2019 Spring Newsletter

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Volunteers Needed
Forest Field Days

Volunteering is a great way to show your support for forestry education!

Get involved by contacting Beth at coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org

There is opportunity for everyone, whatever your occupation or experience.
Volunteer training materials provided.

Join us for a fundraising event at Plank Town on April 10 between 5 & 8pm.
All you need to do is show up and enjoy. 10% of your sale will go to FTF!

Shop & Support FTF!

Simply link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Forests Today & Forever at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping FTF earn a donation! You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

‘Like’ us on Facebook!
Another successful year at the Oregon Logging Conference! This program is a partnership between Forests Today & Forever, Oregon Women in Timber, and the Oregon Logging Conference. On the February 21 event, we hosted our largest group of students in years! In attendance:

- 951 3rd and 4th grade students
- 111 teachers and parent chaperones
- 13 Schools
- 7 school districts

This annual program gives local youth an introduction to forest management as they learn about trees, jobs in the woods, and tour the big equipment. Thank you to the many volunteers who make this program possible!
Nearly 200 supporters attended the annual meeting on January 25. The breakfast hour gathering had many highlights, including a presentation by Shasta Middle School students who shared their Forest Field Days experiences. Students showed off their management plans and took questions from the audience about what it was like to make forest management decisions with classmates. The students were followed by a keynote address by Springfield Mayor, Christine Lundberg who discussed how timber has shaped and continues to shape the city of Springfield. Mayor Lundberg presented about the history of timber in the community, how timber is central to economic development, and initiatives that connect local students to jobs in the industry. The event concluded with the presentation of the 2019 Volunteer-of-the-Year Award, which was awarded to retired Starker Forests forester, Dick Powell. Dick was honored for his many contributions to Forests Today & Forever, including writing the first-ever Forest Field Day curriculum! The event was made possible by the generous contribution of our supporters who sponsored tables at the event. A special thanks to our ‘gold’ sponsor, Gleaves Swearingen, Attorneys at Law.

**Forestry Ed for College Classes**

Tree Farm Tours and forestry education for college students are underway in 2019! In March, FTF hosted University of Oregon students in Forest Ecology on a tree farm tour. Students learned about sustainable forest practices and discussed forest resources issues. As part of a reflection paper on the experience, a student wrote: “I walked away from the field trip to the tree farm with a much greater appreciation for timber as a way of life and means of subsistence, and it added new layers to my thinking on what a forest is, what my relationship to land is, and how human land use practices evolve throughout time.” We look forward to more tours for college-age students this spring!

University of Oregon students examine land ownership map for broad context within the Western Lane Forest District. Photo credit: Jeffrey Dean
FTF’s 6th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction

Our next Soiree & Silent Auction is on September 19th, 2019! For the second year in a row, we will host our fundraiser at Noble Estates Tasting Room, located on Commercial St. in Eugene. We will have the same great live music, some new food options, an abundant silent auction, and, of course, plenty of spirit for forestry education. The wine will flow and beer is on tap, too! We look forward to you joining us for another evening of music, drinks, bidding and fun!

Call for Donations to the Silent Auction

Donations to the silent auction are a great way to support FTF! Any and all items are welcome. Please contact Lindsay at 541-746-8990 or lindsayttf@peak.org to arrange a time for drop-off or pick-up.

Join us for the 6th Annual Soiree & Silent Auction

Forest Today & Forever invites all supporters and community members to an exciting evening in support of forestry education!

Thursday, September 19th, 6-9pm
Noble Estate Tasting Room

Monies raised via the silent auction go to support FTF’s programs.

More information on purchasing tickets will be provided by email and in our next newsletter.

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