

Kid's KOrner

'Just For Kids Fun' At Farm Show

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— Every year at the Farm Show there are new and more things for kids to do. Whether you go for the day or for the week, you will find plenty of activities to keep you entertained.

This year, a popular booth for kids was the Youth Against Tobacco Team. Thousands stopped by the booth to pick up colorful anti-smoking posters and pins.

The one poster featured animals smoking cigarettes and read: Nev-

er smoke cigarettes. It looks just as stupid when you do it.

The other poster had a bunch of animal butts on it. The caption read: Butts are gross.

Visitors could exchange a hat, T-shirt or any article of clothing that was part of tobacco promotion for a new one with an anti-smoking message.

Kids were encouraged to sign a pledge to become a member of the Youth Against Tobacco and promise not to use any tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and smokeless tobacco.

They also promised to encourage others not to use tobacco products.

Did you know:

- that tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death in the U.S., killing about 500,000 Americans a year.
- tobacco contains nicotine that is an addicting drug just like heroin or cocaine.
- tobacco is the only product that when used as the manufacturer intends causes disease and death.
- smoking kills more people in a

year than AIDS, cocaine, heroin, alcohol, fires, automobile accidents, homicide, and suicide combined.

• About 90 percent of all smokers begin smoking before they are 18 years old.

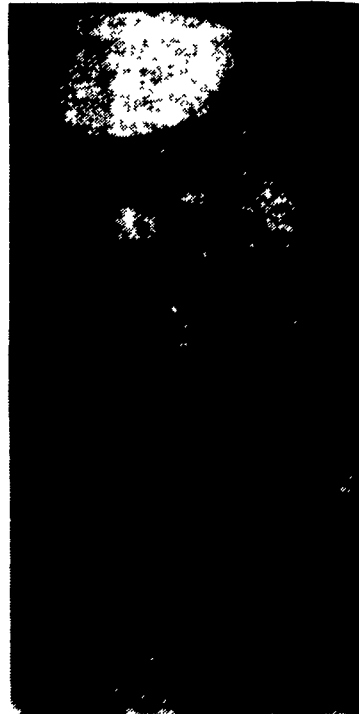
You can receive many more facts and information about Youth Against Tobacco Campaign, by writing to Pa. Dept. of Health, Div. of Health Promotion, Tobacco Control Program, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, PA 17108. 1 (800) 692-7254.



Cheryl Wieder of the Pa. Department of Health wears a duck hat as she warns kids against using tobacco.



"Why didn't the skeleton cross the street?" Timmy Ruderow asks the audience. The answer: He didn't have the guts to do it.



Bashful pig. He likes to talk with children, but he doesn't like to have his picture taken.



Joseph Lee Rutt, 6, and his brother Austin, 1, hold up the poster that shows animals smoking cigarettes. "You shouldn't smoke," Joseph said, "because it looks stupid and it isn't good for you." The boys are the sons of Leonard and Marlene Rutt of Denver.



"Hey, you woke me up," said Tony Mase, 7, who with his sister Alicia, 9, was trying to find some naptime on the hay bales. Parents are Gary and Patty Mase of Lebanon who show dairy animals.



Four-year-old Josh samples some of the apple pies that were cut and served to the audience during the contest. With him are his parents, William and Paula Anderson, and a sister, Meagan, 9.