

Life Starts Now

HOW TO PLAN A DRY GRAD





WHAT IS A DRY GRAD?

- » All-night after-grad celebration
- » No alcohol or drugs
- » Fun activities
- » Amazing entertainment
- » Valuable prizes
- » Abundant and appealing food



WHY HAVE A DRY GRAD?

- » Acknowledges graduates achievements
- » Encourages a (new) tradition of drug and alcohol free celebration
- » Reduces risk of harm to graduates
- » Reduces risk of harm to the community



HOW DOES A DRY GRAD WORK?

- » Immediately follows formal ceremonies, dinner/dance
- » Runs until 5:00 or 6:00 am
- » No in-and-out privileges
- » Tickets sold to grads, escorts and guests – pre-registration is required
- » Bags with change of clothing are dropped off prior to event



WHO ORGANIZES A DRY GRAD?

- » Parents are the primary organizers
- » Volunteers
- » Students



WHERE DO DRY GRADS TAKE PLACE?

- » Self-contained and easily monitored
- » Large enough for a variety of activities and entertainment
 - Recreation Centre
 - Sports arena or convention centre
 - School, College or University Facility
 - Amusement or Water Park
 - Multiplex movie theatre



ENTERTAINMENT IDEAS



- » Live Band/Canned Music
- » Photo Booth
- » Inflatable Fun (bungee run, sumo suits, etc.)
- » Magicians, hypnotists, comedians
- » Caricaturist, Airbrush Tattoo Artists
- » Ice skating, swimming, bowling



PRIZES



- » Desirable and popular with students
 - Personal electronics, gift cards, computers
- » Drawn throughout the night with largest/most expensive prizes saved until the end
- » Must be in attendance to win
- » Cash Scholarship Prizes
- » Grand Prize Giveaway
 - Re-conditioned or new car
 - Trip



FOOD



- » Appealing Finger Food
 - Pizza, burgers, hot dogs, pop corn, nachos, platters (fruit, veggies, wraps)
- » Beverages
 - Mocktails, water, soda...
- » Chocolate Fountain, Slushy, Ice Cream Machines, Candy Store, Dessert Bar
- » Breakfast?

PLANNING AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER	GROUNDWORK
OCTOBER	
NOVEMBER	PLANNING
DECEMBER	
JANUARY	PROMOTION
FEBRUARY	
MARCH	PREPARATION
APRIL	
MAY	FINAL DAYS
JUNE	THE EVENT
JULY	AFTERWARDS

Start Early!

1. Finances
2. Communications
3. Fundraising
4. Event Management
5. Activities, Prizes, Food

SUMMARY

- » More than just a party
- » Values a young person's life
- » Can be a milestone for the whole community!

