

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids' Chapter Chat

Youth reps in D.C. for NOYS meeting

Kristi Ruth and Trevor Hoff, FS4JK youth representatives, and Shari Burgus, FS4JK education director traveled to Washington, D.C. on April 29 -30 for an exciting National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) meeting. The group attended a press conference at the National Press Club on Thursday. The Honorable Ray LaHood, US Secretary of Transportation spoke at the press conference and awarded the national winner of the Drive to Life PSA contest sponsored by AllState.



Kristi and Trevor in front of the nation's capital in D.C.

Thursday afternoon was spent with the adults

hearing from various organizations about their work to protect youth. The youth

worked on identifying innovative ways to communicate safety messages to their peers.

Friday morning, April 30 was the highlight of the trip when the NOYS group went to the DC Newseum where the Oprah Show was simultaneously transmitted in five locations (DC, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles). Oprah had proclaimed the day No Phone Zone Day, encouraging everyone in the country to stop talking on cell phones and texting while driving. The group also participated in the Gayle King talk show. Posters were distributed and interviews were given to emphasize the dangers that distracted driving can cause.

The event was not all work and no play. Kristi, Trevor, and Shari made a quick trip via the Metro to the zoo and got to ride in a 28 passenger limousine one evening.



The Oprah Show's No Phone Zone episode was broadcast from D.C. and five other cities.

ATV safety theme of the National Farm Safety and Health week

The theme for 2010's National Farm Safety and Health week September 19 – 15, 2010 will be "ATVs: Work Smart. Ride Safe." The Illinois Farm Bureau created the logo which can be viewed at www.necasag.org. Wednesday, Sept. 22 will be children and youth day of National Farm Safety and Health week. The focus will be on choosing the right size ATV for your child and extra riders.

As you plan events for the fall, considering doing an ATV safety presentation during the week of Sept. 19 - 25 in support of Farm Safety and Health week.



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Changing Farm Injury Trends by Sex for Youth Living on US Farms

By Kitty J. Hendricks, MA & Scott A. Hendricks, MS as taken from *The Journal of Rural Health* 26 (2010) 182-188

This recent report indicates that efforts to reduce farm-related injuries to children and youth are making a difference. A few highlights of the article include:

- In 1998, 14 out of 1000 household suffered a farm injury, while in 2006 his number dropped to 10 out of every 1000 youth living on a US farm. This continues to be a concern.
 - Within the time period of the study (1998 to 2006) farms declined from 2.2 million to 2.1 million and the number of youth living on farms decreased from 1.6 million to 1.1 million.
- From 1998-2006, an overall decline was shown in the estimated number and rate of injuries to youth living on farms.
- The trend in injury rate ratios for male youth significantly declined, while the trend for female youth for the same time period initially increased then returned to the baseline.
 - Non-work-related injury reduction rates for males less than 10 years old were significant while those among males 10-15 years old were not significant. A non-significant increase in injury rates was found for males between 16 and 19 years old for non-work-related injuries.

The authors of the paper attributed the injury trends to:

- Changes in task assignments and the use of the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks
- Socio-cultural and economic shifts within the United States
- Improvements in safety and engineering design of farm equipment

Your local educational programs undoubtedly influence the reduction in injuries and fatalities. Keep up the good work.

For a complete copy of the article go to a university library or call Shari at 1-800-423-5437 X 101.

Granny basketball game to benefit Children's Safety Campaign



A granny basketball fundraiser will held July 2 to benefit the Children's Safety Campaign. Marilyn is organizing the event in her hometown of Earlham, Iowa. The granny basketball team is a group of women over the age of 50 who play using the traditional six-on-six rules. A team of local celebrities has been established to play against the 50-year-old grannies. A silent auction is also part of the festivities. Chapters are encouraged to send silent auction items to benefit the event and the Children's Safety Campaign. Mail the auction items to the FS4JK office at 11304 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale, IA 50322 or call the office at 800-423-5437 with questions.

Upcoming Events

Agricultural Medicine
Occupational & Environmental Health for rural health professionals
June 7-11
Iowa City, IA
www.public-health.uiowa.edu/icash
www.public-health.uiowa.edu/gpcah

Our environment, our health: A nurse's call to action
June 7-8
Baltimore, MD
nursing.umaryland.edu/events/anhe
For more information, please contact Sonia Smith at
ssmith@son.umaryland.edu or call 410-706-3767.

Resources

CASAP funds available

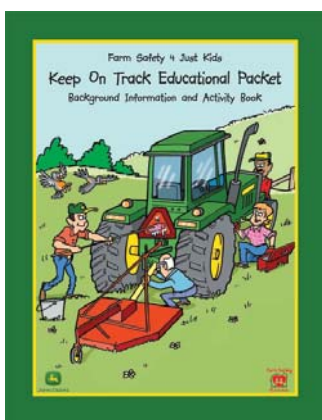
The Canadian Agricultural Safety and Health Program (CASHP) annually supports innovative ag safety projects and research that advances CASA's mission to make the agricultural sector a safe place to work and live, by helping producers see and manage risk in their workplaces. Funding is provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Growing Forward initiative. The maximum funding request is \$35,000 per project. Apply online at www.plan-farmsafety.ca.

