

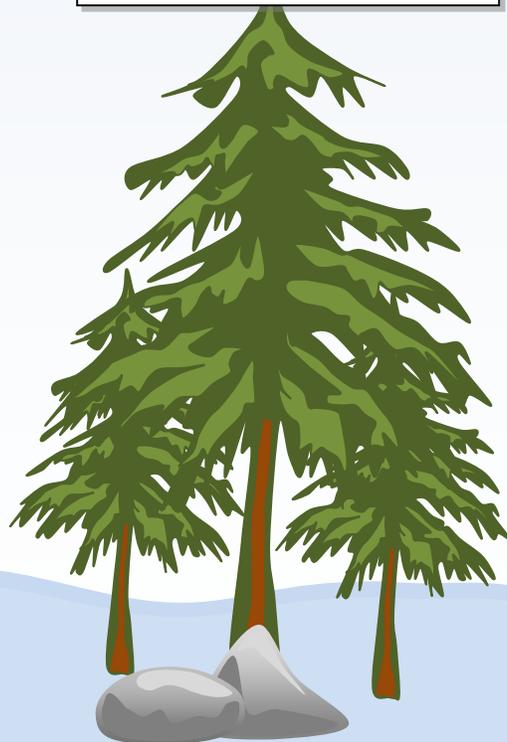
Speaker: Mike Smith

Professional teenager, social entrepreneur, author, consultant, founder, husband, and proud Husky owner @MikeSmithLive has been on one mission for the past seven years – "Speak for the Silent, Stand for the Broken."

Starting with some recycled skateboard ramps and a reckless pursuit of his passions, Mike was able to create one of the most unique youth facilities and indoor skateparks in the country in his non-profit, The BAY, and its offshoot, Skate For Change. Since its first inception in 2011, The BAY has grown into more than just a skatepark - it's a 30,000+ square-foot youth outreach center that focuses on skate, art, music, coffee, and community

Today, Mike is one of the biggest youth speakers in the world and is the host of his own show, The Harbor by Jostens (@TheHarborTV). For more info on Mike and his endeavors, please visit: – <http://mikesmithlive.com> – <http://findyourgrind.com> – <http://theharbortv.com> – <http://thebay.org> – <http://skateforchange.org>

March is here and all the plans are in place! Dates have come and gone for all the forms and we are ready to put on the best convention! Your SDSCA board has done a great job of planning this year's convention and will be glad to see you all there! We have once again a great speaker in Mike Smith, this is his 3rd year to come and speak at our convention! Hope you all get a chance to hear him!



Leadership

Mike doesn't just talk about leadership principles - he lives it. From founding two non-profits to leading youth movements across the globe, Mike embodies the meaning of leadership and fights every day to leave a meaningful legacy behind.

You're leaving a legacy on this world whether you realize it or not. What you do with your life will boil down to one question: what do you want to be remembered for?



Changing Culture + Climate

Mike believes that many of the problems that schools and businesses alike face can be traced back to an unhealthy culture and climate. Judgement, indifference, lack of empathy, disconnect with students or employees - all of these issues are symptoms of the greater problem.

Mike understands what it takes to bring positive change to the culture of your classroom or workplace and is eager to be the catalyst for your school or business!



Pursuing Your Passions

Mike has accomplished things that few people his age have done, and his reckless pursuit of his passions has been a significant factor in getting him there.

In this talk, Mike explains that every decision we make can have a lasting impact on our lives and motivates people to live life intentionally, with purpose, and with a healthy dose of correctly-applied recklessness.

Voting

“Experience, reliability, and desire to do the job right are three of the most important qualifications of a leader.”

Elections

If part of your job as an adviser includes planning elections, consider the following ideas and adjust them to fit your school’s needs.

1. Require students to register to vote.
 - Voting is a privilege. Try imitating general elections by holding voter registration a week before the actual election.
 - Use a class roster. Have students put their signature next to their typed name to register. Students sign again when they receive their ballots.
2. Depending upon the size of your school, you may wish to use voting machines. Call your local election commission for more information.
3. Be sure your election committee publicizes and enforces campaign rules and procedures. Rules should include a limit on campaign expenditures, regulations governing class disruption, and clean-up responsibilities of each candidate. Elections should not interfere with academic activities, and candidates should not expect special treatment from staff members during the campaign.
4. Consider having students run as a part of a “party ticket.” Each group runs as a team with individuals seeking the office of their choice. Voters cast one vote for the entire ticket rather than voting for separate offices.
5. Hold elections for officers only and allow representatives to volunteer to serve. Many schools have highly successful voluntary councils. There are, however, both advantages and disadvantages to this system.

Advantages:

- Students want to be in student council—attendance isn’t forced.
- Invisible kids who might never run in an election can be part of the organization.
- Because membership is voluntary and anyone can join, the constitution can require future officers to be active representatives before becoming candidates. This partially eliminates the problem of popularity contests in elections as it ensures that future officers will be familiar with the organization’s functions and specific officer duties.
- More than one student can represent the same class. This way a potentially good representative isn’t eliminated by an election.
- More people do more work.

- ▶ Students involved in sports and other activities can attend student council meetings when their schedules permit.

Disadvantages:

- ▶ Some classes may not have anyone volunteer.
- ▶ In class, representative duties may have to be rotated or shared.
- ▶ A meeting place large enough to accommodate a voluntary council is necessary.
- ▶ To keep all the members interested and active, officers and sponsors must provide many opportunities for participation.
- ▶ Since attendance will vary from meeting to meeting, the group making a decision one week may not be the same group that implements it the next.
- ▶ Teachers may be confused about who is representing their classes.