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Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site

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Who:

What: **The Legend of Tommy Hodges**

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

When: **October 27 and 28, 2006 performances at 6:30, 7:45, and 9:00 pm**

Price: **Admission for this event is \$6.00 for ages 16 and older; \$3.00 for youth 4-15, and Golden Age and Golden Eagle Passports; under 4 years old are admitted free.**

Website: www.cradleofforestry.org

For calendar listings: www.cradleofforestry.org



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Outdoor Drama at the Cradle of Forestry

Pisgah National Forest, NC . . . A mystery that ages over time becomes a legend, and a legend grows in the telling. It was Halloween night in 1906 when one of the students from the Biltmore Forest School disappeared. His name was Tommy Hodges. The man with the gun was Old-Man Lindsey. The Cradle of Forestry Historic Site will put on this outdoor drama about the first forestry school in America on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28 with shows at 6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The show is one mile long, meaning the audience walks one mile to see the entire play, so audience members are asked to dress warm, wear walking shoes and bring a flashlight. Admission to the show for ages 16 & up is \$6.00, ages 5-15 are \$3.00 and children aged 4 and under are admitted free. Season Pass holders for the Cradle of Forestry or the CFIA, and Golden Age Passport holders are admitted for \$3.00. Hot cider and cookies will be served. **Reservations are required by calling the Cradle of Forestry at 828-877-3130.**

The audience will be lead around the Biltmore Campus Trail at the Cradle of Forestry by a tour guide to find out what happened that Halloween night. As the audience members approach each historic cabin in the forest, they will meet characters who lived in the Pink Beds area at that time. For instance they may meet Dr. Carl Schenck, founder of the Biltmore Forest School, his secretary, the local storeowner, Mrs. Gillespie, wife of the head ranger or even students from the forestry school. As the audience meets each group of characters they will leave with a sense of how life was back then.

Characters are based on the diaries of the students who attended the Biltmore Forest School from 1903-1907 that were found in the archives at the Cradle of Forestry Historic Site.

This event is sponsored in part by the Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association, the USDA Forest Service, Wachovia, Steve Owens Real Estate, and Lindsey Wireless.

Come out and enjoy an evening in your National Forest while learning about the people who used to live here in the early 1900's. The Cradle of Forestry is located on Hwy. 276 in the Pisgah National Forest just above Brevard, NC. For more information call 828-877-3130 or go to www.cradleofforestry.org.

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