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7th annual Alcohol Free at the SDC set for Saturday, April 17

HOUGHTON – Mark your calendars: Alcohol Free at the SDC Fun Night is nearly here!

Students in grades 6 through 12 and community members are invited to take part in the 7th annual event, which runs from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Michigan Tech University's Student Development Complex. A \$5 entrance fee includes pizza and pop, cool prizes, games and a great time on a Saturday night.

Coordinated by Copper Country AmeriCorps, the annual event is designed to encourage middle school and high school students from Baraga, Houghton and Keweenaw counties to seek alternatives to underage drinking by providing a unique and exciting educational experience.

Students may participate with friends in fun, high-energy activities such as a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, karaoke, climbing wall, swing dance lessons, Pilates demonstrations and crafts. And back by popular demand are interactive games; this year, there's a larger-than-life obstacle course, human foosball court, human bowling, velcro wall, bouncy boxing, sumo wrestling and more.

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Area schools may be providing transportation to the event. Students should check with their school principal's office to buy a ticket and confirm a seat.

Last year, more than 1,200 students and 220 volunteers took part, making the fun night a great success. Copper Country AmeriCorps is looking for volunteers again this year and has issued a Workplace Challenge. All businesses, organizations and community groups are invited to challenge each other through volunteer commitment to the Alcohol Free at the SDC. People interested in volunteering should call Copper Country AmeriCorps Program Director Michelle LaCourt at 482-3663.

Major sponsors of Alcohol Free at the SDC include: Portage Health Systems; the Library Restaurant, Bar and Brew Pub; Copper Country area schools; Superior Graphics; B-H-K Child Development Board; Copper Country AmeriCorps; Michigan's AmeriCorps; The Print Shop; Pepsi-Cola of Houghton; Mix 93 WKMJ and Calumet JROTC.

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