

NORTHERN LIGHTS

YOUTH SERVICES SUMMER 2016



CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

The National SADD Conference, “Going for Gold: Champions of Change”, took place in Pittsburgh, PA June 26th -29th. The Northern Lights Youth Services staff, however, left for the Steel City in time for the state coordinator meeting at the Sheraton in Station Square. While being updated on what is going on at SADD National, representatives from various organizations such as the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Sandyhook Promise and the Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds spoke to the group.

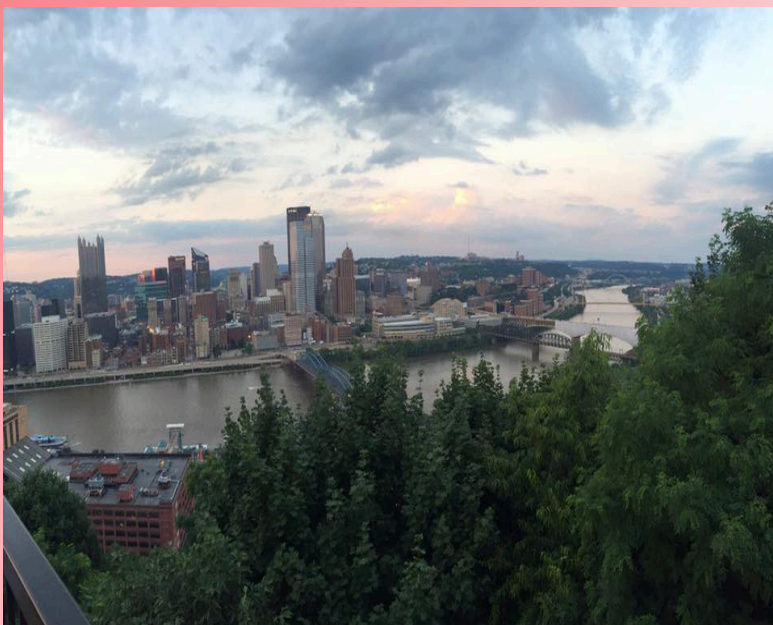
Northern Lights sent over 50 students to Pittsburgh, most of them traveling by bus! Along the way, they made a stop in Chicago to explore Navy Pier and enjoy some deep dish pizza. After the opening ceremonies, which included an Olympic Torch, rock band The Score gave a concert for the students.



Student of the Year Sommer Wilmeth on the field at PNC Park after a Pirates game!

Students and adult participants were able to sit in on workshops about tobacco prevention, exciting new opportunities in traffic safety and learn more about removing the stigma of mental illness in their communities. Speakers from across the country, including former Penn State football standout Lee Rubin, graced the stage with impactful keynote presentations. It wasn't all business, of course! Tuesday evening, attendees headed to Pittsburgh's historical amusement park: Kennywood. There, adults and youth alike enjoyed a substance free evening of roller coasters, water rides and deep fried foods!

The SADD National staff was excited to announce the dates and location of next year's conference: June 25-28 in Tampa, FL! Thank you to donors, sponsors and family members who have made it possible for these driven young people to attend this conference. If you would like to know more about the 2016 SADD National Conference, please head to nlsadd.com/contact.



Downtown Pittsburgh

SUMMER NLAB MEETING

The NLAB met June 10th - 12th at Red Willow Bible Camp to start off their '16-'17 term. The students discussed many topics, ranging from the NL SADD booth at the upcoming ND State Fair to potential themes for next year's conference. They also shared what they believe to be issues in their schools, a few examples are vaping, marijuana, chew, prescription drugs, and meth.

Another topic discussed was the upcoming Healthy Reality program and some of the topics that will be covered. The three lessons, designed for middle school and junior high kids, will focus on self image, respect for others, and relationships. They also talked about the possibility of having a student email list that would be sent to chapter officers.

The first NLAB meeting of the year was a success, and the NLABers came up with some ideas for SADD promotional videos that were shot during the meeting! Look for them on YouTube later this summer! - By NLYS Summer Intern, Halli Hebl



The 2016 - 2017 NLAB

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OPERATION MINNESOTA

Northern Lights Youth Services is excited to announce that funding has been received by our friends at the Bremer Foundation out of the Twin Cities and State Farm in order to strengthen SADD's efforts in Minnesota! This exciting new development will lead to stronger and more unified chapters as well as creation of new chapters.

The Northern Lights staff is currently in talks with regional prevention coordinators across the state on how our prevention efforts can be united as one. It is safe to say, the coalitions these coordinators oversee are thrilled at the opportunity of working with Northern Lights and using some of our proven effective programming like Reality Check!

This fall, Northern Lights staff will be hitting the road and holding regional conferences in various locations across Minnesota. We will be meeting with community coalitions, citizens, youth and more on how SADD and Northern Lights can be an effective tool in community development. Make sure to stay up to date with this project by following Northern Lights SADD all across social media!

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