Having Our 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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Upcoming Events:
• March 8 th : SaySo Saturday
April 11-13: SaySo Survivor
• May18-23 rd : SaySo Page Week
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SAYSO SATURDAY AND 10 YEAR CELEBRATION! MARCH 8, 2008

9:30 AM ~ 4:00 PM Guest speaker: george duvall







As a child, George Duvall's own family told him he would be dead or in prison by the time he was 13. By the time he was six, he was a thief, frequently truant from school, and involved with gangs. Then he spent 15 years in foster care and male facilities.

This history could have sealed a dead-end future for most youths... but not George Duvall. Today he is a college graduate, the director of programs for youth in foster care, coordinates Kentucky's youth advocacy program, and a nationally recognized motivational speaker, comedian, and trainer. He is also a devoted father and husband.

> Register NOW to attend! (Form enclosed or visit <u>www.saysoinc.org</u>)

SaySo Survivor III April 11–13, 2008 Camp Chestnut Ridge



LIFE SKILLS THAT BUILD RESILIENCIES!



This year we will be meeting once again at Chestnut ridge to discover our own resiliencies through life skills that we have learned. Come prepared for FUN and EXCITEMENT with fellow foster youths through North Carolina!

Good Times: S'mores Hiking Horseback Riding COME JOIN THE FUN!

Canoeing

Hayrides

Yummy food



<u>TOP TEN</u> New Year Resolutions:



- 1. LOSE WEIGHT
- 2. GET A JOB
- 3. MAKE \$\$\$\$\$
- 4. FIND A BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND
- **5. LEARN SOMETHING NEW**
- 6. HANG OUT WITH MY FRIENDS MORE
- 7. QUIT DOING SOMETHING BAD
- 8. BE MORE ORGANIZED
- 9. BE NICER TO EVERYONE

10. DO BETTER IN SCHOOL



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Make sure to SIGN UP on our Website - Only Takes 60 SECONDS!

EXTRA! EXTRA! - READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!



When you check out our website make sure to keep an eye on our EVENTS section located on the LEFT HAND menu! This will provide you with dates, information, and even registration forms for any upcoming SaySo events that you may want to attend.

Also, do not forget to check out our **LINKS section**... Each link was selected based on its usefulness for foster youth. For example, we have a direct link to the **FAFSA website and to Foster Club**... Each website has valuable information!

"FOR YOU" GUIDEBOOK COMING SOON:

LEGAL ISSUES: Have you ever wanted more information on the Foster Care system???

The LEGAL SECTION of the guidebook addresses many issues of concern for Foster Youth

WHAT IS A GAL??

FOSTER CARE TIMELINE-What the Social Worker does!

YOUR RIGHTS IN FOSTER CARE!





Speaking OUT!

We hope that this section will offer advice and support for foster youth so that they may have a better chance of getting their needs met!