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Plum Creek Awards \$3,500 to Winter Volunteer Fire Department

HAYWARD, Wis. – The Plum Creek Foundation today announced that it has awarded the Winter Volunteer Fire Department a \$3,500 grant. The grant will help the Winter Fire and Rescue Youth Emergency Service Assistance Response Unit (YESARU), which is comprised of 29 “at-hope” youth and 29 adult mentors who respond to community and local emergencies.

Scott Kiser, a resource supervisor for Plum Creek, will present a check to the Winter Volunteer Fire Department at 8:00 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Conor’s Lake Picnic Area, during the Adventure Race in the Flambeau Forest.

“In the past, our members have responded to reports of missing persons, natural disasters, wild fires and assisted our local law enforcement,” said Pat Sanchez, of the Winter Volunteer Fire Department. “We are pleased to receive this grant from Plum Creek, which will allow our program participants to take on additional training that will further increase our abilities to respond to emergency situations.”

The YESARU program has grown significantly over the past five years. In 2005, in addition to responding to local emergencies, the organization’s participants donated more than 6,700 volunteer hours to local community events and trainings.

The mission of the Plum Creek Foundation is to provide philanthropic contributions to support and improve the general welfare of life in the communities that Plum Creek serves. The Foundation board meets quarterly to review applications submitted from organizations in the company’s operating communities. Visit the Community Involvement page on Plum Creek’s Web site at www.plumcreek.com to download an application.

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