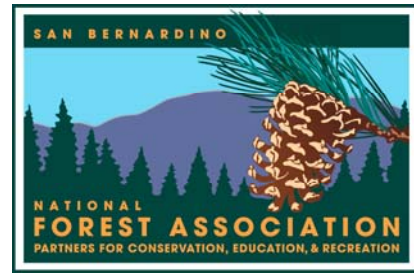


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Do Something Different This Summer!



“What are you going to do all summer?” is a question the San Bernardino National Forest Association (SBNFA) hopes to help mountain youth answer this year. The SBNFA’s Children’s Forest is offering a wide variety of volunteer activities throughout the summer, with options designed to meet the interests of just about everyone and a volunteer orientation is being offered Monday, June 23 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM at the Arrowhead Ranger Station (*on Highway 18 west of Skyforest*).

“There is so much to do out in the forest, there is no excuse to be bored this summer,” explains Alison Bates, SBNFA program manger, “especially if you love being outdoors and want to learn more about the forest or if you just want to do something different this summer.”

Volunteer activities available to youth (*aged 11-17*) include maintaining and improving forest trails; guiding nature tours on the weekends; helping to grow plants in the Children’s Forest greenhouse; planting and watering seedlings in burned areas of the forest; greeting customers at the Visitor Information Center or even singing songs during campfire programs.

For more information attend the volunteer orientation on June 26 or contact Alison Bates on 909 382-2777. You can also visit the SBNFA webpage www.sbnfa.org for further details.

The San Bernardino National Forest Association is the primary non-profit partner to the U.S. Forest Service and, through six programs and 1,000 volunteers, share a mutual mission of “caring for the land and serving the people” on the San Bernardino National Forest. The programs include Children’s Forest, Big Bear Discovery Center, Off Highway Vehicle Outreach Education, Forest Care, Fire Lookout Hosts, and Wildfire Education Experience. For more information or to sponsor a program, please call Sarah Miggins, executive director, at (909) 382-2796.

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