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JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED, A FUN SUMMERTIME ACTIVITY THAT REALLY GETS KIDS THINKING

New Games Win Dr. Toy Best Products for Summer 2009 Award

Eureka, MO (June 12, 2009)— The last thing kids want to do in the summer is learn, but with new youth conversation games by Around the Table Games™, kids secretly learn about themselves and others while playing an exciting question-and-answer game. That's why Dr. Toy awarded the youth series of conversation games; which includes Buddy Talk, Camp Talk and Teen Talk, a Dr. Toy Best Products for Summer 2009 Award.

Winners of the Best Products for Summer Award are carefully chosen using extensive criteria developed over many years by noted child development authority, Stevanne Auerbach, Ph.D. (a.k.a. Dr. Toy). Among the criteria used to determine winners are: safety, age-appropriateness, design, durability, lasting play value, creativity, good value for price and, naturally, fun.

“Children learn best through play,” says Dr. Auerbach, author of *Dr. Toy's Smart Play-Smart Toys*, “and these *Best Products* encourage children to maximize their potential and make the most of *Smart Play*. By making a renewed focus on summertime as a special time for choosing new products for children, parents improve their children's development. This is a perfect time to ‘take stock’ and do an inventory of what your child is playing with, what is not used, and what they need next in their development.”

The three award-winning games:



Buddy Talk from Around the Table- A Fun Way to Get Your Friends Talking - Created for Kids and Tweens by Kids and Tweens! 50 Cool Conversation Questions for both boy and girl BFFs! Question Cards attached to a cool carabiner clip that can be clipped to a backpack or overnight bag. Great for recess, sleepovers, or on the bus. Perfect gift for kids and their buddies. Ages 7+, \$7.99



Camp Talk from Around the Table- Gather Around and Make New Friends with...Camp Talk! Made by kids for kids. Fun way to make new friends at camp! 50 fun camp related questions! Cards attached to a Flashlight/Compass/Carabiner Clip! Great for kids going off to camp OR for family camping trips! Perfect gift to tuck into your child's suitcase for camp – help them make new friends FAST! Ages 7+, \$7.99



Teen Talk from Around the Table- A Fun Way to Get to Know Your Friends - Created by teens for teens. 50 diverse questions sure to spark some colorful conversations. Cards attached to a clip that can easily attach to a backpack or overnight bag. Great for fun conversations anytime, anywhere! Perfect, unique gift for teens! \$7.99

All of the winners, including Buddy Talk, Camp Talk and Teen Talk are featured on Dr. Toy's website at www.drtoy.com.

ABOUT AROUND THE TABLE GAMES

Creator and owner of Around the Table games, Beth Daniels was blessed to have her grandparents and great-grandparents in her life for decades. Over the years, she realized that the more she learned about them, the better she understood herself. As an Occupational Therapist, wife and mother of two, Daniels understands all too well how active lives and busy schedules can prevent families from sharing the anecdotes and folklore that make a family a family. That's why she created Family Talk and Grandparent Talk games as a fun way for families to reconnect.

What began as a business of bringing families together through conversation has now brought the Daniels family together through entrepreneurship! Beth's 9-year-old daughter saw and heard the impact that her mom's games had on peoples' lives, so she decided to write some games of her own. Thanks to Beth's daughter's hard work, in 2009, Around the Table added Buddy Talk (for tweens) and Camp Talk (for kids going away to camp) to its line of conversation games. The family involvement continued as Beth's niece wrote Teen Talk - a conversation game designed for Teens!

For more information, click on www.aroundthetablegames.com.