





About the Ad Council

- Founded in a time of America's greatest crisis: WWII
- Uses the power of advertising to influence social responsibility and change behavior
- Identify most pressing issues of the day
- Marshals volunteer talent from the advertising & media industries to deliver critical messages to the American public



Ad Council Mission

 To identify a select number of significant public issues and stimulate action on those issues through communications programs that make a measurable difference in our society

Famous Ad Council PSAs

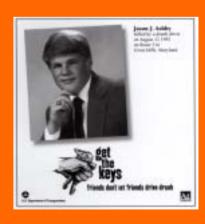
Familiar Ad Council Slogans
"Loose Lips Sink Ships"
"Only You Can Prevent Wild Fires"
"A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste"
"Together We Take a Bite Out of Crime"
"Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk"















Ad Council Today

 Recognized by the media and public as the pre-eminent expert in public service advertising and for the highest quality creative work



Paid v. Public Service Advertising

- PSAs usually defined as running in donated media; rarely purchased
- PSA donated media cannot be scheduled
- PSAs must be "sold" to public service directors



Ad Council Donated Media: CY 2003

Television	\$ 364.0
Radio	\$ 578.4
Outdoor/Transit	\$ 42.2
Newspapers	\$ 21.7
Magazines	\$ 26.3
Web Banners	\$ 86.1
Alternative Media	<u>\$ 186.8</u>
	\$1,305.5 Billion

The typical campaign earns over \$32 million in donated media each year and has a return on investment of 70 to 1



Ad Council PSAs Get Results

- Seat Belt Education: Seat Belt usage has increased from 21% to 76% since 1982, saving more than 85,000 lives
- Drunk Driving Prevention: 68% of people exposed to advertising report personally acting to prevent drunk driving



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Campaign

Department of Energy, Home Depot, EAC, NAIMA, NFFN





Energy Efficiency and Conservation

- National, 3-year campaign to promote energy efficiency and conservation to children and families
- The goal of the campaign is to:
 - Raise awareness of the benefits of saving energy
 - Teach kids good habits early
 - Create advocates who will teach parents
 - Engage parents to invest in energy efficiency



Rationale For Talking To Children

- Societal movements start with the young
 - Recycling = Trash
 - Designated Driver = Drinking
 - Just Say No = Drugs
- Influence moms & dads
- Reaching them now will have long-term advantages



Exploratory Research

- Conducted research in "Middle America"
 - Focus groups in Dallas & Kansas City
- Spoke with boys and girls of various ethnicities and socio-economic levels



Key Findings: Understanding Energy

- "Energy" lumped with the environment
- No real concept of how energy works
- Conservation is understood and behaviors are exhibited
- Efficiency is abstract and difficult to understand



Key Findings: Understanding Benefits

- Top-of-mind reason for saving energy is "saving money"
 - Consistently mentioned in a casual "everyone knows that" attitude
- Most enthusiastic and emotional reason to save energy was "because it's the right thing to do"
 - Consistently verbalized with enthusiasm and passion



Additional In-depth Research

- Why saving energy is the right thing to do:
 - Thinking of others
 - Going without so others can benefit is of high value
 - Provides a sense of satisfaction that I'm doing my part
 - Feels good



Our Challenge

 This campaign must speak beyond the rational benefits that most kids accept regarding saving energy and reach the emotional essence to create change



Implications & Recommendations

- Speak to children's desire to look beyond themselves and "do the right thing."
- Through energy education and empowerment, show children they can make a difference by being smart about using energy



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- Educating kids while making this concept age appropriate is too great for TV alone, but works perfectly when adding a dynamic web site to the mix
- Use the PSA to "sell" the web site. Use the web site to "sell" smart energy usage
- Since kids find web sites through buzz/word-of-mouth, leverage web site activities and features to utilize grass roots/viral marketing



Positioning The Message

- Acknowledge kid's limited understanding about efficiency and conservation
- Speak to the emotional benefits of "it's the right thing to do"
- Create a movement that captures the rational and emotional brand essence of saving energy



Positioning The Message

Brand Essence

I Have The Power



Saves money, helps the environment, creates a better world and future.

