



# SUGARLOAFERS AGAINST WILDFIRES ~ SAWS

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## SAWS Policy on Children at Saws and Slaws Events

**We strongly encourage family participation at Saws and Slaws Events!** We have had the pleasure of observing kids teaming up with peers, parents, and other adults to build amazing piles of tree branches (slash). Aside from being fun, these experiences typically produce feelings of pride and team spirit.

### **Children age 10 and over:**

If a parent would like his/her child who is age 10 or older to participate in slash hauling, that child is welcome to do so *provided* that the parent closely and continuously supervises the child and assumes all responsibility for the child's behavior and safety. Special care, of course, needs to be taken to ensure that the child stays away from running saws, falling trees, hazardous terrain, etc. As with adults, sturdy footwear, eye protection, gloves, and appropriate clothing (e.g., no shorts) are required.

### **Children younger than 10 years:**

These youngsters can have a great time playing, under adult supervision, in areas safely away from the work area. They can help set up the "slaws" area that will be used when the tree work is done at noon. Often there are other adults who can supervise these kids, freeing the parents to do tree work. Sometimes, depending on the availability of other adults, a parent or older sibling needs to stay back in the kid area to supervise. For infants and toddlers, a parent or older sibling is required.