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# Kickin Off Summer 2009

## Safety Day

The Yc2 summer has gotten off to an exciting start! In the beginning of June Yc2 participated in Safety Day at Douglass Park. The day was complete with appearances by Boone County Community Partnership, Interact Teen to Teen Theatre, Columbia Police Department, Columbia Fire Department, Job Point, Division of Youth Services, Fun City Youth Academy, Columbia Health Department, Pathways, and your very own Youth Community Coalition.

Yc2 hosted a bounce house for the kids and made popcorn to hand out. The Yc2 table attracted a lot of visitors and volunteers were able to give out lots of materials to the families in attendance at Safety Day.

This was a great start to the summer and gave Yc2 another opportunity to partner with other organizations to work for a safe and healthy Columbia.

## Go Skateboarding Day

On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Yc2 joined with Columbia Parks and Rec., The Tiger Pilot Club, and Parkside Skate shop to host a day of skateboarding for Columbia's youth. This day was to focus on safety for youth while skating and encouraging youth to make positive choices.

Yc2 sold snow cones and popcorn to the hungry skaters and had a great time hanging out with the youth. This event was overall a great success and brought a lot of youth out for a good time.

## New Website

This past month Yc2 launched a blog to connect with coalition members and the community. Our hope is that it will become a resource for those interested in events that we are participating in and be a way for people to get involved. The website is: <http://columbiayc2.blogspot.com/>. You can visit this site to take a look at the Yc2 calendar and check out the resources we are linked to.

Also, Yc2 is now on The Facebook. This is a social networking site that connects people and groups with similar interests. The main function we will utilize is the ability to advertise events that are going on in Columbia to youth that are on Facebook. This is will be yet another way to try and connect the youth in Columbia with the tools they need to succeed.

### Recommended Links

#### Cool Spot

*Fun site with lots of information for teens.*

#### Boone County Indicators

*Wellness indicators for Boone County.*

#### Family Guide

*How to talk to your kids.*

#### Drugs & Alcohol

*Great site for kids and teens!*

#### Free Vibe

*Informational site about drugs and their effects.*

### Got a question?

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## YC<sup>2</sup> Coalition Meeting July 16, 2009

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Columbia Housing Authority

201 Switzler Street

Columbia, Missouri

**Don't miss it!**



## Other June Highlights

At the beginning of June, Yc2 gained another staff member. Ryan Worley joined Yc2 as the Assistant Coordinator working with current Coordinator Becky Markt. Ryan studied at the University of Missouri and has served in many volunteer and social service capacities across Columbia.

## Upcoming events and deadlines

June 15-August 21  
(Mon-Fri) 11:30am-1pm

Lunch in the Park @ Douglass Park (VAC)

July 16, 2009  
3:30 – 5 p.m.

General Coalition Meeting, CHA Offices, 201 Switzler Street,

August 7-8, 2009

Love & Basketball Challenge

August 15, 2009  
9am-2pm

Boone County Back-to School Health Fair @ Calvary Baptist

August 20, 2009  
3:30 – 5 p.m.

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We're anxiously waiting to hear from you.