



Teton County Tobacco Prevention Updates: JHHS Students on the “front line” of law-making!



On February 1, 2009 the Teton County Tobacco Prevention Program, in collaboration with the Curran-Seeley Foundation and Jennifer Shew (student assistance counselor at JHHS) took 14 JHHS students to Cheyenne to educate legislators on House Bill 0031, “Smoking in Enclosed Public Places.” The students arrived on Sunday, February 1 and spent Monday (2/2) and Tuesday (2/3) at the Capitol educating over 50 legislators (House Reps. and Senators) about the importance of the Bill.

The students’ arrived at a fortuitous moment—right after a heated, multi-day debate about the Bill in the House—and soon found themselves in the midst of the controversy while visiting with the Representatives in the lobby of the Capitol. HB 0031 had already been severely amended prior to the students’ arrival, so they were primarily focused upon educating about the potential outcomes of the Bill passing with these amendments.

While HB 0031 did pass out of the House in its amended form, the Bill eventually died in the Senate Committee it was referred to. Nevertheless, the students claimed to have really enjoyed and learned (!) from their experiences on the “front lines” of law-making.

Alia Scott & Lauren John (JHHS CLASS OF '09) recently completed a Comprehensive Survey of JHHS students regarding their attitudes towards tobacco use.

Alia and Lauren released the results of their survey and discussed their findings at a youth press conference on NATIONAL KICK BUTTS DAY! March 25th, 2009. Hard Drive Café generously donated space and refreshments for the event. What follows are select results from their Survey:

Jackson Hole High School Student Survey - 2009

Students have smoked because:

Seniors:	Friends - 55% To Try - 35% Never Will - 6% Family - 4%
Juniors:	Friends - 50% To Try - 0% Never Will - 42% Family - 8%
Sophomore:	Friends - 44% To Try - 0% Never Will - 56% Family - 0%
Freshman:	Friends - 39% To Try - 0% Never Will - 54% Family - 7%

Student Attitudes Towards Smoking

Use: (132 Students Surveyed)

Students are smoking because:

Seniors:	Want to smoke - 30% Friends smoke - 54% Family smokes - 8% TV/Movies - 8%
Juniors:	Want to smoke - 27% Friends smoke - 63% Family smokes - 7% TV/Movies - 3%
Sophomore:	Want to smoke - 27% Friends smoke - 63% Family smokes - 7% TV/Movies - 3%
Freshman:	Want to smoke - 14% Friends smoke - 78% Family smokes - 4% TV/Movies - 4%

SMOKEFREE ANNIVERSARY APPROACHING...and reminder!

On June 1, 2008, Grand Targhee Resort, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort and Snow King Resort all established Smokefree Policies resort-wide!



These policies prohibit cigarette smoking in all indoor and outdoor areas on Resort owned property, with the exception of a few designated smoking areas which are located outdoors, appropriately away from open doors and windows.



One of the primary reasons for the passage of these policies was to provide a safer and healthier environment for our children to recreate in!

LET'S THANK OUR RESORTS FOR MAKING OUR HEALTH A PRIORITY BY COMPLYING WITH THE POLICIES AND EDUCATING THOSE AROUND US TO DO THE SAME!