricky Birt at rbirt.sadd@yahoo.com. Also, pack your chapter photos and activity ideas and bring them with you to post on our REAL LIFE SADD display board. *Put your chapter in the spotlight this year at conference!*

Visit the SADD Store at Conference!

The SADD Store is gearing up for another great National Conference, and the entire team is excited about heading to Washington, D.C., with new products for 2009. We will have a few of the top-selling apparel lines, including the emPOWERed, *attitudes for living*, and SADD Decisions lines. The crew will be filling the booth with bracelets, hats, posters, and much more ... Stop by and bring a friend; the SADD Store will be open.

Got School Supplies to Donate?

Join us as we donate school supplies to a local Washington, D.C., school in need! All types of supplies are needed, from backpacks and book covers to pens, paper, and pencils. Bring items to donate to the Conference with you – special recognition will be given to the group that collects and donates the most!

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Want to Swap T-Shirts?

It's back – the annual SADD T-Shirt Swap! If you've got a state conference t-shirt or another fun SADD-related t-shirt that you'd like to "swap" for a t-shirt from somewhere else in the country, please bring it along with you! You'll drop your t-shirt off during the conference and pick up a ticket, and on Tuesday night during the dance you'll be able to redeem that ticket for a t-shirt of your choosing. Participation is optional, but those who have done it in the past love it!

Adults/Advisors/Chaperones – Join Us for the Annual SADD Silent Auction!

For the past many years, we have held a silent auction to benefit the annual SADD Scholarship Fund. This year may be the best ever! We've got fabulous items to offer including, but not limited to, signed sports memorabilia, celebrity cookbooks, tickets to professional sporting events, and more! In addition, this year we are excited to announce that **three** keynote speakers have offered their services to benefit the SADD Scholarship Fund! Cara Filler, Leon Quan, and Kevin Brooks are all up for bid – they'll come to your school/community to present a keynote address at no charge (you just pay for their travel expenses)! This is a great opportunity to secure some amazing items (and people!) at a bargain price while supporting a worthy cause. The Silent Auction will take place on Tuesday evening during the dance and is only open to adults.

SLC Fun-Raiser!

Bring the contents of your piggy bank! The SLC (Student Leadership Council) will be conducting ***two*** exciting fun-raisers to benefit the SADD Scholarship Fund. Conference participants will have the opportunity to purchase some cool pins to help commemorate the 2009 SADD National Conference and will also have the chance to compete in the SADD Penny Wars. Don't forget your change and spending \$!

What to Wear, What to Wear . . .

Casual attire is appropriate for all conference activities except the banquet on Tuesday evening and the trip to Capitol Hill on Wednesday. Attire for the Closing Banquet is semiformal. For the Capitol Hill visit, which includes the rally/press event on the Hill and visits with congressional leaders, participants will be asked to wear the conference t-shirt (provided at conference) and khaki pants, shorts, or skirts. Thank you for your cooperation!

We look forward to seeing you in a few short weeks!

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