

Thank you all for registering for the **Crystal Fire: Let's Get Growing** event coming up this **Saturday, May 12.**

To insure your safety and enjoyment, please keep the following in mind:

- **THE ROAD** - The last stretch of road to the event site is steep and narrow. There will be HAM radio operators on site to direct traffic one direction at a time. Please follow their directions and drive carefully.
- **THE SITE** - There will be a number of widely spaced destinations between which it will be necessary to walk in order to see and take part in all the activities. Please be prepared to hike perhaps a mile or so during your visit.
- **THE TIME** - It should take approximately two hours to take part in all the activities.
- **THE PROCESS** - Each child attending will receive a map with the location of all the activities. Children who complete all the activities will receive a certificate and a seedling for them to take home and start a "new" forest.
- **AMENITIES** - There will be a port-a-potty and a limited amount of food and water, but please keep in mind that this is essentially a wilderness area that was recently burned in a wildfire. There are no groomed trails and the occasional rattlesnake has been seen in the area. Be careful!
- **SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS** -
  - U.S. Senator Mark Udall as well as a number of state and local officials will attend to help plant trees. Senator Udall will arrive about 11:00 AM if you want to visit with him.
  - The Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department and Larimer County Emergency Services will be there to show equipment to the kids and discuss emergency preparedness.
  - Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be there to discuss living with our wildlife.
  - The U.S. Forest Service will be there to discuss future plans on forest service property.
  - The Larimer County Tree Farmers and Project Learning Tree will team up to teach you how to plan and protect the new forests that you will be growing.
  - The Colorado State Forest Service and the Society of American Foresters will show you how to plant and care for the trees you plant in our new forests.
- This event is **FREE**. It is made possible by the many people mentioned above who are volunteering their time to provide you and your children with the information you should have in order to comfortably and safely live in and protect our forests. We all invite you and your children to have a safe and enjoyable educational experience.
  
- Special thanks to Deb and Dennis Pedersen and their family whose home was destroyed in the Crystal fire. They conceived of and are hosting this event for their community.



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