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SCHOOL'S OUT SPECIAL: RAINFOREST DAY AT BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK

SILVER SPRING, MD – Parents of Montgomery County public school children looking for educational, entertaining activities when school is out on Wednesday, November 1 for a professional day for teachers, can head for Black Hill Regional Park, Boyds, Maryland for Rainforest Day.

Rainforest Day nature programs include:

Rainforest stories and craft, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Children and parents will enjoy tales of magical animals, trees which touch clouds and children who explore their mysterious and marvelous forest home--the Endangered Rainforest. Craft is a rainforest paper cutout collage. Ages 3 - 12 years, ages 3 - 6 years with an adult. The fee is \$5 per child, or \$4 per child for Friends of Black Hill. Advance registration is available through the ParkPASS system at www.parkpass.org or 301/962-1477. This activity number is 7948.

Rainforest movie, 12 noon-12:45 p.m.

“Spin,” the GeoKids planetary tour guide, will take kids of all ages to the Amazon Rainforest, starting at the bottom forest floor and going all the way up to the canopy treetops. This activity is free for all ages and registration is not required.

Slimy, scaly and slithery live animals show, 1 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

Participants will get up-close and nose-to-snout as licensed **herpetologist Elmore Brown** gently and firmly handles his menagerie of frogs, snakes and lizards. He will share stories of his adventures seeking out these denizens of murky swamps, deep and dank forests and witheringly hot deserts. His newest animals, poison dart frogs like those from the Amazon Rainforest, are for observation only. This activity is free for all ages and registration is not required.

For more information, call 301/916-0220. Photos and information about programs and activities at Black Hill Regional Park are available online at www.blackhillnature.org.

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