

SAFE KIDS Week 2004

Community Partners

Looking for community partners for your SAFE KIDS Week event? Below you will find a list of groups that SAFE KIDS coalitions across the United States are working with. Whether you are in search of a boat safety expert or a venue for your big event, there is a potential partner for you!

Content Experts



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®

The Army Corps of Engineers
<http://watersafety.usace.army.mil>
www.usace.army.mil

The Army Corps of Engineers is the steward of the lands and waters at Corps water resources projects. Its mission is to manage and conserve those natural resources, consistent with ecosystem management principles, while providing quality public outdoor recreation experiences, to serve the needs of present and future generations. To partner with local Army Corps members, contact lynda.g.nutt@usace.army.mil. The Army Corps has developed a sixty-page water safety resource packed full of activity ideas, which is located on the extranet in the activity suggestions section of the SK Week 2004 program guide.



**American
Red Cross**

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www.redcross.org

Locate your local Red Cross chapters by using the search feature on the home page. Each chapter provides swimming instruction and other basic lifesaving courses. Ask your local Red Cross partner about obtaining *Longfellow's WHALE Tales* which provides an easy-to-follow lesson plan for school teachers, parents, or other adult leaders teaching children ages 5 to 12 about safe behavior in, on, and around the water.



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
www.cgaux.org

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress in 1939 to assist the Coast Guard in promoting boating safety. There are more than 35,000 members from all walks of life, who receive special training so that they may be a functional part of Coast Guard Forces. Auxiliarists assist the Coast Guard in non-law enforcement programs such as public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols, search and introduction programs for youth. To learn more about the Coastie youth education program, visit www.coastie.org/~coastie. To find an Auxiliary member near you, visit www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/public/tbjoinaux5.shtml.



United States Power Squadrons

www.usps.org

Organized in 1914, USPS is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Squadron members contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education on the water and in the classroom. USPS has some 60,000 members organized into 450 squadrons across the country and in some U.S. territories. To find a member near you, visit www.usps.org/d_stuff/MAPS.html.

Potential Event Venues



National Swim School Association

www.nationalswimschools.com

The NSSA was founded in 1988 to provide a formal trade association for swim school operators in the United States. This Web site enables you to locate the swim school near you.



YMCA of America

www.ymca.net/index.jsp

Together, the nation's more than 2,400 YMCAs are the largest not-for-profit community service organizations in America, working to meet the health and social service needs of 17.9 million men, women and children in 10,000 communities in the United States. Each YMCA offers different programs and events; one may serve as the perfect venue for your SK Week event. Visit the YMCA Web page to find the YMCA location near you.



Boys and Girls Clubs of America

www.bgca.org

Visit one of the 3,300 club locations across the United States Boys and Girls Clubs of America strive to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Visit the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Web page to find the club location near you.

Reaching Spokesfamilies in Your Area



ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation

www.thinkfirst.org

The mission of ThinkFirst is to prevent brain, spinal cord and other traumatic injuries through the education of individuals, community leaders and the creators of public policy. Looking for a spokesfamily for your SK Week event? The Thinkfirst network may be able to help you enlist a local family for your event. Call the foundation at (847) 290-8600 for more information.