

“AFTERSCHOOL DAY AT THE CAPITOL”

“Afterschool Day at the Capitol” is an annual event sponsored by the South Dakota School-Age Care Alliance (SoDakSACA). This Day is a wonderful opportunity for OST programs from across the state to showcase what they do, and provide information on the need for quality school-age care to legislators and others visiting the State Capitol.

The next “Afterschool Day at the Capitol” will be held on **February 8, 2012** in the Capitol Rotunda from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Central Time. Several programs from across the state will be selected by an application & review process to showcase their programs for the day.

In past years, some programs have selected one or two children to attend as “Student Ambassadors”. Student ambassadors are children selected and brought to represent your program. They should be comfortable in talking about their program to legislators and others who may stop at their booth.

Requirements:

- Each program attending will be required to bring a tri-fold display board decorated in a way that represents your program (can use hard foam or cardboard tri-folds the schools purchase for student science exhibits).
- The information on your display board should be based on a theme.
- You are encouraged to bring brochures or handouts representing your program.
- Tables will be provided for each selected program to use for their display.
- SoDakSACA will provide refreshments at their booth; however, each program is welcome to bring a treat to hand out at their booth.
- Bringing student ambassadors to represent your program is optional. However, if your program is selected, we would recommend that the students chosen be at least nine years old.

If you are interested in participating in the “Afterschool Day at the Capitol”, please fill out an application form and submit it to Jodi Miller **no later than January 13, 2012**. **Programs applying by the ‘Early Bird’ deadline of 11/15/11 will receive a \$25 stipend.** Send application by mail to: Jodi Miller, 201 E 38th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Or email this completed form to: Jodi.Miller@k12.sd.us

All applications received by the deadline date will be reviewed and only a certain number will be selected due to space limitations. Selections will be based on the quality of the application, applicant's theme, and information provided. Applicants will be notified of their selection by mid-January.

If you have any questions, contact Vicki Barbeau by phone: (605) 367-4491 or email: Jodi.Miller@k12.sd.us .