



RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Colleagues,

The Rhode Island Medical Society would welcome your support of its Tar Wars Rhode Island Program, a national tobacco-free educational program developed by the American Academy of Family Physicians. The program is designed to educate elementary school students about being tobacco free, provide them with tools to make positive choices, and promote personal responsibility.

RIMS is in need of physician volunteers to visit local elementary schools to present the Tar Wars lesson beginning in January 2011. RIMS provides all presentation materials including “How to Present” guidelines and a Tar Wars PowerPoint presentation.

What you need to do:

- 1) Fill out a 2011 Tar Wars Volunteer Form.
- 2) Coordinate with school nurse/teacher to set up date and time of your Tar Wars presentation. Classroom visits are scheduled January through March 2011.
- 3) Spend up to an hour with students, presenting the Tar Wars lesson and engaging them in a conversation about the dangers of tobacco use.
- 4) Return to the school for one half hour to judge the school’s Tar Wars poster contest.
THIS IS OPTIONAL.

If you know of other physicians who may also want to volunteer, please share this information with them or have them contact Catherine Norton at 528-3286 or cnorton@rimed.org.

Sincerely,

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Past President
Chair, Tar Wars Rhode Island

Tar Wars is a program from the American Academy of Family Physicians. It is sponsored by the Rhode Island Medical Society Foundation, the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians, and the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.