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Poster contest aims to Put the Brakes on Fatalities

The deadline is just two weeks away for kids ages 5 to 13 in Kansas 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. **All entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 2**

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.

Entries 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 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

Northeast Kansas - Corissa Bandel, **Oskaloosa**; Youna 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

Northeast Kansas - Jared Rokey, **Sabetha**; Chad Goodman, **Sabetha**; Hannah Rokey, **Sabetha**.

North Central Kansas - Lillia Diggs, **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

Northeast Kansas - Allen Su, **Manhattan**; Trevor Neis, **Eudora**; Joseph Bennett, **Manhattan**.

North central Kansas - Catlin Blomenkamp, **Junction City**; Jade Souhup, **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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