Thank You Fall Forest Field Day Volunteers!

Seventy volunteers representing 17 organizations contributed 470 hours of service to Forest Field Days during fall 2017. It was our biggest fall season in years! As usual, our volunteers made it all possible. Volunteers, we appreciate your service and dedication. Thank you for helping us meet our mission of promoting forest stewardship through education.

Eat and drink at Plank Town Brewing Company on March 7th. Ten percent of sales that day will be donated to Forests Today & Forever!
We concluded another great year of forestry education reaching a variety of audiences in 2017, from pre-K students all the way up to high school classes, teachers, the general public, and university students. In total, we reached 2,681 people with our programs designed to educate about forest management and inspire an appreciation for all that forests provide. Forest Field Days alone reached about 1,500 middle school students, with 230 teachers and chaperones learning alongside them. We reached over 600 4th and 5th graders at the Oregon Logging Conference School Tours, a program we host each year in partnership with Oregon Women in Timber. Other programs collectively reached an additional 320 people. An exciting opportunity in 2017 was our partnership with Lane County History Museum where we implemented programming to complement their exhibit about the early forest industry. We provided programs for pre-K and kindergarten audiences to inspire an interest in the forest, and offered a forest tour for the general public to learn about modern-day practices. As usual, we owe our success to the many companies listed on the next page who provide financial support, and to the hundreds of volunteers who donate their time and expertise each year.
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Thank you, Supporters! Your ongoing and committed contributions to Forests Today & Forever are vital to our work advancing forestry education in the region!

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**FTF Board Member is Tree Farmer of the Year!**

Board member, Wylda Cafferata, and her husband Steve Cafferata, who also volunteers with FTF, were named the Oregon’s 2017 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year by the Oregon Tree Farm System. The Cafferatas were recognized for the ways they manage their forests, including keeping trees healthy, controlling invasive plants, enhancing wildlife habitat, and providing educational opportunities on their land. As small woodland owners, the Cafferatas bring an important perspective to our Forest Field Day program in their volunteer roles - they actually live what we help middle school students understand. Like the Cafferata’s do in real life, students create management plans of forestland encompassing all forest resources, including timber, water, wildlife, and recreational opportunities. Steve and Wylda have an inside perspective that they share with students to help them better understand the complexities of forest stewardship. We are very proud to have Wylda and Steve as supporters of FTF, and think they are wonderful role models for students who go through our program. Congratulations, Wylda and Steve!
Teaching About Wildlife at Forest Field Days

During Forest Field Days, students learn about the role of wildlife in the forest ecosystem, and how forest management practices can support wildlife diversity. The Wildlife station provides hands-on exploration where students move through three sub-stations. On the forest trail, students look and listen for wildlife and observe signs along the path. Under the canopy, students learn about the forest food web and the interconnection between all forest organisms as they dissect owl pellets to discover what owls eat. Under the wood shelter they get up close with a variety of materials that highlight the vast diversity of animals living in western Oregon forests. Students interact with pelts, antlers, and nests, along with replica skulls, tracks, and scat. Students walk away from the Wildlife Station with an appreciation for how working tree farms contribute to the protection of Oregon’s wildlife.

Thank you
Oregon Forest Resources Institute
for funding to purchase pelts and replica tracks, scat, and skulls in 2017!

Oregon Logging Conference School Tours

Forests Today & Forever and Oregon Women in Timber will host over 800 4th and 5th grade students at the Oregon Logging Conference School Tours next month. Students learn about forestry and logging and see the big equipment up close. It’s an exciting opportunity for teachers to engage students in learning about Oregon’s forests and the state’s oldest and largest industry. Teachers, email coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org to schedule your school!

Call for Silent Auction Donations

Forests Today & Forever hosts its annual Soiree & Silent Auction every September. Your attendance and bidding is a great way to support our forestry education efforts. We are already accepting donations for our 2018 event! Please contact us to donate!

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