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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Hoosier National Forest Hosts Free Kids Fishing Derby**

#### **Free cookout followed by awards**

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**Bedford, IN – May 12, 2009.** If you're a kid who likes to fish, or know a kid who might, the Hoosier National Forest invites you to the Kids Fishing Derby at the Maumee Boy Scout Camp on May 30. The fishing derby is a free, local event to celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week. Fishing poles, lunch and prizes will be provided, however, participants are encouraged to bring their own fishing gear.

This is the seventh year the derby has been held at the Maumee Boy Scout Camp. "Last year awards were given out for the most fish caught and the biggest fish" said Steve Harriss, event coordinator. Harriss said he can't promise every kid a fish, but is confident everyone will have a good time.

Other sponsors of the event are Wal-Mart, Inc. and the Boy Scouts. "With the help of Wal-Mart and the Boy Scouts, we are able to host a fun event

on a beautiful lake and help kids learn about fishing,” said Harriss. Tarzian Lake at the Maumee Boy Scout Camp is located in Jackson County north of Norman.

The event is limited to the first 75 kids to register, so pre-registration is required. Kids can be registered at the Forest Service Bedford Office or calling 812.275.5987. Participants should be under 15 years old and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The derby begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:00, followed by a free cookout for everyone who attends, including adults.

Events at the derby include a casting contest, water safety education, bait and fish identification, knot tying, and fishing techniques. Several prizes will be awarded.

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