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### **Introducing New Adventures with Nature-Inspired Playground Climber**

Landscape Structures' nature-inspired playground offerings encourage outdoor play Delano, Minn. (Feb. 20, 2013) — Expanding on its line of nature-inspired playground products, Landscape Structures Inc., a Delano, Minn.-based commercial playground equipment manufacturer, has introduced the Log Stack Climber. The playground climber will add a new and challenging way for kids ages 2 to 12 to climb while also providing fun, tactile discovery experiences to the PlayBooster® and PlayShaper® playstructures.

Nearly 12.5 million children and adolescents ages 2 to 19 are obese, a number that has nearly tripled since 1980. One factor contributing to this rate of obesity is nature deficit disorder, a term coined by Richard Louv in his 2005 book, *Last Child in the Woods*. In an effort to encourage more activity, Landscape Structures continues to introduce nature-inspired playground equipment in the hopes that it will draw children outdoors to engage in play, which will lead to greater physical, emotional and social wellbeing.

Constructed of hand-painted concrete, the Log Stack Climber gets its texture from molds taken from a variety of log species including basswood, mesquite, white pine and cotton wood. The logs are strategically placed so kids ages can control their climb and choose the easy route or a more challenging one. Even more, the Log Stack Climber includes realistic, natural details like knotholes, insect trails, woodpecker holes and a variety of animals.

With two models from which to choose, park and playground planners can add the Log Stack Climber to PlayShaper playstructures for 2- to 5-year-olds or to PlayBooster playstructures to kids ages 5

to 12. Whatever age or challenge route selected, kids will develop their muscles, climbing and motor planning skills, and receive tactile stimulation.

Landscape Structures believes that the great outdoors is the number one spot where kids can play naturally, and is committed to helping communities create outdoor play spaces where children and families gather. With the Log Stack Climber and other nature-inspired playground innovations like the Tree House and AdventureScapes® Climbers, the company combines the adventure and wonder of nature with the durability, safety and low maintenance of high-quality playground equipment. Learn more at [playlsi.com](http://playlsi.com).

Since 1971, Landscape Structures Inc. has been the leading commercial playground equipment manufacturer in the world. The employee-owned company is committed to making the world a better place with active children thriving in leading communities year after year, generation after generation. Landscape Structures encourages outdoor play that develops healthy kids and a sustainable world by creating innovative products that are environmentally responsible. The company's mission from day one has been to enhance children's lives by fostering and creating inspiring play experiences while honoring the environment.