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Sparking Ideas To Spread Your Message...

Brief Descriptions of Chapter Activities

Please refer to the "Sparking Ideas To Spread Your Message" SLS Poster for more ideas.
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Mock Car Crash:

A mock car crash is a drama presentation to show people what happens when someone is in a drunk driving crash. Conducting a mock car crash is a powerful way to convey your message. This is an enormous project that requires a large amount of planning. Most mock car crash presentations involve the collaborated efforts of several different organizations, such as the police, fire department, and paramedics.

Wrecked Car Display:

Borrow a wrecked car from a local wrecking yard or tow truck company. Display the car in a popular area of the school to remind the students and community the dangers of drinking and driving.

Grim Reaper:

The main purpose of the Grim Reaper (sometimes referred to as White-Out) is to educate the people on the number of individuals that lose their lives each day to drinking and driving. Most Grim Reaper events last for one full school day. Every 15 minutes someone removes one person from school. Those students removed are tagged in some way such as wearing a special shirt, having their faces painted white, or wearing a black arm band. After being tagged the students return to class and are instructed not to speak for the rest of the day. At the end of the day, the student body gathers in an assembly and is informed about the number of people that die each day due to drinking and driving. Those students that were tagged throughout the day stand on stage to show just how large and diverse that number is.

Things Needed:

1. **Permission** to hold the assembly and to remove students from class throughout the day.
2. **Volunteers** to speak at assembly and to remove students from classes. You could have one person dress as Grim Reaper to remove students from classes. Ask a police officer to speak at assembly.
3. **Tag** the people who have been "killed" by the Grim Reaper. The most traditional way is to paint victims' faces white (ask them first). Other ways are to have a specific T-shirt, have them wear black arm bands (could be made from paper and pinned on).
4. **Have an Assembly** with your school. Gyms tend to hold everyone with the bleachers. Have a microphone to talk with. If having guest speakers, make sure to ask well in advance and give them all information needed. Another possibility is to have the "victims" read their obituaries during the assembly.

Ghost Out Week:

Beginning of the week is filled with activities that will educate and remind students of safe driving and prevention topics. The final day of the week would be the Grim Reaper day.

Fuzzy Wuzzy Grams:

Create "Fuzzy Wuzzy Grams," notes of encouragement, and sell them to students to send to their friends/peers.



Dances:

Dances are great for raising money for your chapter and spreading the word that you can have fun without drugs and alcohol. You can have decorations and/or a hand stamp with safety messages and traffic safety. You could even have a theme to the dance (i.e. pajama dance, 80's dance, etc.).

Things Needed:

1. **Music/Sound System-** Hire a DJ with equipment or have someone in your group be DJ and borrow music and a sound system.
2. **Decorations-** Make decorations using posters, crepe paper, etc. You could even have safety messages as part of the decorations.
3. **Volunteers-** Decorating Committee, Clean-up Crew, Chaperones (parents, teachers, etc.), Someone to collect money at the front door, DJ, etc.
4. **Front Door-** The person sitting at the door will need a cash box, with money for change; a stamp/marker to mark those paid, and post rules on front door (i.e. No Re-entry, No Food/Drink, etc.).

Lock-Ins:

Have a Lock-In (a.k.a. an All Night Party) at the school to raise money and spread the message of safety. Stay up all night and have a variety of activities to do. Keep the number attending minimal, sell a certain number of tickets during lunch to students. Have it on a Friday or Saturday night so no school will be missed and don't have to worry about early clean-up.

Things Needed:

1. Have a dance floor and music.
2. Have different type of games/activities: card games, races, puzzle games, guest speaker (early in night), and Henna tattooists. Have some type of mini prize for winners.
3. Have a room playing a movie(s).
4. Have food available: start off night with dinner (hot dogs/hamburgers), snacks & juice at midnight or throughout night, bagels for breakfast. Only do what is affordable.
5. Set up poster with rules (i.e. no leaving and returning).
6. Have parents, teachers, etc. volunteer for chaperones.

Float Decoration Party:

Have your chapter create and build a float for the homecoming parade and/or city parade. The float should be a message relating to safety and/or prevention.

16th Birthday

Get a list of the students who will be turning 16 that year and on their birthday decorate their lockers. On one day of each month, have a cake to celebrate all those students who turned 16 during that month. For example on November 20, invite all the students who turned 16 in November to have some cake.



Twelve Months of Safety:

Great projects to do through out the year to just spread awareness and/or raise money.

September-

- After football games, make an announcement for everyone to drive safely and wear their seatbelts.
- Repaint crosswalk lines near the elementary, middle, & high schools.
- Volunteer to be crosswalk guards for the elementary school.
- Create and handout (or sell) a calendar with safety/prevention messages on it.
- Hold a Back to School Bash: a social (ice cream), a dance, a carnival, etc.

October-

- Create driving drunk awareness posters to hang up during Homecoming week.
- Have a Safety Halloween Fun House for Trick or Treaters (can charge if fundraiser).
- Create a Halloween Safety packet for the elementary students.
- Make Spirit Chains for homecoming. Sell construction paper links for 5 cents (or however much), but have a color for each grade. Then have a prize for the class with the longest chain at homecoming.

November-

- Red Ribbons Campaign, as a reminder for safe and sober driving, hand out red ribbons for people to tie to their cars. Go to local business and pass out red ribbons, could even ask business for a small donation for doing it.
- Hold a charity dance. Students get in half price if they bring a can good to donate. All can goods and portion of proceeds go to charity.

December-

- Pass out or sell (25 cents) candy with notes attached having a safety/prevention message on it.
- Set up a Gift Wrapping Booth at a local business and tie red ribbons on each package
- Sell Mistletoe and/or wreaths.
- Create and sell Holiday/New Year's Eve party packs consisting of: recipe book for mock-tails, card with a number for local taxi service, reminder to not drink and drive, etc.

