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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

The United States Attorneys' Office for the District of Delaware in partnership with the Delaware National Guard will host Camp DEFY at the Delaware National Guard's training facility in Bethany Beach, Delaware June 19-23, 2006. Media day will be held at the camp site on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Camp DEFY is a free, week-long overnight summer camp program for youth between the ages of 9 and 12 years old. The goal of the camp is to instill character, leadership and confidence in youth so they are equipped to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens. DEFY is a two-phase camp, with Phase I being the week-long leadership camp. Phase II reinforces the message instilled at the leadership camp by providing a year long follow-up component.

Local police departments have taken a proactive approach to deterring at-risk behaviors such as drugs, gang involvement, and alcohol. The Dover Police department, Smyrna Police department, State of Delaware Capital Police, and the Wilmington Police Department have all assigned officers to serve as camp counselors throughout both phases of the camp. Federal law enforcement agencies have also joined in to provide camp counselors.

Funding for Camp DEFY is provided by the State of Delaware Serious and Violent Offender Re-Entry Initiative.

Contact Kim Reeves at 302-893-4935 to confirm your attendance.

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