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## **LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TEEN INSTITUTE**

Syracuse, NY—More than 100 teens representing 15 area high schools participated in Prevention Network's annual *Teen Institute* held at Camp Long Point in Penn Yan, New York, from November 8-11, 2007. The program included keynote sessions led by Rick Erickson and Dan Davis, an adventure-bound course and experiential art workshops, among other social activities.

This year's *Teen Institute* conference was attended by students from the following high schools: Auburn High School, Baker High School, Bishop Grimes High School, Bishop Ludden High School, Cicero-North Syracuse High School, Fabius Pompey High School, Henninger High School, LaFayette High School, Liverpool High School, Marcellus High School, Moravia High School, Onondaga Central, Skaneateles High School, Southern Cayuga High School, and Tully High School.

*Teen Institute* is a comprehensive program designed to train, mobilize, and empower youth to prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and self-destructive behaviors in themselves and their peers. The program emphasizes peer leadership and positive life skills development. *Teen Institute* has been in existence in Onondaga County since 1986 and nationally since 1965. For more information about this program, please contact Nicole Smith, coordinator of *Teen Institute*, at 471-1359 or [nsmith@PreventionNetwork.info](mailto:nsmith@PreventionNetwork.info)

Photo attached.

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