

# Kids can enter state poster contest

Kids ages five to 13 in Kansas are encouraged to enter artwork for a statewide poster contest focusing on Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day — a nationwide effort to increase roadway safety and reduce all traffic fatalities.

In 2009 Shayanna Smith, Elizabeth Fulcher and Alex Goodwin won in northwest Kansas.

Three statewide winners will receive family packages from the

Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure and the Courtyard by Marriott of Salina and also \$50 gas cards from QuikTrip Corporation.

A total of 18 regional winners in the six regions and age groups (ages five to seven, ages eight to 10 and ages 11 to 13) will receive a bicycle and a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas.

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 14, and should be

mailed to: AAA Kansas, Public Affairs, 3545 SW 6th Street, Topeka, Kan. 66606. On the back of the eight-inch by 11-inch paper entry must be the child's full name, age at time of entry; mailing address; county; a parent's name; and contact phone number. For more information go to Kansas Department of Transportation's website, www.ksdot.org and click on the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day logo.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for people ages three to 34. It's important to encourage everyone — drivers, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists — to take extra caution every day and especially on Oct. 10, the day officially designated as Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.

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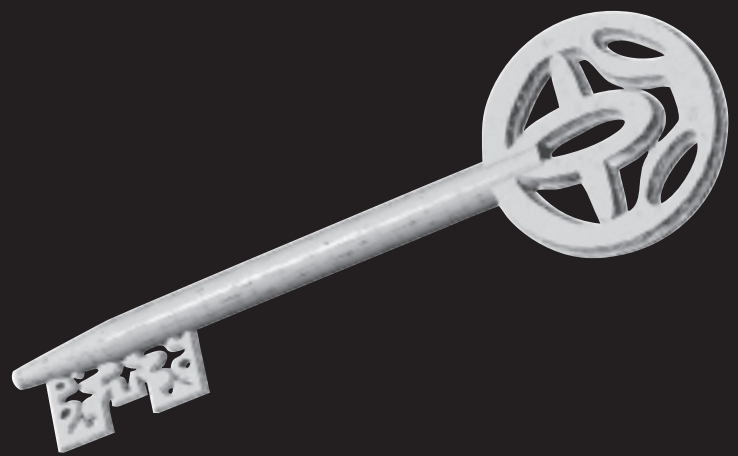
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