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**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN FOREST AID**

Friday Night Live youth from different parts of the county are joining forces with Forest Aid and the U.S. Forestry Department to plant trees in the San Bernardino National Forest to help revitalize fire-damaged areas and build a sense of community. Forest Aid is a volunteer effort to replant and restore fire damaged areas of the San Bernardino National Forest with 32,000 seedlings in 2009. This effort follows the aftermath of the 2003 and 2007 tragic wildfires where 185,000 acres burned.

“This year Friday Night Live youth selected Forest Aid to be their community service project as part of Global Youth Service Day which takes place in April”, said Deborah Lang, CA State University San Bernardino student intern and FNL Community Service Project Coordinator. On April 19 more than 70 youth will work alongside forestry personnel to help meet the goal of planting 32,000 tree seedlings. Krystal Pepoy, a student at Silverado High School in Victorville and a Friday Night Live youth participant anticipates helping out stating, “together we can all make a big difference.”

Friday Night Live is a youth leadership program of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program. For more information about Friday Night Live call (909) 387-6623.

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