2017 Summer Newsletter

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4th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction - RSVP NOW!

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

Event Details

Thursday, September 14th, 6-9pm
NEW VENUE! Eugene Wine Cellars
Tickets are $20/ person; $35/couple
one glass of wine and a raffle ticket included per person

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

Register on-line by visiting our web site at www.foreststodayandforever.org
Spring 2017 Forest Field Days Summary

Thank You, Forest Field Day Volunteers!

BLM: Perry Castelli, Teresa Coble, Jan Robbins,
Cambell Group: Wade Stringham
Cafferata Family Forests: Steve Cafferata, Wylde Cafferata
General Trailor: Danny Bivens
Giustina Land & Timber: Cary Hart, Garrett Yarbrough
Giustina Resources: Kevin Merritt
International Paper: Alex Fillo, Marge Huseman, Matt Jones, Stephanie Kinnaman, Steve Kinnaman, Bryce Mason
Nancy Geyer Consulting: Nancy Geyer
Northwest Timberland Consulting & Surveying, Inc.: Harvey Christensen
ODF: Robin Biesecker, Dave Kjosness
OSU Extension: Robin Galloway, Lauren Grand
Talk About Trees: Mary Loftin
Roseburg Resources Co.: Ethan Fielder
Seneca Jones: Ashley Jones, Kevin Tuers, Ted Reiss, Mike Roscoe, Bill Wynkoop
Starker Forests: Dick Powell
USDA, NRCS: Jason Martin, Kevin Macquoid
USFS: Cameron Mitchell
Weyerhaeuser: Noelle Arena, Mike Rundell, Eric Sucre, Steve Swanson
Other: Rita Adams, Michael Atkinson, Tom Bauman, Sue Bowers, Jim Hallstrom, Bob Johnson, Val Kime, Kristy Robertson, Jordan Ryder, Darrel Spiesschaert, Denis VanWinkle, Kimberly VanWinkle

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

Forest Field Days at Bauman Tree Farm served 597 students from four school districts. Students were guided through the experience alongside about 100 teachers and chaperones, who also learned about forest management.

Forest Field Days is possible because of the generous support of many. Thank you to Tom Bauman & Lindsay Reaves 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 400 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.
Forests Today & Forever spanned the educational horizon this spring! During a one month time span, FTF Educator, Lindsay Reaves, taught kindergartens and high school seniors. While the content of the programs are different, the intent of connecting students to Oregon's working forests is the same.

Forests Today & Forever reached kinders in collaboration with the Lane County Historical Society (LCHS). One hundred and twenty Bertha Holt Elementary School students toured the LCHS’s forestry exhibit at the museum, then met with FTF educator, Lindsay Reaves, to learn about forest animals and how they depend upon different ages of the forest. Students also did wood rubbings and decorated tree cookies to take home.

In the same spirit of forestry education, 36 high school seniors learned about the forest from a different perspective as they explored how mathematics is applied to forestry. At Bauman Tree Farm, Lindsay led students in activities such as plot sampling, calculating board feet and value, and practice with scaling trees. Students took their data back to the classroom for further exploration with their teacher.

Whether kinders or high school seniors, forestry education engages students. Lindsay says, “Our programs open a whole new world as kids learn about and connect with managed forests.” FTF is excited to continue providing quality educational experience for K-12 students! Read on to learn about other programs FTF offered this spring.

Thank you to 8th graders from O’Hara Catholic School for helping prepare for the Forest Field Day programs at Bauman Tree Farm! These 52 students visited the tree farm as 7th graders for Forest Field Days and were eager to give back to the program with their hard work and energy.

Their service was very important to Forest Field Day preparations this year due to the ice damage that occurred at Bauman Tree Farm over the winter. Students helped clean up the Forest Field Day site by picking up vast amounts of debris from the Timber Station, Wildlife Station, and Recreation trails. They cleared paths, cut back invasive plants, and spread wood chips on trails, as well.

We appreciate O’Hara’s commitment to service in support of forestry education, and the students efforts to help make the site welcoming for the hundreds that participated in Forest Field Days this spring. Students got to spend a day outside of the classroom, but the learning was not lost. Students learned what it takes to be good stewards of our managed forests!
For the fourth year, Forests Today & Forever participated in a program coordinated by University of Oregon professor, Alan Dickman, for his Forest Biology class. The intent of the program was to expand student’s awareness and knowledge about forest management. Students toured the Bauman Tree Farm with FTF Educator and tree farm owner, Lindsay Reaves, where they learned about small woodland management. Students then were hosted by Cary Hart of Giustina Land & Timber to explore industrial forestry. Link Smith of Oregon Department of Forestry joined for the day to discuss about regulations and forestry practices.

Forests Today & Forever looks forward to this program each year. We find this is one of the best we do to reach curious people who otherwise might not have the exposure to forest management. Students share their experience in journals that are required for the class, and gave permission to share their reflections with our newsletter readers. The students’ comments on the left demonstrate the power of experiencing the forest first-hand and learning from professionals in the field.

“Even with the all of the knowledge I had gained in class prior to this trip, I came in with opinions that logging generally wasn’t a good thing. However, this trip completely changed my view of logging, and I now see its value in communities like ours…. seeing how these operations allow many people to feed their families, I now hold the utmost respect for proper forest management and the timber industry.” - UO Forest Biology Student

“I’m glad we had the opportunity to visit both Bauman Tree Farm and Giustina Land and Timber. Meeting actual industry workers and seeing their passion for their work, along with their efforts to be sustainable and conserve, completely reversed my opinion of the industry.” - UO Forest Biology Student

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

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