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Teaching a teacher is like teaching a thousand individuals! The Seedling to Sawmill Teacher Tour is an exciting event offered by FTF every July in partnership with The Summer Institute, an international organization that provides teachers with continuing education. The tour is designed to give teachers accurate and science-based information about forest management in an experiential format, where they can see the processes and management firsthand, and learn directly from experts in the field. Our greatest hope is that the tour will positively influence teachers to bring forest management concepts into their classrooms, giving students perspective and understanding about active management of Oregon’s forests.

This year, FTF and partners hosted fifteen K-12 educators from diverse subjects, including Science, Social Science, Environmental Studies, Economics, and even Physical Education. The morning included a visit to Oregon Department of Forestry, where stewardship forester, Robin Beisecker, oriented...
teachers to forest management in the region and to the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Teachers then toured Swanson Brothers Mill in Noti with forester, Jayme Dumford, to learn how logs are purchased and to witness, firsthand, the milling process.

In the afternoon, teachers experienced a working tree farm. They toured management units of Bauman Tree Farm with tree farm owner, Lindsay Reaves, learning about management objectives and seeing the application of best forest practices. A view from a ridge allowed teachers to witness sustainable forestry from a landscape perspective, and a walk along a riparian area gave perspective on management practices to protect water resources. The day concluded with a panel of industry professionals discussing their perspectives, and giving an opportunity for teachers to ask questions and engage in conversation about forest management at all scales.

We are proud of the tour that we offer each summer, and strive to provide a learning context much like a typical teacher hopes to provide for his or her own students. We find that teachers feel open to ask abundant questions, are genuinely curious about the information presented, and want to know more at the end of the day! As an added bonus, sometimes teachers take a particular interest in programs we offer for students at local tree farms. This year, we picked up Madison Middle School, located in Eugene, to participate in Forest Field Days.

Thank you to our partners for helping make the day a success: Swanson Brothers Mill and Jayme Dumford for the mill tour; Robin Beisecker for the presentation; Tom Bauman and Lindsay Reaves for opening up their tree farm for the event; and to Tom Bauman, Ryan Beyer, Tally Patton, Dick Powell, Maryrae Thompson for participation on the forestry panel.

Soiree & Silent Auction Fundraiser... a Success!

The evening was cool, the music was fantastic, the wine was flowing, and people were bidding! The First Annual Soiree & Silent Auction was a huge success! Ninety-three people came out to Sweet Cheeks to show their support, and nearly $2500 was raised for forestry education!

Thank you to those of you who attended the event, and to volunteers Dwight Dziezek, Jonathan Powell, Tom Bauman, Amanda Stamper, Denise Lindly, and Val Michalenko for helping make the evening run smoothly!

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Forests Today & Forever and Long Tom Watershed Council (LTWC) together hosted a program to educate people about forest management on small landholdings in the watershed. Forty-three people attended the “Water, Woodlands, & Wildlife” tour at Bauman Tree Farm, which included a walking tour of management units, with presentations by Tom Bauman, landowner; Ole Buch of the Oregon Department of Forestry; Steve Cole, contract forester; and Bruce Newhouse, ecologist. The tour provided perspectives on how landowner goals, habitat protection, economics, and regulations work together and influence one another.

The audience was engaged! People asked plentiful questions, showed interest in the presentations, and exemplified curiosity about forest management practices and water resources. Many people came to the event via the watershed council, giving FTF an opportunity to engage a new audience in a conversation about forest management—an audience that we would not have otherwise reached without our great partnership with LTWC.

Thank you to LTWC for working with us to prepare a great event, to our speakers listed above, and to Tom Bauman and Lindsay Reaves for providing the venue.

Ole Buch, forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry, discusses forest practices and regulations.

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Thanks to Oakridge Sand & Gravel, Emerald Forest Products, Swanson Group Manufacturing, Papé Group, and Coburg Rock Quarry for commitment to sponsorship! We are truly grateful and honored to have the support of these companies, as their dedicated funding through sponsorship gives firm grounding for our work to educate the public about forest management. With our sponsors’ commitment, we are able to effectively meet our important mission of promoting forest stewardship through education. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please get in touch with FTF Director.

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Volunteers & Donors, Mark Your Calendar!

Forests Today & Forever will host its annual meeting on January 23 at the Valley River Inn. This is our opportunity to thank our sponsors, donors, and volunteers, and to share the good work of the organization. A delicious buffet breakfast will be provided, and presentations by the director, board president, and Forest Field Day students. More information and invitation to follow by email!

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