



# News Release

United States Department of Agriculture  
Forest Service

Plumas National Forest  
P.O. Box 11500  
Quincy, California 95971

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**September 18, 2008**

**Contacts: Michele Jimenez-Holtz (530) 283-7744**

**Lee Anne Schramel Taylor (530) 283-7850**

**News Release #08-46**

## **Plumas National Forest Hosts 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival**

Pan for gold, dig up the past, and meet Smokey Bear! All of this and more can be enjoyed at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Plumas National Forest Fall Fest on Saturday, October 4, 2008, from 11:00am – 4:00pm. The free event will be held at the Mt Hough Ranger Station, 39696 Hwy 70, three miles west of Quincy.

This year's festival theme continues with "More Kids in the Woods," and features hands-on demonstrations to foster children's creativity in, as well as their appreciation for the outdoors. Children will learn basic compass skills while trying to locate a hidden treasure and discover "Digging up the Past" when they search for "artifacts" in the sand. Watershed exploration and crafts will offer additional enjoyment for all ages.

A short nature hike will be offered by Plumas NF Botanist, Jim Belsher-Howe and will focus on local trees and plants. Mountain Men from the past will give a demonstration of their lives in the woods and how they survived while trapping and hunting.

Timothy Smith, local basket-maker and artist, will demonstrate basket-making. Other partners include Feather River College, PG&E, Women's Mountain Passages and many more.

Local musicians Randy Prichard, Dr. Jeff Kepple & family, and the String Beings Quartet will be on hand with an energetic mix of music.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings will be available for purchase from Indian Valley Fire & Rescue.

For more information about Fall Fest contact Kathy Powers at (530) 283-7618, or visit the website,

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas>.

**Key points:**

- 1) The Plumas National Forest 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 4, 11am to 4pm.**
- 2) Location is at the Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Hwy 70, in Quincy. Event is free!**
- 3) For more information, call Kathy Powers at (530) 283-7618, or visit the Plumas National Forest website <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/>.**