

Having Our Say

The newsletter of SaySo, Strong Able Youth Speaking Out

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Become a Member!

If you are interested in joining **SaySo**, let us know! E-mail or write us with the following information: your name, birth date, and address (including e-mail), region and the kind of out-of-home placement you are or have been in.

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2010 SAYSO SATURDAY

SaySo Celebrated its 12th Birthday on Saturday, March 6th at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, NC. We had a record number of conference attendees - so many that we had to have for the first time TWO birthday cakes! Workshops included sessions on Empowerment, Transitioning, Advocacy, Juvenile Justice, Child & Family Teams, and SaySo Local Chapters. There are now 21 SaySo Local Chapters and all were recognized at the conference. Regional Elections were held for the 2010-2011 SaySo Board of Directors. Orientation for both current & newly elected Board Members will be held June 22-24th in Pinehurst, NC. At this time the Board Members will be officially commissioned for the year. Conference attendees celebrated SaySo's birthday with "birthday gift" drawings and the Cha-Cha Slide. There were also exhibitor booths with great information & resources. We would like to thank GTCC for hosting SaySo Saturday as well as all conference attendees, presenters, exhibitors, and sponsors! **THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US!** Mark your calendars for our next birthday party, Saturday, March 5, 2011! We'll see you then!

Pictures from SaySo Saturday - March 6, 2010



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TOP TEN – Reminders about Easter



10. Tulips
9. Bonnet
8. Pastel colors
7. Yellow Chicks
6. Baskets
5. Jellybeans
4. Chocolate
3. Bunny Rabbits
2. Colored Eggs
1. SPRING!



HAPPY EASTER FROM SAYSO!

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Spotlight on SaySo Board of Directors

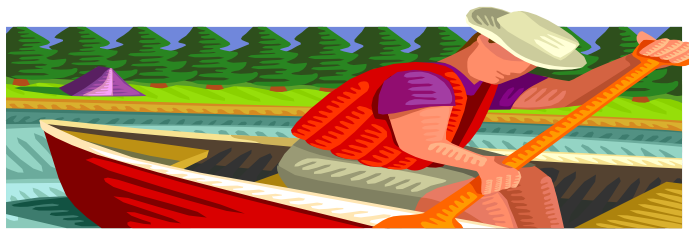
For the next few months we will publish an article written by one of your elected 2009-2010 Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is elected every year in March at SaySo Saturday. Remember - **EVERYONE** is a valued & important member of the SaySo Family even if you are not on the Board. This month the spotlight is on Amber S. who represents Region 1. Here is her article: *"I have been a part of SaySo for four years and on the board for three. I love being a part of SaySo because it allows me to help others that are or have been in some of the situations I have been in. Throughout the years, I have met many cool people. I have made many good friends that I know I can count on. SaySo has helped me grow to a great person. SaySo to me is like a family, it gives me a place to belong and it makes me feel the love".* ***Update: Amber S. was re-elected to represent Region 1 on the 2010-2011 SaySo Board of Directors at SaySo Saturday. ***

SAVE THE DATE

SaySo Survivor V – May 14-16, 2010 Camp Chestnut Ridge
Efland, NC 27243

www.campchestnutridge.com

"What Resiliences Help Me Survive?"



What makes you survive?

Can you share your resiliencies with others?

Come to SaySo Survivor and find out!

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APPLICATIONS DUE BY: APRIL 15, 2010