



Media Advisory

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Kids Take Action to Plant Seedlings in the Tuskegee National Forest

WHAT: The USDA Forest Service and national partner Kids4Trees are hosting a tree planting event for nearly 1,000 students in the Tuskegee National Forest. Students from Macon County Public Schools will plant thousands of longleaf pine seedlings in the Tuskegee National Forest and meet former Olympians- Jennifer Chandler (1976), Willie Smith (1999) and Bob Lujano (1979). The Forest Service, Kids4Trees and numerous partners are hosting events throughout the nation in support of the Forest Service More Kids in the Woods initiative to encourage youth to become active in the outdoors.

WHO: U.S. Forest Service - Tuskegee National Forest, Kids4Trees - a non-profit organization based in California and numerous local partners.

WHEN: March 21 – 23, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE: Tuskegee National Forest - The event will be located off of Hwy 89 in Macon County. The Tuskegee National Forest is located near I-85, north of Montgomery, AL and south of Auburn, AL, Wire Road Exit 42.

Schedule of Event

9:30 am - Arrival and parking at the visitor parking area.

10:15 am - Participants will visit four to five rotating environmental education stations with demonstrations of various topics such as forestry, water and soils, wildlife and recycling given by Forest Service employees, partners and volunteers.

12 noon – Students will proceed to lunch area where Olympians will serve as guest speakers. Afterwards, a music program will begin with students singing various songs with the Forest Service Blues Rangers.

1 pm – Program concludes with school returning

Note to the Media: This event is open to the media and will take place in a forest setting. Please wear suitable footwear.