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Boys & Girls Club Offers Safety Town to Educate All Local Youth

SEDALIA, MO. – July 22, 2009 - In an attempt to raise awareness and educate the community about the importance of day-to-day safety, the Boys & Girls Club is creating Safety Town - a mock town designed to show children how to make smart decisions in a variety of situations. On July 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri will be hosting a “Safety Town” event outside the Parkview Elementary School in order to introduce youth to safety on sidewalks and roadways, in the community and in their homes.

According to usa.safekids.org, “Each year, one out of every four children sustains an injury serious enough to require medical attention.”

The Club’s teen summer program members have been working on creating large display models of recognizable businesses and buildings throughout Sedalia so that the youth walking or biking through Safety Town get the feeling they are really navigating through the town of Sedalia.

Local businesses such as Bothwell Lodge, Lowe’s, McDonald’s, Inter-State Studio, Pizza Hut, Wendy’s, the Pettis County Courthouse, and many more, have been built out of large pieces of cardboard and will be on display at the Safety Town event.

The idea for Safety Town came from former Sedalia Police Commander and the Club’s current CSI Module Coordinator, Cendy Harrell-Carson.

“A lot of kids suffer avoidable injuries and Safety Town is designed to educate young people about the safety on the roadway, helmet safety, in-home safety, fire prevention and emergency situation awareness,” said Harrell-Carson. “As a Police Officer for 25 years, I saw a lot of kids seriously hurt and killed because they weren’t paying attention to road signs while on a bicycle.”

Local emergency personnel from the Sedalia Police and Fire Departments as well as the Ambulance Service and Air Evac will be on hand to answer questions and to help youth plot their way through the Safety Town course.

Along with the Safety Town course, there will be fun carnival games, a cake walk, face painting, refreshments and prizes as part of the event.

The Boys & Girls Clubs would like to welcome and encourage all local youth to bring their bicycles, tricycles, scooters, skateboards or skates and come out and enjoy Safety Town.

For more information about Safety Town or the Boys & Girls Club summer program please call 660.826.8331 or toll-free 877.242.9260.

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