January-

- Have a Super Bowl party with mock-tails, snacks, etc. Hold at school, rent a place, or find someone to use their house. Could charge admission to raise money.
- Invite a guest speaker and have an assembly.

February-

- Put up Save A Sweet Heart posters reminding people to protect their loved ones by not drinking and driving.
- Sell balloons and/or flowers for Valentine's Day. Attach safety/prevention messages to them.
- Make and sell heart cookies with personalized messages for Valentine's Day.
- Create Valentine grams out of construction paper to sell (can have a safety/prevention messages in the corner). Students can buy them and write a message on them for the person they secretly admirer. The gram is returned to group sponsor group who then delivers the grams to the receiver.

March-

- After basketball games, make an announcement for people to drive safe and wear seatbelts.
- Create and sell shamrock buttons that say, "Kiss me, I'm Drug Free," or "Kiss me, I Don't Smoke," to play off "Kiss me, I'm Irish."



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April-

- Have a Prom Week, each day have an activity/event relating to safety/prevention.
- Have an April's Fool Day Dance with a theme (i.e. costumes of some sort).
- On April 1st, sell or hand out candy with an attached message that says, "Don't be a Fool, Be Drug Free."
- Leave messages of safety/prevention for local florists to put in corsage boxes during Prom time.

May-

- Sell flowers to students to give to their mothers for Mother's Day with a safety/prevention message on them.
- Have "Kiss a Senior Goodbye" day. Have cards, with safety/prevention messages, for students to write a message on for a senior. Members deliver the messages along with a candy kiss.
- Have Graduation Week, each day have an activity/event relating to safety/prevention.

June-

- Sell cards to students to give to their fathers for Father's Day with a safety/prevention message on them.
- Have an "End of the Year" barbeque with safety/prevention decorations. Have music, games, food. Can charge admission to raise money.

July-

- Pass out safety/prevention messages at local fireworks display.
- Set up a concession stand at local fireworks display.

August-

- Volunteer to help clean-up school grounds so it will be clean for the first day of school.
- Have a car wash and/or bake sale.

Karaoke Contest:

A talent show dedicated to singing Karaoke. Students can choose a song (and make up a routine) then perform it on stage. Charge 1-2 dollars for admission (to help raise money for your chapter) and then let the audience vote on who they think won the Karaoke contest. Have a prize for top 3 winners.

Variety Show:

A talent show where students can do a comedy routine, dance routine, sing, read poetry, bands perform, etc. Have it in the evening so parents, teachers, students, etc. may attend and/or participate. Charge admission at the door to help raise money for your chapter. If there are many acts, have an intermission where juice and a snack are available.

Leadership Week Breakfast:

Students nominate students and/or faculty members they feel have demonstrated some type of leadership qualities throughout the school year. A selection committee of students, faculty, and administrators then selects from these nominations those who will be recognized. During Leadership Week, the "leader's" are announced daily, presented with a corsage, and invited to attend a leadership breakfast the following week. On the day of the breakfast, students arrive at 6am to prepare eggs, coffeecake, or pancakes. In addition to school leaders, members of the community are invited-elected officials, chairpersons of boards and commissions, board of education members, and heads of many civic organizations that offer scholarships. There is usually a display of student council activities, a speaker, and presentation of leadership certificates.



Dress Up-Day:

On the last Friday of every month, is Dress Up Day. This is one minor activity that keeps spirit going between major activities. Dress Up Days may include: Crazy Hairdo Day, Character Day (cartoon), Crazy Pants Day, Red Shirt Day, Clash Day (things that don't match), Pajama Day, etc. Can even have each grade have their own specific idea (i.e. Seniors wear pajamas, Juniors western, etc.). Make it a contest my having homeroom teachers count how many students dressed up.

Ice Cream Social:

At the end of the year, have an ice cream social for everyone to get together before summer and to say goodbye to the seniors. Invite the eighth graders so they can meet some upper classman and help them with the transition from middle school to high school. Also a good way to recruit new members to the chapter.

End of Year Project:

Make a bulletin board for the senior students that participated with your chapter to thank them for all their hard work and to wish them good luck in the future. Have a picture of each senior with a quote they have to share about their experience participating in the chapter.

Spirit Links:

The week of homecoming, sell spirit links (strips of paper) for 5 cents. Each grade has its own color (i.e. Seniors blue, Juniors red, Sophomores white, Freshman brown, and Staff green). Sales end at lunch of the homecoming game day. Your chapter connects the links together and at the pep rally they will be extended to see which class has the most spirit by the longest chain. Students may write (appropriate) messages on the links if they choose to do so.

Parent Appreciation Day:

Hold a banquet in honor of the parents of the members in the chapter. This is to thank the parents that have helped their students being a member of the chapter and who have participated in events themselves.

P.S. (Peer Support) Friend:

Pick a day of the week and at 3:30-4:30 students get together to discuss topics/issues that are a concern. 9-12 grade students may participate. Have your chapter lead the group and have topics ready to discuss. Topics include: drinking and driving, drug prevention, bullying, mental health issues, etc.

Safety Promotion Competition:

Have a contest at your school and/or between other local schools. Students write and enter a poster, essay, drawing, poem, etc. about safe driving and prevention. You could even get a local business to sponsor it and the winner receives a prize (i.e. if a restaurant sponsors, then the student gets a gift certificate for dinner). This would also be a great way to get media coverage on and to help spread the word.

Memorial Morning:

On a scheduled morning, before classes, where students can meet in a designated area to have a small memorial for those that have been affected by a destructive decision. Make announcement everyday starting a week prior to remind students.