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Thank you to the organizations below, who are committed supporters of Forests Today & Forever, and table sponsors at our annual meeting!
Volunteers: the Lifeblood of our Work

Forests Today & Forever’s accomplishments are in large part due to the service of volunteers. Individuals from all areas of the forest sector give of their time, passion, and expertise, to make our forestry education programs strong and impactful. From teaching about our great forest resources to sharing about their professions, these individuals have a real and lasting influence on public awareness and an understanding of working forests.

One volunteer who goes above and beyond to support the work of FTF is Michael Atkinson, a retired Weyerhaeuser forester and tree farm owner. We had a chance to recognize Michael with FTF’s 2017 Volunteer Award at our annual meeting, which took place in January. We acknowledged Michael for the many hours he donates to our Forest Field Days program and for his skill in working with youth to further our mission of promoting forest stewardship.

Michael is one of 130 volunteers who contributed a total of 1,156 hours to our programs in 2017. We were able to teach about forestry to approximately 2,700 people because of those donated hours. As our volunteer pool grows, so does the number of individuals we reach! If you have not already signed up to be a volunteer for spring Forest Field Days, do so now. We welcome you to join the cadre of passionate and dedicated professionals who make forestry education possible in our region.

Become a Volunteer!

Get involved by contacting Beth at: coordinator@forestdayandforever.org

There is opportunity for everyone, whatever your occupation or experience.
Volunteer training materials provided.

Spring Forest Field Day Dates:
April 24, 25, 26; May 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17
The Oregon Logging Conference provides an excellent educational opportunity that we look forward to every year. Forests Today & Forever coordinates the School Tours for 4th and 5th graders in partnership with Oregon Women in Timber, and sets up a booth at the Family Day with the goal of furthering forestry education in our region. Unfortunately, weather-related school closures forced us to cancel the School Tours this year. The cancellation was a huge disappointment, but the best decision for the safety of students, teachers, and our volunteers. We look forward to next year’s event! Luckily, the weather cleared and Family Day went off without a hitch! We estimate that about 1,000 individuals visited the Forests Today & Forever booth, which had fun and engaging activities for children and a plethora of literature for visitors to glean and take home. We love being an active participant at the Oregon Logging Conference to help connect with the public and share information about working forests.

**Adult Programs**

Reaching adults is an important part of our work at Forests Today & Forever. We especially enjoy delivering programs to audiences who have had little exposure to forest management. We often find participants to have an openness and genuine curiosity for learning about working forests. In January we hosted University of Oregon Environmental Studies students on a tour of Bauman Tree Farm. In March we gave a public tour in partnership with OSU Extension. Both groups explored forest management for multiple resources while viewing management units and discussing sustainable practices. Getting people on the ground to actually see the forest and understand the care and consideration given to management decisions is a highlight of our work at Forests Today & Forever. The two most common take away points that people often share are: “I had no idea how complicated forest management is” and “I had no idea how much you cared.” We consider this feedback a job well done on our part!
FTF’s 5th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction

Our next Soiree & Silent Auction, happening on September 20th, will take place in Eugene proper for the second year in a row. This time, we will be hosting festivities at Noble Estates Tasting Room, located on Commercial St. This venue offers a spacious and open setting to enjoy time with friends and colleagues while giving plenty of opportunity to view the silent auction. We will have the same great live music, delicious hor d’oeuvres, abundant silent auction items, and, of course, plenty of spirit. The wine will flow and beer is on tap, too! We look forward to you joining us for another evening of music, drinks, bidding and fun - all in support of forestry education!

Call for Donations for the Silent Auction

Donations to the silent auction are a great way to support Forests Today & Forever. Any and all items are welcome. Please contact Lindsay at 541-746-8990 or lindsayftf@peak.org to arrange a time for drop-off or pick-up.

5th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction

Mark Your Calendar!

Forest Today & Forever invites all supporters and community members to an exciting evening in support of FTF’s mission of promoting forest stewardship through education

- live music
- delicious hor d’oeuvres,
- tasty wine
- beer on tap
- an abundant silent auction

Thursday, September 20th, 6-9pm

Noble Estate Tasting Room

Monies raised via the silent auction go to support FTF’s programs.

More information on purchasing tickets will be provided by email and in our next newsletter.

Director: Beth Krisko
Educator: Lindsay Reaves

For more information, see our website: www.ForestsTodayAndForever.org

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