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Idaho SR2S Newsletter

**The Idaho SR2S web site** went through a “make-over” recently in an effort to make it more user friendly. The National Center for Safe Routes to School (NCSRTS) and the National Partnership for Safe Routes to School (NPSRTS) are both national organizations that offer web sites containing a wealth of resources and knowledge about the program’s overall goals and objectives, and information on how to develop and sustain all aspects of a successful project. Please explore both of these web sites to learn more about SR2S programs and projects. Please send your comments to [joconnor@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:joconnor@itd.idaho.gov) and let us know if you were able to find the information you needed.

**The latest round of projects** approved for Idaho SR2S funding for FY09 and FY10 (infrastructure only) were announced in November, 2008. There were twenty two recipients totaling \$675,045 in funding. Projects were funded in the following cities: Hailey, Ririe, Iona, Jerome, Kooskia, Bonneville School District, Treasure Valley YMCA, American Falls, Aberdeen, Coeur d’Alene School District, Lewiston, Rexburg, Victor, Moscow, Emmett, Malad, Lake Pen Orielle School District, Potlatch, Mountain Rides Transportation Authority, Sandpoint, Nampa and Bellevue.

**ITD is accepting applications** for the FY10 non-infrastructure and FY11 combined infrastructure and non-infrastructure proposals by March 31, 2009. The application and guidelines is available under the *How to Apply* tab.

**The City of Hailey, Idaho** is currently under way with the development of a “Complete Streets” policy/plan. The planning will include ways to improve safety and access issues for pedestrians and bicyclists. City officials want streets to be safe for all people who use them - whether they're in a vehicle or not. The plan also hopes to incorporate flexibility because city officials realize that high priority items for some streets are not an issue for others.

**Bear Creek Elementary School in Boulder, Colo., wins Oberstar Award** The National Center for Safe Routes to School announced that Bear Creek Elementary School in Boulder, Colo., is the recipient of the 2008 James L. Oberstar Award. The school’s Safe Routes to School program involves 70 percent of students in walking and bicycling activities throughout the year.

[http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/case\\_studies/pdfs/CO.bearcreek.pdf](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/case_studies/pdfs/CO.bearcreek.pdf)

**The Children & Nature Network (C&NN)** was created to encourage and support the people and organizations working to reconnect children with nature. C&NN provides access to the latest news and research in the field and a peer-to-peer network of researchers and individuals, educators and organizations dedicated to children’s health and well-being. <http://www.childrenandnature.org/>

**SRTS National Partnership’s December 2008 E-newsletter** is available at <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/mediacenter/6621/197651>

**List of E-News stories:**

1. The Partnership Releases Three Exciting New SRTS Reports
2. New SRTS State of the States Chart sent to Governors
3. SRAM Awards \$200,000 Grant to Safe Routes to School National Partnership

4. The Partnership Endorsed by National Forum on Children and Nature
5. Safe Routes to School National Partnership Federal Update
6. The Partnership Joins Transportation for America Coalition
7. Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Call for Proposals
8. Alaska Safe Routes to School Builds Momentum
9. Exciting Time for Kansas SRTS Program
10. SRTS News Throughout the Country

## **2nd Safe Routes to School Conference Call for Proposals Due by February 2, 2009**

The 2nd Safe Routes to School Conference is taking place August 19-21, 2009 at the Hilton Portland in Portland, Oregon. A call for proposals is currently open with a February 2, 2009 deadline. To submit your presentation or poster proposal, please visit [www.saferoutesconference.org](http://www.saferoutesconference.org).

Presentations and posters should exemplify Safe Routes to School programs' ability to address a range of issues that affect our society, and give schoolchildren the tools to change habits and stay two steps ahead of health issues, environmental problems, and traffic congestion. The conference will offer 90-minute workshops and interactive 180-minute training opportunities that allow for more in-depth discussion and hands-on events. Presenters should focus their messages on a single age group (K-5, middle school) or geographic location (urban, suburban, rural). Any individual, organization, business, non-profit, or public agency that is actively engaged in Safe Routes to School and can demonstrate experiential success is invited to submit a proposal for presentation and/or posters.

Key subjects include, but are not limited to:

- Advocacy
- Diverse communities
- Overcoming challenges
- Training
- Evaluation
- Community development
- Leadership
- The five E's
- Encouraging youth

Thematic tracks during the conference will include:

- Transportation, infrastructure and safety
- Empowering families and youth
- Education and encouragement
- Health and evaluation
- Growing the SRTS movement

The Safe Routes to School National Conference is co-presented by the [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#) and the [National Center for Safe Routes to School](#), with hosting and coordination by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance in Portland, Oregon.

