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Poster contest aims to Put the Brakes on Fatalities

Kids ages 5 to 13 in Kansas are encouraged to enter artwork for a statewide poster contest focusing on Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day - a nationwide effort to increase roadway safety and reduce all traffic fatalities.

Three statewide winners will receive family packages at the Great Wolf Lodge and also $50 gas cards from QuikTrip Corporation.

A total of 18 regional winners in the six regions and age groups (ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-13) will each receive a bicycle donated by Wal-Mart stores in Kansas and a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas.

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 2, and should be mailed to: AAA Kansas, Public Affairs, 3545 SW 6th Street, Topeka, KS, 66606. On the back of the 8 ½ by 11-inch paper entry must be the child’s full name; age at time of entry; mailing address; county; a parent’s name; and contact phone number. For more information, go to this link on KDOT’s Internet main website page - http://www.ksdot.org/pdf_files/Poster-contest-flier-2011.pdf.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for people ages 3-34. It’s important to encourage everyone – drivers, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists – to take extra caution every day and especially on Oct. 10, the day officially designated as Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.
Kids who have won in the last three years:

2010 Poster Contest Winners
Northwest Kansas - Corissa Bandel, Oskaloosa; Young Song, Manhattan; Ashley Grimm, Morrill.
North Central Kansas - Makayla Sanderson, Courtland; Breckyn Martens, McPherson; Dylan Hollerich, Tipton.
Northwest Kansas - Jailey Gallentine, Gove; Reanna Harman, Hays; Morgan Kathleen Beougher, Stockton.
Southeast Kansas - Abigail Balson, Coffeyville; Riley Brown, Humboldt; Madi McDonald, Chanute.
South Central Kansas - Calli Hatfield, Wellington; Taya Wilson, Sterling; Morgan Friesen, Andover.
Southwest Kansas - Monserrat Acosta, Dodge City; Grace Lang, Fowler; Ana Maria Chairez-Almeda, Garden City.

2009 Poster Contest Winners
Northwest Kansas - Jared Rokey, Sabetha; Chad Goodman, Sabetha; Hannah Rokey, Sabetha.
North Central Kansas - Lillia Digg, McPherson; Rebekah Thompson, Gypsum; Taylor Vogan, Salina.
Northwest Kansas - Shayanna Smith, Goodland, Elizabeth Fulcher, Goodland; Alex Goodwin, Goodland.
Southeast Kansas - Clayton Saporito, Columbus; Makaylah McCall, Humboldt; Katy Short, Pittsburg.
South Central Kansas - Spencer MacLaughlin, Arkansas City; Karli Packard, Kingman; Ally Harrelsoncrowell, Wellington.
Southwest Kansas - Clara Bartlett, Cimarron; Zoe McCallum, Garden City; Caroline Hall, Garden City.

2008 Poster Contest Winners
Northwest Kansas - Allen Su, Manhattan; Trevor Neis, Eudora; Joseph Bennett, Manhattan.
North Central Kansas - Catlin Blomenkamp, Junction City; Jade Souihup, Lindsborg; Hannah Ediger, Inman.
Northwest Kansas - Johanna Renyer, Quinter; Katelyn Lee, Quinter; Tanner Samuelson, Quinter.
Southeast Kansas - Shawn Robinson, Columbus; Logan Proffitt, Columbus; Rebecca Jean Cunningham, Iola.
South Central Kansas - Kassie Zimmer, LaCrosse; Hazel May, Derby; Marissa Thelen, Wichita.
Southwest Kansas - Stephanie Barrientos, Dodge City; Alexis Estrada, Dodge City; Monica Reza, Morton.

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