2016 Summer Newsletter

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RSVP NOW! 3rd Annual Soiree & Silent Auction

This event is not to be missed! Come, bring a friend, enjoy the live music, beautiful view, delicious hors d’oeuvres, and tasty wine (beer available, too!).

Event Details
Thursday, September 15th, 6-9pm
Sweet Cheeks Winery
Tickets are $15/ person
one glass of wine and a raffle ticket included

Music by Keltocalypse
A combination of Old Time Traditional and Celtic
Returning from last year!

Register on-line by visiting our web site at
www.foreststodayandforever.org
Forest Field Days withstands the test of time. The program has run since 1992 with some of the same schools participating since the very beginning! Over two decades and 40,000 middle schoolers, certainly something is working - and we want to ensure it continues to work for many years into the future.

Forests Today & Forever is embarking on a curriculum revision to ensure the ongoing relevance of Forest Field Days to schools. The original curriculum has seen only minor changes and revisions over its many years. With federal and state education standards in place and the expectation that teachers instruct to the standards, changes and modifications are necessary to better assist teachers in meeting classroom learning objectives. Science, Mathematics, Language Arts, and Social Science standards are addressed by the updated Forest Field Day program, making it a truly interdisciplinary curriculum, and demonstrating the many considerations when managing forests.

While the revision is on-going through 2016, there have already been some exciting changes. If you are familiar with our program, you know that Forest Field Days is a curriculum centered around a role-play activity where siblings inherit their grandmother’s tree farm. The students take the curriculum concepts into the field where they engage in hands-on learning that assists them in creating a five-year management plan. The management plan activity aligns with the Science standard, which asks students to examine human impacts on the environment.

Additionally, we have made the curriculum even more educational by incorporating Google Earth Pro or ESRI for students to create their forest management maps. The change to digital mapping gives teachers a way to incorporate technology into their classrooms, and offers career learning by giving students a glimpse into how an industry forester or landowner might go about the very same task asked of students.

The stronger link to education standards, which is the intent of the revision, allows Forest Field Days to remain a relevant program for school participation. With the original spirit and intent of this great program intact, we look forward to the next 20 years of sharing the value of our forests with middle schoolers, and helping them understand and appreciate active management.
Spring 2016 Forest Field Days Summary

Forest Field Days at Bauman and Happy Valley Tree Farms served 754 students from five school districts. Students were guided through the experience alongside 111 teachers and chaperones, who also learned about forest management of western Oregon forests.

Forest Field Days is possible because of the generous support of many. Thank you to Tom Bauman & Lindsay Reaves (Lane County) and the Udell Family (Linn County) for donating their forestland, allowing students to experience and learn about Oregon’s number one resource. Thank you to the 69 volunteers, who generously dedicated over 500 hours this season, to teach students by sharing their skills and expertise. Thank you to Oregon Forest Resources Institute for providing the transportation funding that allows our program to remain free to any school in the area that wishes to participate in our program. Finally, thank you to our sponsors and donors who provide the funding essential for organizing, coordinating, and equipping this great program.

Thank You, Forest Field Day Volunteers!

Baker Surveying: Dan Baker
BLM: Teresa Coble, Shawnna Dao, Jessica Leroy, Jan Robbins, Emily Timoshevskiy, Julie Turner
Coast Range Conifers: Ed Cummings
General Trailer Co.: Danny Bivens
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Talk About Trees: Leslie Bradner, Mary Loftin
Roseburg Resources Co.: Tyler Claxton, Ethan Fielder, Ben Hainley
Seneca Jones: Ryan Beyer, Ashley Bridges, Ashley Jones, Tiffany Pieper, Kevin Tuers, Ted Reiss, Casey Roscoe, Bill Wynkoop
Starker Forests: Dick Powell
USDA, NRCS: Jason Martin
USFS: Erick Larkin, Eric Risdal
Weyerhaeuser: Noelle Arena, Anna Grabhorn, Tara Hamilton, Scott Marlega, Tiffany Roddy, Jeff Yost
Other: Rita Adams, Michael Atkinson, Tom Bauman, Sue Bowers, Steve Cafferata, Wylda Cafferata, Jim Hallstrom, Ray Hewitt, Bob Johnson, Val Kime, Ron Leonard, Mike McDowell, Jordan Ryder, Darrel Spiesschaert, Christy Tye, Denis VanWinkle

We apologize for misspellings, or if we have left off a name. Please do contact us so we may correct!

Left: Ryan Beyer of Seneca Jones shows students how to age a tree; Middle: Students practice measuring tree heights with the clinometer; Right: Mary Loftin of Talk About Trees teaches students about wildlife with model tracks and scat.
Thanks to 8th graders from O’Hara Catholic School for the hard work to help prepare for the Forest Field Day programs at Bauman Tree Farm! Having visited the tree farm as 7th graders for Forest Field Days, the students were enthusiastic, and their teacher, Clint Larson, was excited to give back to the program.

The 52 8th graders were not afraid to get their hands dirty to make the site welcoming for the hundreds of students scheduled to visit during this spring’s Forest Field Days. Students pulled invasives, cleared paths, spread gravel, cut trail, shoveled woodchips, and more! The recreation trail now has a fresh path of wood chips, the riparian path at the water station has a fresh blanket of gravel, and there is not an invasive in sight along the wildlife trail.

While working in the forest, learning opportunities abound... students got up close and personal with banana slugs, learned to identify invasive species and poison oak, and even learned a little bit about forest thinning. After the service projects, FTF Educator and tree farm owner, Lindsay Reaves, toured the students through a young forest up to a vista where they could observe the tree farm from above. Programs like this build upon prior learning experiences and reiterate the importance of forest stewardship and sound management practices. We look forward to the next year’s group of O’Hara 8th graders!

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Eight graders from O’Hara Catholic School help prepare for Forest Field Days.

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