



"RAD is important to me because it stands for something meaningful and it tries to keep kids safe out of harmful situations with drugs and alcohol. My brother also had a connection with one of the kids that died in the car crash that kick started RAD."

Samantha Neptune, 12



1. Aliyah Eaton, 11, receives some help from Riley Callaham, 12, with her makeup. Eaton enjoyed many things about being a part of the haunted house. "There are so many things I loved, but the haunted house was probably my favorite because it was fun scaring people," Eaton said. photo by melanie sauter. 2. Arimbi Wardani, 11, prepares her costume. Wardani, who is a foreign exchange student, experienced her first Halloween in the U.S. She volunteered and

night was my favorite event so far. I was also on a Zoom meeting and I was able to show the people participating in the meeting how people in the U.S. celebrate Halloween," Wardani said. photo by melanie sauter. 3. Sean Eells, 9, and Jerry Craig, 12, work together to figure out the decorative chainsaw. Sean used the chainsaw for most of the night before retiring to a corner to scare kids with his mask. "I started off with the chainsaw, but after a little while my arms got tired. So, I decided just to put a mask on and hide behind a corner to scare kids," Eells said. photo by melanie sauter.



Hauntingly FUN

RAD PUTS ON A HAUNTED HOUSE FOR PALMER RIDGE STUDENTS

Looking for a fun thing to do on a Friday night? I've got it. Let's go to RAD! This year RAD was able to get back into their groove after a year of canceling meetings and after school activities.

This year, RAD was able to put on their annual haunted house. John Clawson, 12, said, "The haunted house was a lot of fun because we got to scare people. People acted scared even though it wasn't too scary but it was a lot of fun. My favorite thing about RAD is the people. They are a lot of fun and it's just a great community."

This year's haunted house was a total success. However, the RAD club said there were some struggles with setting it up. Samantha Neptune,

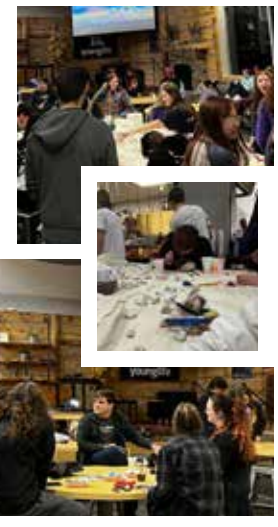
12, said, "Trying to figure out how to make it long enough was tough. We had to set up these tarps to make a maze so it was longer. Also, hanging things from the ceiling was really, really hard," Neptune said. She also stated that there was difficulty with the little details. "Putting tiny little decorations everywhere was complicated. There was a foot that was somewhere, and at one point we placed a mask that could've made you think it was a real person but you couldn't tell," Neptune said.

The haunted house event was not only a great way to jump into the spirit of Halloween, but also to have a RAD-ical time. story by lauren coval.

All in the THEME

RAD MEMBERS SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ON RAD THEMES

The job of picking the theme falls to RAD team leaders. Kaelin Mayo, 12, said, "As a RAD leader we have to come up with theme nights that we think everyone will like. We also have to coordinate when we're going to have it and what fun activities we're going to do. Then we clean up after, and it ends at 11 so it can be a big time commitment." Recent RAD themes included a dinosaur night and a painting night. "I loved the painting night. It was so fun," Lauren Coval, 11, said.



Your Why



RAD MEMBERS SHARE WHY THEY JOINED A CLUB WITH SUCH AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

"I joined RAD because I really liked what it stood for and we should be keeping the community safe. We should come together and help people stay away from bad choices," Kaelin Mayo, 12, said.

"My older sister was a part of it, and I really enjoyed going to all of the events. Now I have a bigger impact on the club and how events are run. I like taking part in a club I enjoyed attending when I was younger," Riley Callaham, 12, said.

"I saw first hand how a drunk driving accident affects everyone in the community. I thought I would love to be a part of teaching young adults the dangers of drugs and alcohol," Lauren Terkildsen, 12, said.

"I joined because I find it to be an interesting program, and my host sister was a part of it. She was saying how fun it was and how it was every night. I was also looking to get more involved," Arimbi Wardani, 11, said.



John Clawson, 11
"Just being with people and talking through problems makes the whole experience of RAD very unique."



Kaelin Mayo, 12
"I'm pretty much just a leader of RAD. I just go and make sure everyone is having fun."



Anna Salek, 12
"I am the marketing manager for RAD, so I do a lot of the advertising. I also make sure all the information gets out to the students."



Aliyah Eaton, 11
"When people ask for someone to do things, I'm always the first to volunteer."