

Coos County To Support Red Ribbon Week

The Coos County Commission on Children and Families will be providing local schools with supplies and information about Red Ribbon Week which occurs annually from October 23 – 31 throughout the nation.

Red Ribbon Week became a national drug and alcohol prevention week in 1988 shortly after the death of DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camerena. Agent Camerena was an 11 year veteran of the Drug Enforcement Agency assigned to Guadalajara, Mexico where he was on the trail of one of the country's biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers. On February 7, 1985 he was kidnapped, brutally tortured and murdered by Mexican drug traffickers. His tragic death opened the eyes of many Americans to the dangers of drugs and the international scope of the drug trade.

Red Ribbon Week honors the memory of Kiki Camerena and has become the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of Americans during the last week in October each year. By wearing Red Ribbons and participating in anti-drug events young people pledge to live a drug-free life.

In Coos County all school age children will receive red snap bracelets that they can wear all week which say "Ask me, See me, Be me...I'm Drug Free" Each county high school will receive small footballs with a drug free message on them that will be used at a school event. Information brochures will be provided to all middle and high schools and grammar school students will receive washable tattoos and mood pencils, also with a drug free message.

A drug and alcohol free youth dance will be held at the Elks Lodge in Coos Bay for all high school age youth. Entry is free but youth will be asked to take a breathalyzer test on entering. The Dance is sponsored by the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee and the North Bend and Coos Bay Police Departments. It will be held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with music by St. Johns Entertainment. Prevention information will be available at the dance including the Fatal Vision goggles. Funds for the dance and Red Ribbon supplies come from the county's prevention funds targeting youth substance abuse.

For further information please call the Commission on Children and Families at 541-396-3121 x 392.

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Tickets for this spooky evening are \$10.00. They can be found lurking at the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce office (145 Central in Coos Bay); falling from the hands of any Chamber Director; at the Mill Casino, now, or at the door later.

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(Includes deaths due to violent criminal acts – estimated 10 per day; deaths due to negligence – estimated 3 per day; deaths due to drunk or reckless driving – estimated 12 per day.)

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Defense, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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