



CITY OF MERIDIAN

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TWO HUNDRED AREA STUDENTS WILL GATHER TO LEARN DANGERS OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND BULLYING

Meridian, ID – The Meridian Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council will host the fifth annual Treasure Valley Youth Summit at Wahooz in Meridian on Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 from 8am – 3pm. More than 200 high school students from across the Treasure Valley are expected for the event.

Attendees will learn the dangers of distracted driving by texting while navigating the go-kart track, experience mini-golf while donning intoxicated vision goggles to display the effects drugs and alcohol play in judgment, participate in unfair laser tag teams to mimic bullying and listen to national speakers on related material.

“The overall goal of the summit is to enlighten, engage and empower student leaders to educate themselves on these dangers. By allowing them to share their experiences with their peers at the respective schools, we hope to keep kids safer in the halls, on the road and after hours” said Mayor Tammy de Weerd, City of Meridian.

Sponsors of the event include the City of Meridian, the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council, the Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition, the Meridian Police Department, the West Ada School District, the Idaho Department of Education, the Office of Highway Safety with the Idaho Transportation Department, Buckle Up for Bobby and the Meridian Advocates for Youth Safety.

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The City of Meridian is located in the center of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is now one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. Meridian is cited by Money Magazine as one of its Top 50 Best Places to Live, and by America's Promise Alliance and ING as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People. For more information, visit www.meridiancity.org.