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Author Richard Louv to Speak on Need to Get Kids Back to Nature, Oct. 12

ORANGE, Calif. Richard Louv, author of the bestselling book *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder*, will give a talk at Chapman University on Friday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. The event, presented by Chapman University's STAR Institute and the Inside the Outdoors Foundation, will be held in Memorial Hall, and tickets, at \$10 each, will be on sale at the door or are available in advance online at www.insidetheoutdoors.org. Tickets are also on sale at Acorn Naturalists Center and Bookstore, 155 El Camino Real in Tustin; at Tree of Life Nursery, 33201 Ortega Highway in San Juan Capistrano; or at REI stores in Santa Ana, Huntington Beach and Rancho Cucamonga. For more information on this event, the public can call (714) 708-3885 or visit www.insidetheoutdoors.org.

Described by *The Boston Globe* as a must-read for parents, *Last Child in the Woods* reveals the importance of healing the broken bond between our young and nature. Louv's thesis is that our increasingly indoor, sedentary culture has led to a tremendous increase in ailments such as obesity, diabetes, attention disorders and depression in young people. He presents workable solutions to get children back outdoors, active and interested in the natural world around them.

Among Louv's other books are "Childhood's Future," "The Web of Life," "Fly-Fishing for Sharks: An Angler's Journey Across America," and "America II." The noted journalist and futurist has also been a columnist for *The San Diego Union-Tribune* and *Parents* magazine, and has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and other newspapers and magazines. In addition to his writing, Louv is chairman of The Children & Nature Network, a non-profit organization helping build the movement to reconnect children and nature.

Louv speaks frequently around the country. He has appeared on NPR's *Morning Edition*, *The Morning Show* on CBS, *Good Morning America*, *Today*, Bill Moyers' *Listening to America*, NPR's *Fresh Air*, *Talk of the Nation*, *PBS NewsHour* with Jim Lehrer, the *CBS Evening News*, *NBC Nightly News* and many other programs. The United Nations commissioned his monograph on fatherhood for the U.N. Year of the Child, and he has spoken before the National Policy Council in the White House.

Chapman University's STAR (Science Teaching and Research) Institute promotes exemplary science, mathematics, and technology education. It provides resources to students and teachers and conducts research in pre-kindergarten through university-level classrooms, and disseminates effective science, math, and technology education programs locally and nationally. Its mission is to promote science education, science education research and science literacy for university scholars, school teachers, students and the general public.

Inside the Outdoors is a unique, hands-on environmental education program administered by the Orange County Department of Education. Its mission is to empower students, teachers, parents,

and the community to explore natural areas and expand their knowledge. The curriculum created for Inside the Outdoors programs is aligned with California Science and Social Science standards and allows students to interact with these concepts in a real-world setting.