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NAME OF PROGRAM: **Bur-Mil Park celebrates “Take a Child Outside” Week**

DATE: September 25-27, 2009

LOCATION: Bur-Mil Park, Frank Sharpe Jr. Wildlife Education Center

ADDRESS: 5834 Bur-Mil Club Rd., Greensboro, NC

DESCRIPTION:

Please join Bur-Mil Park as we celebrate *Take A Child Outside Week*, a national initiative spearheaded by the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, September 24-30. Designed to help break down obstacles that keep children from exploring the natural world, the week encourages children and adults to spend time together outdoors. It was inspired by Richard Louv’s book “Last Child in the Woods,” which identifies the benefits of outdoor experiences for children and addresses some of the problems of what he terms “Nature Deficit Disorder,” such as increased feelings of stress, trouble paying attention and feelings of being disconnected from the world.

On the *Take A Child Outside* web site (www.takeachildoutside.org), adults are encouraged to make a pledge to take a child outside, during the week and chart their location on a digital map. Bur-Mil Park is featured as one of the partners on the map and is providing opportunities for people to get outside including:

Snakes are Beautiful

September 25, 6-7:30 pm, \$2

Many people think all snakes are scary and vicious, but it’s just not true! Find out which ones make good pets and why you should let them slither about their business in your yard.

Wildlife Jeopardy

September 26, 6-8 pm, \$5

Test your nature knowledge in this parody of the TV game show. Fun & prizes for all ages!

Totally Tubular Trees!

September 27, 6-7:30 pm, \$2

Learn about these ancient giants from taproots to leaves and see if you can guess how many of our everyday household products come from trees!