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Win prizes, help put the brakes on fatalities

If you're a Kansas kid age 5-13, you could win some great prizes in the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest! Three statewide winners will receive family packages at the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City and also \$50 gift cards from Dillon's of Kansas.

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

The deadline to enter the contest is less than a month away. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 19, 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 KDOT's website by <u>clicking here</u>.

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is a nationwide effort to increase roadway safety and reduce traffic fatalities.

Below are the Kansas kids who have won the contest in the past three years:

2013 Poster Contest Winners <u>Northeast Kansas</u> – Laura Edelman, **Sabetha**; Reagan de Koning, **Axtell**; Heather Kahler, **Meriden** <u>North Central Kansas</u> – Jada Eilert, **Jewell**; Ava Brunsell, **McPherson**; Hannah Wuertz, **McPherson** <u>Northwest Kansas</u> – Dashiell Brown, **Quinter**; Jessica Schroeder, **Victoria**; Kallie Leiker, **Hays** <u>Southeast Kansas</u> – Tucker Leck, **Neodesha**; Shelby Jones, **Ottawa**; Riley Brown, <u>Humboldt</u> <u>South Central Kansas</u> – Chevy DeBusk, **Haven**; Kendall Schoenhals, **Haven**; Blaire Haley, **Arkansas City**

<u>Southwest Kansas</u> - Bristin Buttry, **Plains**; Bailey Scoggin, **Garden City**; Peter Hall, **Garden City**

2012 Poster Contest Winners

<u>Northeast Kansas</u> - Cresinda Bandel, **Oskaloosa**; Addison Mae Gehrt Westmoreland; Jacque Stroud, **Topeka**

<u>North Central Kansas</u> - Kady Toole, **Washington**; Leah Feldman, **Gypsum**; Eleanor Wiles, **Gypsum**

Northwest Kansas - Hayden Gottstine, Logan; Haylee Tien, Logan

<u>Southeast Kansas</u> - Kasey Paige Smith, **Cherryvale**; Anna Ecoff, **Parsons**; Riley Brown, **Humboldt**

<u>South Central Kansas</u> - Von Woleslagel, Hutchinson; Lauren Mason, Benton; Heather Woleslagel, Hutchinson

<u>Southwest Kansas</u> - Serra Clarke, Jetmore; Carson Linenberger, Garden City; Clara Jackson, Garden City

2011 Poster Contest Winners

Northeast Kansas - Sierra de Koning, Axtell; Reagan de Koning, Axtell; Neeharika Kothapalli, Overland Park North Central Kansas - Elijah Schmidt, Junction City; Breckyn Martens, McPherson; Zoey Rankin, Ottawa Northwest Kansas - Aaron Moore, Oakley; Indigo Guise, WaKeeney; Donnovan Schroeder, Herndon Southeast Kansas - Abigail Balson, Coffeyville; Macie Ables, Fredonia; Nathan Cunningham, Iola South Central Kansas - Heath David Moeckel, Plevna; Britton Maclaughlin, Arkansas City; Jack Kelly Lynch, Wichita

<u>Southwest Kansas</u> - Emmi Lott, Rolla; Emily Allen, Garden City; John Dohogne, Garden City

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