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FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCES KIDS' FISHING DAY IN AT SHERANDO LAKE

Natural Bridge Station, VA – Mark your calendars for the annual Kids' Fishing Day on May 12, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a free fun-filled day of fishing, food, drinks, prizes, and activities for the kids! Adults must accompany children. The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will stock Upper Sherando Lake with hatchery fish specifically for the day. Gather rain or shine at Upper Sherando Lake in Augusta County.

Children of all ages are invited for the fun and prizes, but fishing prizes are limited to children between the ages of three and 13. Prizes donated from local area merchants will be awarded for the "First Catch of the Day" and "Longest Fish" caught in different age categories. Children can catch and keep six trout, seven inches or longer. Fishing is free at this event; however state game laws do apply. Kids should bring their own rods, reels, bait, and any additional fishing supplies necessary for catching fish. Each participant is allowed to use only one fishing pole. Concessions are available for hotdogs, drinks and snacks. The Upper Sherando Lake is closed to public fishing beginning at sunset on Thursday, May 10, 2012 until after 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, 2012 to prepare for this event.

Kids' Fishing Day introduces children to the sport of fishing and increases their enjoyment of nature and outdoor recreation on National Forests and in Virginia. Kids' Fishing Day is part of a larger initiative known as America's Great Outdoors, which encourages all Americans to enjoy their natural and cultural heritage. Outdoor recreation provides Americans physical and emotional rejuvenation and promotes outdoor conservation. Federal agencies provide exceptional recreational opportunities on more than 600 million acres of land with more than a billion visits each year. You can learn more about the America's Great Outdoors initiative by visiting <http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>. We hope to see you there!

For more information, contact the Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger Districts at (540) 291-2188.

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