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DRIVERS ZED!

Did you know that teens have the highest crash risk of all drivers? Research indicates that due to their lack of experience behind the wheel, teens are often unprepared for, and can't identify, risky driving situations. Driver-ZED, the AAA Foundation's award-winning DVD, prepares teens for identifying and responding to real-world risks from the safety of a computer.

Teens will experience full-screen, full-motion, real-life interactive video that puts them (safely) in the driver's seat. Teens will learn how to use their eyes and brain to spot trouble before it happens. With practice, your teen driver can learn to spot all the risks and handle them right, and (with time and practice) score a perfect "Zero". **driver-ZED** rates their performance as a number between 0 and 100. The score is based on the number of driving sequences completed and how well they responded to the risks in each sequence. Teens receiving a perfect score will receive will receive a special award.

Realistic displays show three views of the action, including the rear-view and side mirrors. The driver-ZED® DVD puts teens into 100 live-action situations, which equal the risks faced by a teen driver in several years of actual driving. They'll face everything from a child chasing a ball into the street to dangerous two-lane passing. Teens will learn how to see danger by actually experiencing it on a computer, instead of behind the wheel.

The first three modes focus on different skills – scanning the scene, spotting individual risks, and deciding on safe actions. The fourth mode, drive, combines all three – teens will have to decide not only what action to take but also when to act.

This is a great opportunity for those teens preparing to take Driver's Training through the school system this summer, as well as teens already driving who want to hone their safety skills. Behind the wheel evaluations of **driver-ZED** have found statistically significant improvements in the risk management skills of young teen drivers who have completed this program.

The Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County is offering this program free to area youth with a current Club membership. Annual Club membership is only \$10. To complete a Club membership application and/or to schedule an appointment to use this interactive program, please contact the Club at 446-CLUB (2582).

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