Emotional

I can personally make a difference.



Creative Strategy

Benefit: I feel Powerful!

Reason Why: Kids can make a

difference with the right

information

Target: Youth, 8-13 who seek to "do the right thing"

Tone/Manner: Fun, Energetic, Cool and Empowering

Desired Action: Visit the web-site to learn while having fun



Integrated Marketing

- Campaign launched in Washington with the Secretary of Energy on March 9, 2004
- Comprehensive campaign includes:
 - TV
 - Radio
 - Website & Banner Ads
 - PR
 - Grassroots Marketing
 - Educational In-School Curriculum
 - In-store classes at Home Depot

Our Spokes-Villain - The Energy Hog





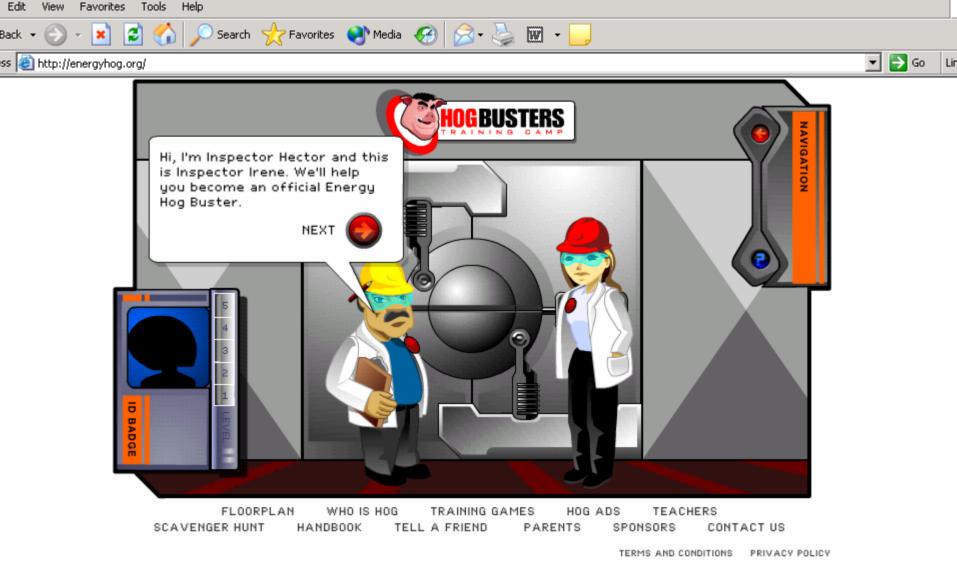




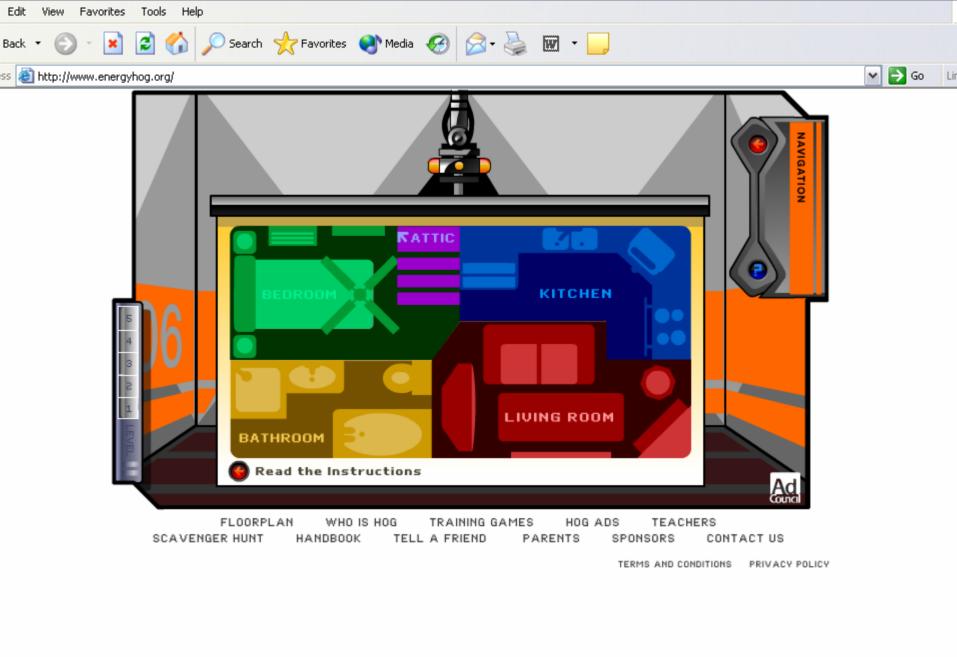


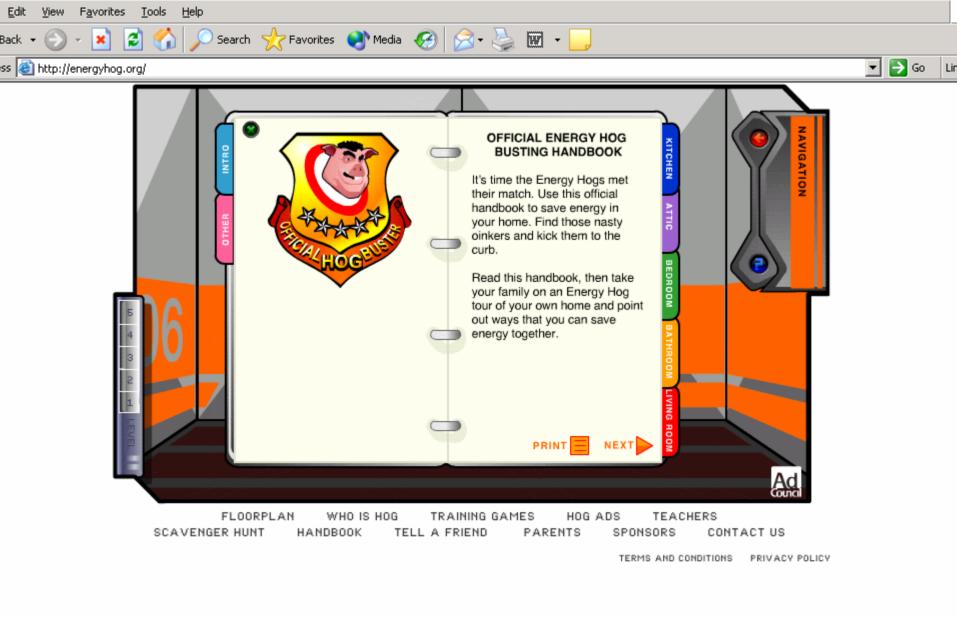
Collateral Materials













Results To Date

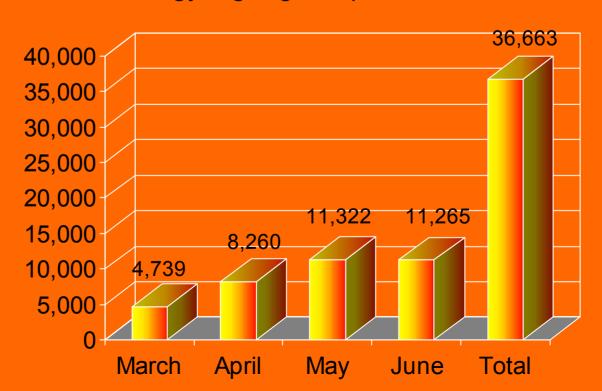
 Between March & June, the campaign received over \$400,000 in local broadcast TV and radio



Results To Date

- Unique visitors 36,663
- Visits 68,691
- Average visit length :10 minutes

Energyhog.org Unique Visitors





Thank You

