

Serious about safety

Women's Institute teaches children and parents to stay alert

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Staff Reporter

There are many safety concerns when it comes to younger children and parents want to be prepared as possible for any problems.

To that end, the Lennox and Addington District Women's Institute is holding a Stay Alert! Don't Get Hurt! child safety activity day at Napanee District Secondary School on Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

They're getting the message out early because student enrollment is restricted to 100 and pre-registration is required by Friday, July 18. The cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family.

The safety day will feature eight different stations where students from junior kindergarten to Grade 8 can learn a variety of safety skills, organizer Valerie Smith and public relations officer, says.

They will be divided into age groups for the day. "Each station leader knows how to adapt the message to the age group," Smith says.

Making presentations are the OPP, the L&A Hospital, the NRNF fire department, the KFL&A Health Unit, the humane society, the Farm Safety Association, NDSS physical education department and the Napanee Karate Club.

The OPP will have a display in the parking lot which will include the Bay-watch boat. Also on hand will be a fire truck for the children to visit.

Along with these eight stations is an adult information station so parents can accompany their children to the safety day.

"We are encouraging lots of parent participation," Smith says. Parents will have a chance to see displays by the Community Mental Health group and L&A Addiction Services, among others.

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The registration is limited, Smith says, because she wants to control the number of children and minimize distractions. "If they come away with eight

messages, its a successful day," she adds. Smith sees the safety day as an important one. "It's a very important message for everyone. The children learn how to help siblings and also interact with adults," Smith says.

Students from NDSS will be volunteering to help run the day and Smith hopes they also can pick up a few safety tips to pass on to their family.

Sponsors include Giant Tiger, O'Neill Farm Supply, Heads Video Corner, Pop-In Food Store in Odessa, Erinsville One Stop Variety, Bath Dollar Store, Amherstview IGA and Tamworth Store House Market.



Smith...hopes for early sign up

For registration info contact Valerie Smith at 388-2766 or Marion Wannamaker at 354-5012.

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To offer some help, the Lennox and Addington District Women's Institute is hosting a Safety Day April 18 at Napanee District Secondary School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to keep parents informed about safety.