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Mark Your Calendar for FTF’s Annual Meeting

January 25, 8am-9:30am, Valley River Inn

An event to thank our 2018 sponsors, donors, and volunteers, and an opportunity to share our accomplishments. The keynote address is by Christina Lundberg, Springfield Mayor. Expect a delicious buffet breakfast and networking opportunities.

Invitation & RSVP information to follow by email.

How Can YOU Support FTF?

Thank You, Society of American Foresters

We appreciate the support of SAF. in 2017, they funded the purchase of new clinometers for our Timber Station at Forest Field Days. In 2018, they funded 2-way radios that will help facilitate our field programs. Thank you SAF, Emerald Chapter, for your committed support of FTF!

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The 5th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction was our most successful fundraiser yet, raising over $5,000 for our forestry education programs. Over 100 people attended the event held at Noble Estates Urban Tasting Room. Guests gathered with friends and colleagues, bid on silent auction items, drank wine, and listened to the great tunes played by Keltocalypse. The event is a great opportunity to celebrate forestry education and rally people around the work of FTF. Thank you to silent auction donors, Weyerhaeuser for the food, Noble Estates for the venue, Keltocalypse for the music, and to everyone who came out to celebrate!

Thanks to Silent Auction and Raffle Donors!

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Weyerhaeuser  
**FTF Board & Staff:** Wylda Cafferata, Ethan Fielder, Lindsay Reaves, Bill Wynkoop

Thank you, Weyerhaeuser for providing funding for the food buffet at the 5th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction!
Local teachers learn about forest management during the annual ‘Seedling to Sawmill’ Teacher Tour offered in partnership with the Summer Teacher Institute, an international organization for teacher education. During this program, Forests Today & Forever gives local teachers information about forests and wood products in a format where participants see and experience firsthand. The tour begins at Swanson Bros. Mill where teachers learn about the milling process. Then, they tour Bauman Tree Farm with FTF Educator and woodland owner, Lindsay Reaves. Teachers view a variety of management units and learn about forest practices. This year, Chet Behling from Oregon Department of Forestry joined the group to take questions about wildland fire. At the end of the day, teachers leave with teaching materials by Oregon Forest Resources Institute to carry the messages forward into their classrooms.

Future Architects in the Forest

For the second year in a row Forests Today & Forever introduced University of Oregon Architecture graduate students to forest management during a tree farm tour at Bauman Tree Farm. Architecture professor, Ihab Elzeyadi, wants to help students understand the process of wood production and the use of wood as a sustainable building material. At the conclusion of the tour, students reflected what they learned, sharing new understandings about the importance of wood as a renewable building product. Elzeyadi praised the tour for the variety of information and experiences offered to his students. He commented that students continued to reflect upon what they learned at the tree farm back in the studio. We found that these students, like other university audiences, came to our program with an openness and curiosity, embracing ideas and concepts that will assist them in their future professions.
Thank you, Val!

Valerie Michalenko, who retired from Shasta Middle School after 36 years of teaching, will be missed. Val was a dedicated Forest Field Day teacher, and a FTF board member since the year 2000 until her retirement. As the only teacher on the FTF board for many years, Val brought an important perspective to ensure our program’s relevancy and marketability to schools. Val understood how forests enhance our communities and impact her students. Her commitment to our program was based on her desire for students to understand what it takes to manage and take care of Oregon’s forests. When reflecting upon the field program, Val said, “I enjoyed watching children walk through the forest and seeing their faces when they smell the fresh air and actually see how big and grand the trees really are.” She reflected that she liked helping them apply the knowledge they gained, as they shared ideas about how to manage forests for timber, wildlife, water, and soil. Val brought a spirit and commitment to our organization that helped shape how we deliver the Forest Field Day program to students. Forests Today & Forever appreciates Val for all her contributions.

Thank you, Oregon Forest Resources Institute

Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) generously supports the work of Forests Today & Forever. Through their bussing program, they fund transportation of students to and from the tree farm for our educational programs. This allows Forest Field Days and other learning experiences we provide to remain free to schools and districts. Oregon Forest Resources Institute also provides funding for program supplies. In 2018, OFRI funded canopies for our Timber Station, offering dry space for students and volunteers so that learning is the focus, not the rain. Thank you, OFRI, for all you do to support forestry education.

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