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Public invited to attend "Return from the Burn" event at the Tillamook Forest Center

A free, family oriented celebration of the historic efforts that turned the Tillamook Burn into what is now the Tillamook State Forest is scheduled for Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15. The public is invited to take part in an array of forest activities and view special exhibits and demonstrations designed to be enjoyable for everyone.

The following activities take place from 10 a. to 5 pm, all day both days:

- **Meet Smokey Bear** – Smokey will make appearances several times each day. He'll be pleased to shake hands and pose for pictures as he reminds us all to prevent wildfires.
- **See a puppet show** – An entertaining puppet show will be performed each morning, presenting a story about the forest aimed at children aged five and under. All ages are welcome.
- **Watch a fire engine demonstration** – See how a real fire engine is used to fight forest fires, and maybe even try aiming the hose yourself!
- **Run in a firefighter relay race** – Join in this relay race each afternoon to prove you can suit up, grab your equipment, and make a rescue.
- **Enjoy Log Cabin BBQ** – Delicious BBQ lunches will be sold each day starting at 11am.
- **Attend great informational guided programs** – Take a tour of our fire lookout tower or learn about forestry.
- **Create attractive nature crafts** – Be imaginative with several different crafts, from 10am to 5pm daily, and take home your works of art.
- **View Special displays** – These hands-on displays will bring you closer to the forest and the wildlife within. See them from 10am to 5pm each day.
- **Free!** – All activities and events of the Return From the Burn are free to the public. Donations to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust help us continue to provide programs and events like this.

Location, Days and Hours

The Tillamook Forest Center is located 22 miles east of the city of Tillamook on Highway 6.

It is open seven days a week through Labor Day, when it goes to a fall schedule of Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The center opened April 2006 with interpretive exhibits, a film documenting the area's history, field tours and nature programs.

For more information about the center, visit the following Web site:
www.tillamookforestcenter.org or call toll free (866) 930-4646.

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