2018 Summer Newsletter

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Thank You, Spring 2018 Forest Field Day Volunteers!

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

Summer 2018

Middle Schoolers in the Woods!

Twenty one years, over 40,000 students, and Forest Field Days is as relevant as ever to help the public understand sustainable forest management in our state. This spring, 855 students and 135 teachers and chaperones from five school districts visited Bauman Tree Farm to learn about forest stewardship. Thank you to the 73 volunteers who generously gave a combined 458 volunteer hours to share knowledge and expertise from their diverse experiences within natural resources. 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. Finally, thank you to our sponsors and donors who provide the funding essential for organizing, coordinating, and equipping this great program.

From a student perspective, Forest Field Days is the kind of experience that is remembered into the future. The hands-on, experiential nature of the program engages students in profound ways as they learn in the outdoors from professionals who are passionate about what they are teaching. Two 6th grade students from Meadow View offered some reflections on their experience in the form of art and writing.

Fall is coming... along with another 1,000 students to Forest Field Days! We look forward to working with another round of amazing volunteers in September and October. To sign up, email Beth at coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org
There is so much opportunity for learning and engagement in the forest, and forestry provides a particular opportunity to teach students mathematical concepts in an applied way. This past spring, 29 high school students from Elmira High School explored mathematics from a forester’s perspective at Bauman Tree Farm. In this customized program, Lindsay Reaves, FTF Educator and tree farm manager, led students in activities such as plot sampling and calculating board feet and value. Students took their data back to the classroom for further analysis with their teacher.

Programs like this are unique opportunities to connect students to the forest and help them understand concepts in forest management. By offering an applied lesson, students not only learn the mathematical concepts being taught, but also learn something about the forestry profession that might trigger interest in a potential career path. Additionally, we believe that the experience of a real-life working tree farm has positive effects on student perspectives about forest management moving forward. We are excited for future opportunities to welcome high school students to the tree farm.

Top: students practice with the clinometer to measure tree heights; Bottom: students participate in an activity about reforestation.

We appreciate the support of International Paper! In line with previous years, FTF was recently granted $5,000 to support the Forest Field Day program. In addition to their on-going financial support, IP enthusiastically supports volunteerism within our organization. This spring alone, eight IP employees gave over 65 hours to Forest Field Days - that is two and a half weeks of full-time work at the mill! Thank you, IP!
We enjoy the opportunity to host UO’s Forest Biology class. This program is so great because we are able to reach curious people who otherwise might not have the exposure to forest management. We strive to expand student awareness and knowledge by touring a tree farm and engaging in conversation about forest practices. This year, students toured the Bauman Tree Farm with FTF Educator and tree farm owner, Lindsay Reaves, where they learned about small woodland management. Then, Cary Hart of Giustina Land & Timber introduced them to industrial forestry. Students share their experience in journals that are required for the class. Often student comments reflect the power of experiencing the forest first-hand and learning from professionals in the field. Here is a journal excerpt from one student’s journal: “This trip showed me that timber production isn’t all just clear cuts and empty forests. It is a dynamic process of maintenance and planning different stages of forest succession that is highly regulated by the state and the federal government in order to reduce the loss of biodiversity and maintain a healthy environment.”

5th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction - RSVP Today!

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

Event Details
Thursday, September 20th, 6-9pm
NEW VENUE! Noble Estates, Urban
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