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Plumas National Forest Hosts 6th Annual Fall Festival

Celebrate autumn and the outdoors through history, humor, music and fun at the 6th Annual Plumas National Forest Fall Fest. The events will take place at the Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Hwy 70, Quincy, on Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Ramblin' Rangers will open this year's Fall Fest with a blend of bluegrass, country, and folk music about our western heritage. Their family-oriented show includes songs about the frontier, forest, cowboys, miners and immigrants, as well as dance tunes and children's folk songs. Their performance highlights the beauty and history of our natural environment while offering entertainment at its best. The 'Rangers' are home based on the San Bernadino National Forest in Southern California and include Forest Service Volunteer Molly Bogh along with Forest Service employees Richard Thornburgh, Mike Cross and Quincy's own Kurt Winchester. The Ramblin' Rangers will perform at 11:00 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m.

Randy Prichard, director of the Coyote Choir from C. Roy Carmichael Elementary School of Portola, will perform at 12 noon along with the children's choir. Mr. Prichard will be the Master of Ceremonies throughout the day. Prichard showcased his talents at last year's Fall Fest with rousing audience participation for children and adults alike. With approximately 40 members of the children's choir, the Fall Fest will be presented with a variety of fun and entertainment, which include original children's songs written by Randy during his time teaching music in Scotland.

McAvoy Layne as Mark Twain returns and takes the stage at 1:30 p.m. to spin tales both tall and short on the historical culture and humor of mountains and mining towns across the old west. "Ghosted" by

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McAvoy Layne, internationally renowned actor and speaker, we can be assured that the haunting of the Fall Festival is done with a humorous dose of historical reality. Not merely with words and actions, but also in appearance, McAvoy Layne guarantees a convincing performance as the real thing. Mr. Layne has appeared in the persona of Mark Twain in A&E's *Biography of Mark Twain* and in the Discovery Channel's documentary, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Additional hands-on activities will be offered throughout the day such as: leaf, flower, and fish painting; gold panning; game relays; a compass walk; invertebrates; wool spinning; geology; worm composting; natural dyes, tree cookies and seedlings; local birds; art contest; and fire hose relays geared towards children.

So grab the kids and a blanket (or chair) and join us outdoors this fall season while enjoying fun entertainment and activities provided by the Plumas National Forest.

For more information about Fall Fest contact Kathy Powers at (530) 283-7618, or visit the website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas>.

Key points:

- 1) **The Plumas National Forest 6th Annual Fall Festival will be held at the Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Hwy 70, Quincy, on Saturday, October 3, 2009, 11 am to 4 pm. Event is free!**
- 2) **For more information, call Kathy Powers at (530) 283-7618, or visit the Plumas National Forest website <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/>.**