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Photo Opportunity

Event: Sixth Annual IWU Volunteer Weekend

Date: March 31 (Saturday)

Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Timber Pointe Easter Seals Camp, R.R. #2, Hudson, Ill., (off of Lake Bloomington)

Background: To demonstrate its continued support for National Volunteer Week, IWU will hold its sixth annual Volunteer Weekend to help foster and promote awareness of the importance of community service and volunteerism. The volunteering will take place on March 31 (Saturday), at the Timber Pointe Easter Seals Camp at Lake Bloomington, Ill. Over 300 IWU students, faculty and staff are planning to participate in the event.

Timber Pointe serves the public through many facets including summer camp, day camp programs, a challenge course and an outdoor education program. Last year over 4,000 people (mostly youth) visited Timber Pointe.

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Purpura, volunteer coordinator at the IWU Career Center, at 309/556-3071.

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Media Advisory

Event: Kick-off luncheon for the Sixth Annual IWU Volunteer Weekend

Date: March 30 (Friday)

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Location: IWU's Eckley Quadrangle

(In case of rain, the event will be held in the atrium of the Center for Natural Science, 201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington)

Admission: Free, open to the public

Program: Guest speaker, David Bateman, regional vice-president of Easter Seals-UCP

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To kick off the Volunteer Weekend, IWU will host a free luncheon for all participants on the Eckley Quadrangle. IWU President Minor Myers, jr. and Regional Vice-President of Easter Seals-UCP David Bateman will speak on the importance of volunteering in the community.

Bateman's responsibilities include all Easter Seals-UCP operations in McLean County, Timber Pointe and the Pediatric Center service center. He also has worked in a variety of positions for Easter Seals-UCP in Colorado, Washington State and Illinois including Director of Camping and Recreation, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Special Projects. Bateman also has been an instructor at Illinois Central College and Purdue University.

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