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SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST FREE KID'S FISHING DERBY AND FREE CAMPING ON JUNE 12

Harrisburg, IL, June 3, 2010 – Shawnee National Forest's Hidden Springs Ranger District is hosting its annual Kids Fishing Derby and offering free camping this year on Saturday, June 12.

To support the Illinois Free Fishing Weekend, the Shawnee National Forest will waive all camping fees across the Forest for the night of June 12. This fee waiver excludes the concessionaire-managed Oak Point Campground at Lake Glendale and Red Bud Campground at Bell Smith Springs.

Kids from ages five through fifteen are invited to attend the Fishing Derby with an accompanying adult. Admission to the derby is free and will be held at the Lake Glendale Recreation Area's Cardinal Bay from 7:00 a.m. until Noon. Saturday, June 12 is part of the Illinois' Free Fishing Weekend. As a result, no fishing license is required to participate in the derby.

The derby's activities include fishing, as well as, various contests that result in prizes awarded to the children. A free lunch is provided by the Pope County Sportsman's Society.

Lake Glendale Recreation Area is located on Route 145, two miles north of Dixon Springs. For additional information contact the Hidden Springs Ranger District office at (618) 658-2111.

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