This year, CASHP will give special consideration to projects that contain aspects of:

- Farm safety planning, including business planning and the economics of safety.
- Identifying and controlling human risk factors in workplace injuries, including physical and psychosocial stress.
- Continued attention to senior, young, new, and immigrant farm workers.

See website for eligibility requirements and eligible project ideas. Application deadline is July 23, 2010. Request a form by e-mailing info@casa-acsa.ca or download at www.planfarmsafety.ca.

"Keep on Track" educational packet wins blue ribbon award



The "Keep on Track" tractor safety educational packet received a blue ribbon award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). The Educational Aids Competition is designed to recognize the materials that contribute to the understanding of biological and agricultural

engineering subjects, with an emphasis on how well the needs of the intended audience are met. The award will be handed out at a ceremony on June 21, 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Graduated Drivers Licensing laws

Check out the Under Your Influence website www.underyourinfluence.org to learn more about graduated driver's licensing laws for vehicle safety presentations. The site includes statistics about how these special licenses that place certain restrictions on younger drivers have decreased the number of crashes in various areas. It also offers links to other organizations and websites that have information about graduated driver's licensing laws. A map of the United States allows you to click on any state to view and compare their graduated driver's license law as well as other traffic/vehicle laws to other states.

Bridgestone Safety Scholars video contest

Your camera can earn you money for college. Enter the Bridgestone Safety Scholars video contest, and you could win a \$5,000 scholarship. Make a 25 or 55 second video about any safety topic, upload it to safetyscholars.com by July 1. The top 10 videos are posted to Facebook, YouTube, and safetyscholars.com. America will vote to pick the best videos. The top three win cash for college, and also have their videos made into public service announcements airing across the country. Go to www.safetyscholars.com for more information

MRASH seeking abstracts for conference presentations

Iowa's Center for Agricultural Health and Safety (I-CASH) and the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health, both based in the UI College of Public Health, will host the Midwest Rural and Agricultural Safety and Health Forum Nov. 17-18 at the Hotel Vetro, Iowa City, Iowa.

This conference will provide an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, and agricultural producers to communicate on rural and agricultural needs, rural health care and agricultural safety and health. Information regarding the conference can be found at <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/icash> or by contacting Abby Harper at abby-harper@uiowa.edu or 515-480-3643. The deadline for abstract submission is July 7, 2010.

Chapter Activities

Chapter Assessment

The Mammoth Cave Chapter met on April 12th with Gina Lyon to discuss their plans to strengthen the local chapter. They have big plans to develop a website, run articles and advertisements in the local newspaper, and contact the school asking for assistance in getting the farm safety and health message out to their students. Ms. Lyon stated, "This group is passionate about their mission. Every person present showed a willingness to give to ensure that the chapter grows and prospers."

Northeast Nebraska Chapter dealt with membership as a weakness on April 27 working with Dr. Sara Skretta with the University of Nebraska. A couple unique strategies they plan to implement include: present a mini workshop with 4-H youth, target grandparents, and initiate communication with local feed stores. The chapter described themselves to Dr. Skretta as "small but mighty". She was impressed that the chapter had "great resources, community support, expertise, and are doing fantastic programming."

Throwing rolls with the SEMO Chapter

Tyler Vacha, chapter and membership director visited the SEMO Chapter to present them with the Professional Chapter of the Year award.

While in Missouri, several chapter members took Tyler to Lambert's restaurant in Sikeston, MO. The cafe is the "home of the throwed roll". You won't find the dinner rolls in a basket on the table here. Instead you raise your hand and one is thrown at you.



Southwest Ohio Chapter

The Southwest Ohio Chapter of FS4JK held a Family Safety Round-up Fair at the Butler County Fairgrounds on May 1, 2010. Of the total 1200 attendees, over 500 stopped by the chapter's booth. The chapter demonstrated a working grain bin model and distributed the Farm Safety Fun Style activity books.

The event was publicized in school letters, emails, and the local newspaper. Numerous 4-H leaders expressed interest in future safety presentations and additional materials.

Farm Safety & Health Week is September 19-22. How is your chapter planning to spread the farm safety message that week?

Can you recall...?

You can find the answers to the following questions scattered throughout this month's newsletter.

1. What celebrity was at the NOYS meeting in D.C.?
2. What is the theme of the 2010 Farm Safety & Health week?
3. How can chapters help the granny basketball fundraiser for the Children's Safety Campaign?
4. Which education packet won an award?

1. Oprah/Gayle King 2. ATVs: Work Smart, Ride Safe. 3. Donate silent auction items. 4. Keep on Track - tractor safety