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Join the National Forest Association for Feast of the Harvest Moon Festival marks 10 years of celebrating Native American heritage

FAWNSKIN, CA— Visitors and mountain community members are invited to attend the National Forest Association's **Feast of the Harvest Moon Festival October 23, 2010 from 10am-2pm at the Big Bear Discovery Center in Fawnskin, CA.** The Festival, traditionally staffed by the volunteers of the Children's Forest Youth Program and mentoring adults, is celebrating its 10th anniversary of exploring Native American heritage through arts, crafts, dancing and storytelling.

Attendees will be treated to traditional medicine and food demonstrations including acorn processing and much more at booths designed by our local mountain youth. The festivities and crafts kick off at 10am with a special basket making class. Throughout the day guests can join in the fun at craft booths where they can make dream catchers, rain sticks and have their face painted. As a special treat, dancers Elaine Meyers and Terry Goedel and story teller John 3 Hawks will share the rich heritage of the Native Americans of Southern California. Visitors may also participate in Nature Walks guided by Big Bear Discovery Center volunteers.

Over its 10 years, the Feast of the Harvest Moon Festival has hosted thousands of curious children and this year is expected to be no different with an anticipated 2,000 guests in attendance. The Festival pays homage to native practices and knowledge still used today and is a Legacy Event of the National Children's Forest program aimed at educating the community about the Native American communities that called the San Bernardino Mountains and the Southern California valleys and coasts home.

The Festival is free to the whole community. Come join us for this landmark year.

When: October 23, 2010 10am-2pm

Where: Big Bear Discovery Center
40971 North Shore Drive
Highway 38, Fawnskin, CA
909-382-2790

About the National Forest Association

The National Forest Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and key partner to the US Forest Service, is committed conservation, education and responsible recreation through a year-round portfolio of programming aimed at reaching Southern California's urban and mountain communities and visitor populations on public lands. Through partnerships and a strong volunteer backbone network, the National Forest Association brings communities of people, partners, and funding resources to important public lands projects focused on health, stewardship and sustainability.