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Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site

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Who: **Smokey Bear**

What: **Birthday Celebration**

Where: **Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site**

When: **Saturday, August 5, 2006 11:00-1:00 pm**

Price: **Admission for this event is \$5.00 for ages 16 and older; youth 15 and under and Golden Age and Golden Eagle Passports get in for ½ price on this special day, (\$2.50).**

Website: www.cradleofforestry.org

For calendar listings: www.cradleofforestry.org



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The Cradle of Forestry to Host Smokey Bear's Birthday Party

Pisgah Forest, NC . . . Smokey Bear turns 62 years old this year and the Cradle of Forestry will be hosting his birthday party on Saturday, August 5, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Smokey Bear will help cut the birthday cake and join in games and activities planned for the celebration. Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults 16 years old and up and \$2.50 for youth ages 15 and younger. Visitors with Golden Age and Golden Eagle Passports get in for ½ price, \$2.50.

Activities during Smokey Bear's Birthday Party include: games, music, face painting, making birthday cards, fire fighting equipment demonstrations, Smokey Bingo, Pin the Pail on the Campfire, prize drawings, party favor bags, birthday cake and of course, Smokey Bear. Families are welcome to pack a picnic. The Forest Bounty Café offers light snacks, ice cream, and drinks.

After the party, visitors are invited to enjoy all the Cradle of Forestry has to offer. In the Forest Discovery Center an 18-minute film portrays the story behind the Cradle. Visitors can explore the 15 hands-on exhibits in the Forest Discovery Center, including the firefighting helicopter simulator and the scavenger hunt. A collection of Smokey artwork by Rudy Wendelin, famed Smokey Bear illustrator who created Smokey's image as we know him today, is on display.

Out on the Biltmore Campus Trail visitors can visit historic cabins from the first forestry school in America. Out on the Forest Festival Trail you will see a scenic trout pond, an antique sawmill, and a 1915 Climax logging locomotive. Climb on board and ring the bell!

Smokey's party, the Forest Discovery Center, and the two trails are accessible to wheelchairs and strollers.

The Cradle of Forestry is located on U.S. Hwy. 276 in the Pisgah National Forest along the Forest Heritage Scenic Byway. It is near Sliding Rock Recreation Area and Looking Glass Waterfall. Other family activities on Hwy. 276 include: waterfalls, camping, hiking, fishing, tubing, swimming, horseback riding, a fish hatchery and the Blue Ridge Parkway. For more information call the Cradle of Forestry at (828) 877-3130 or check the web at www.cradleofforestry.org.

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