2015 Winter Newsletter

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Calling All Volunteers
Spring Forest Field Days

Preparations are underway for Spring Forest Field Days! We are expecting upwards of 1,300 students from 11 schools on April 20, 22, 23, 28, 30 and on May 1, 4, 5, 6, 19, 21, and 22.

If you are a previous volunteer, please check your calendar to determine what days you can assist, and let Beth know as soon as possible (coordinator@forests-todayandforever.com)

If you have not yet volunteered, but have the inclination to do so, please reach out to discuss the best way to get involved! Thank you in advance.

Thank you to Coburg Road Quarry for their recent commitment to annual sponsorship. We are able to continue our Forest Field Day program, and grow other education programs with dedicated support by companies like Coburg Road Quarry.

Thank You, Friends of Paul Bunyan
Thank you, Friends of Paul Bunyan, for $2,500 to support 2015 Forest Field Days. Funding will go toward teaching materials and supplies, educational props, and printing of program materials.
A Year of Forestry Education in Review

The year 2014 was one of action and change for Forests Today & Forever. We updated our organizational “look” with a new logo and web site. We broadened our development efforts with new events, such as the Soiree & Silent Auction and Plank Town fundraiser, and we worked to cultivate new organizational sponsors and donors. All of this while maintaining the high quality of our popular forestry education programs, and developing new programs to engage new audiences.

We reached a grand total of 2,787 people in 2014! The chart on page 2 shows the programs we offered and the number of participants for each program. As the data shows, youth were the majority of our audience. Over the course of 16 field days and many hours of in-class instruction by teachers, Forest Field Days engaged 1,728 middle school students in activities designed to inspire sound stewardship of Oregon’s forests. The Oregon Logging Conference School Tours, offered in partnership with Oregon Woman in Timber, served our second largest audience, where 623 4th and 5th grade students learned about trees as Oregon’s greatest natural resource. Other youth audiences that participated in 2014 included Girl Scouts, home school children, and public high school classes.

As for adult education, we reached 397 people. Three hundred and fourteen teachers and chaperones learned alongside students during Forest Field Days and at the Oregon Logging Conference. Other adult engagement was more deliberate, with programs specifically designed for the target audience. The popular Seedling to Sawmill program is one example of a unique program, where teachers learn about forest management from many viewpoints. Similar to previous years, teachers spent a full day with forestry professionals at the mill and then at the tree farm. We also specially devised, for the second year in a row, programs for a University of Oregon Forest Biology class, where students got to explore forest management at the tree farm as a way to make “science to practice” connections. A highlight offering in adult education this year was a uniquely designed program in partnership with Long Tom Watershed Council, titled Woodlands, Wildlife, and Water Tour. This program reached 43 Council members, educating a new audience about small woodland management.

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2,787 served; 1,191 volunteer hours donated in 2014!

From left to right: Elkton high school students pose in front of a recent reprod during a tree farm tour; Steve Cole, contract forester, talks about forest economics during the Woodlands, Wildlife, and Water Tour; Teachers view mill operations during the Seedling to Sawmill teacher program.
A Year of Forestry Education in Review (cont.)

It has been a great year for both youth and adult education, and also an exceptional year in terms of enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by our supporters. Our excellent programs in forestry education in 2014, and upcoming for 2015, are only possible because of the generosity of our financial supporters and the dedication of our volunteers. In 2014 alone, we raised an additional $12,850 from businesses and individuals to finance our expanding education programs. Also donated was 1,191 hours by about 100 working and retired professionals from agencies, industry, business, and the educational communities.

In review of this amazing and busy 2014 year, we are so grateful for the strong and enthusiastic support of the fine companies listed on this page, and also for the hundreds of passionate individuals who donate their knowledge and expertise each year.

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Hosting the University of Oregon students at Bauman Tree Farm is an exciting part of our efforts to broaden our outreach to new audiences. For the second year, we toured students from a forest biology class, many of whom are in the Environmental Studies major. Lindsay Reaves, FTF educator and Bauman landowner, guided two separate programs, where 27 students were introduced to private forest stewardship, and how working forests can be healthy forests, sustaining diverse habitats and water resources.

Students visited different management units, including a recent clearcut, a newly reforested unit, and a forest protected by a conservation easement. Similar to last year, students were interested, thoughtful, and asked good questions to better understand not only small woodland management, but also industry practices. We were lucky to have Dave Cramsey of Roseburg Resources Co., make a visit. He represented forest management on a larger, industrial scale and dialogued with students about forest resource issues, drawing on his vast experience as an industry forester. We also had the expertise of Link Smith and Ole Buch representing state forestry.

We look forward to a continued relationship with UO, and are intent to engage similar audiences this year and into the future.

“Forestry isn’t an easy industry, and the management of such large areas of land is a convoluted and complicated endeavor. Being at the Bauman tree farm made me realize that there is no right or wrong way to manage land.”

-UO student, as written in a journal assignment

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**Oregon Logging Conference School Tours**

Forests Today & Forever and Oregon Women in Timber will host over 600 4th and 5th grade students at the Oregon Logging Conference. Students will learn about forestry and logging and see the big equipment up close. This is an exciting opportunity for teachers to engage students in learning about Oregon’s forests and Oregon’s oldest and largest industry. Teachers, email coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org to schedule your school! Hurry, before space runs out!