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## **Cancer Collaboration Invites High School Students to Free “Teens on Tanning” Forum**

**CONCORD** - An educational “Teens on Tanning” Forum will be held at the Red River Theatres in Concord on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in connection with “Your Skin Is In,” a sun-safety awareness contest sponsored by the Melanoma Foundation of New England (MFNE) and the New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration (NH CCC).

“Melanoma is the second most common form of cancer for teens and young adults,” said Nancy Kane, who serves as chairman of the board for the NH CCC, “and the ‘Teens on Tanning’ Forum will help increase awareness regarding the dangers from tanning and tanning beds.”

The forum will also offer students the opportunity to hear from young melanoma survivors, to develop leadership skills and to draft individual and community goals for tanning safety.

The forum is just one component of “Your Skin Is In,” an awareness contest in which New Hampshire high school students are asked to take a no-tanning pledge prior to their prom. Participating high schools that compile the most pledges will be eligible for cash prizes, gift certificates, pizza parties and tickets to Six Flags New England.

To register for the “Teens on Tanning” Forum or “Your Skin Is In,” contact Amy Mason at the Melanoma Foundation of New England at 800-557-6352 or via email at [amason@mfne.org](mailto:amason@mfne.org).

The NH CCC is a partnership of individuals and organizations committed to eliminating cancer in the state. The New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration (NH CCC), a program managed by the Foundation for Healthy Communities, was established in 2004 to address one of the leading causes of death in New Hampshire (NH). The NH CCC developed the New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan to address the

following priorities: preventing cancer by creating environments that support a healthy life style, increasing early detection of cancer through screening; improving the treatment of cancer and quality of life for people living with cancer; and reporting on the latest cancer research.

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