

Summer 2023

HANDS-ON LEARNING AT FOREST FIELD DAYS



Left: Students build a stream using the stream table; Middle: Students use clinometers to measure tree heights; Right: Students dissect owl pellets; Below: Students practice with an increment borer to learn how to age a tree.

Hands-on learning is minds-on learning at Forest Field Days! Learning by doing is our approach during our field programs to help students develop a deeper understanding of forestry concepts and give them experiences they will remember long after they leave the woods. This spring, 750 students participated in Forest Field Days. During the field trip, students got to measure trees to calculate the board feet of a stand, dissect owl pellets to learn about the forest food web, build a stream to minimize erosion and protect wildlife habitat, and more. With the forest as their classroom and forestry professionals as their teachers, Forest Field Days provides students a unique opportunity to connect knowledge to real-world situations.

We are grateful to the many supporters and volunteers that make Forest Field Days possible. Thank you to Tom Bauman & Lindsay Reaves for donating their forestland. Thank you to the 54 volunteers who collectively dedicated over 1,000 hours to our program (see a list of spring 2023 volunteers on the next page). 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. Thank you to our sponsors and donors who provide the funding essential for organizing, coordinating, and equipping this great program. And, finally, thank you to public and private school teachers who choose forestry education!



We always love hearing from teachers!

Here are a few comments from this spring:

"This was a super cool and fun filled 2 day trip to a working tree farm. I can't wait to go back! All of the volunteers were very knowledgeable and engaging"

"My students LOVED the wildlife station because it was so hands on. I particularly loved them learning about the invasive species and predator/prey since that ties into our spring curriculum. But on a personal note, I love the hiking safety and respect for the land in hopes to help create a good generation of citizens."

"The program was very useful in giving students a tangible way to use information they learn in the classroom and apply it to life outside the classroom."

"This was so wonderful. Thank you so much. You run a WONDERFUL program."

VOLUNTEER WITH FORESTS TODAY & FOREVER!



Top Left: Cody Kievit of Roseburg teaching students how to use the increment borer; Top Right: Rubie Gabriel of Sierra Pacific Industries demonstrating how to measure trees; Bottom Left: Matt Sevits of Roseburg dissecting owl pellets with students.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our Forest Field Day program! We have operated a successful program for over 28 years because of the hundreds of individuals who have given their time and expertise to teach middle school students about forests. We love to welcome new volunteers each season. During our spring 2023 season, 29 new volunteers from industry and government agencies joined our effort!

Volunteering for Forest Field Days is a 6-hour commitment once or twice per year during our fall and/or spring seasons, where you facilitate a learning station that centers around a forest resource - wildlife, recreation, timber, soil, or water. We provide you with materials before the event and an orientation the morning of the event so that you feel prepared to teach during the program. Many volunteers have a lot of fun and return time and time again. Whether you are a forestry professional or a person who simply has a passion for forests, this opportunity is for you. Please contact us to learn more!

Thank You, Spring 2023 Forest Field Day Volunteers!

AFRC: Travis Joseph

BLM: Tim Argo, Jessica Celis, Annie Lawrence, Bridgit Prichard, Sarah Werneke,

Campbell Global: Sheryl Backus, Paul Catino, Elizabeth Ramirez

General Trailer: Danny Bivens

Giustina Land & Timber: Justin Doyle, Ted Reiss

Giustina Resources: Austin Larson

Gleaves Swearingen: Erik Bonn

International Paper: Rafael Bertold, Lisa Coke, David Dodson, Ryan Hokema, Tali Horst, Marge Huseman, Matt Jones, Katie Reynolds, Brian Thorne, Kristine Whinery

KPD Insurance: Lori Hoover

Lane County OSU Extension: Melinda Garcia

Mason Bruce & Girard: Hunter Priest-Black

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council: Emma Garner

NRCS: Ty Siepert

Northwest Timberland Consulting & Surveying: Harvey Christensen

ODF: Lindsay Golly, Nick Haile, Amanda Rau

ODFW: Martyn Reesman

Papé Machinery: Chris Rhoades

Roseburg: Wyatt Dunlap, Hanna Girod, Nick Flake, Austin Freeman, Seth Javorsky, Cody Kievit, Hayley Morris, Tiffany Roddy, Matt Sevits

Sierra Pacific Industries: Ryan Beyer, Mike Emmons, Rubie Gabriel, Jesse Kennedy, Matt Riggs, McKenzie Meyer, Spencer Shebesta, Kevin Tuers

Springfield Schools: Stacey Tuers

Starker Forests: Dick Powell

Talk About Trees: Mary Loftin

Weyerhaeuser: Corey Copeland, Joel Clark, Travis Emerling, Ben Friman, Justin Helgren, Delani Herb, Jon Cherico, Josh McCafferty, Lyndcy Patrick, Brian Spindler, Eric Sucre, Jeff Yost

Others in our Forestry Community: Rita Adams, Paul Barnum, Sue Bowers, Mary Fontenot, Tressa Geyer, T Hausser, Bob Johnson, Ashley Jones, Jessica Lambright, Bill McMahon, Mike McDowell, Kate McMichael, Sam Rariden, Doug Fadich, Jan Robbins, Jordan Ryder, Savannah White, Bill Wynkoop

We apologize for any misspellings or omissions. Please contact us so we can get it right!

FOREST FIRE EDUCATION IS TAKING OFF LIKE WILDFIRE



Students at Pleasant Hill and their model landscapes before they observe them burn.

Forests Today & Forever's 'Understanding Forest Fire' Program reached 69 students this spring in four high school classes. This three-part program includes a hands-on, guided inquiry that investigates the essential question 'how does fire burn out of control?'. Students build a landscape and then set it on fire to investigate how fire behaves, examining the effects of fuel, topography, and weather. Through this science-based program, students develop understanding and respect for fire and begin to understand ways to reduce risk and fire hazard. Classes from Springfield, Pleasant Hill, and 4J school districts participated this season. We are grateful to Oregon Forest Resources Institute and N B & Jaqueline Giustina Foundation for the financial support that allows us to offer this important program. We look forward to teaching more students about forest fire this fall.

SOIREE & SILENT AUCTION SUCCESS!



What a night! Our annual Soiree & Silent Auction fundraiser raised nearly \$8,000 for our forestry and outdoor education programs! Over 100 supporters came to the event ready to bid on our silent auction full of fun and exciting experiences. Guests also donated items off the 'Giving Tree', which funds materials and supplies used during our programs. Guests enjoyed the beautiful views, lively Celtic folk music by Keltocalpse, delicious food and drink, and great company. Thank you to Weyerhaeuser, Walt Woliver & Ashlee Cribb, and the Sierra Pacific Foundation for sponsoring the event and to the many local business that provided in-kind donations to support the silent auction. Funds raised from the Soiree will support our forestry and outdoor education programs!

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Thank You ODF, Western Lane!

Thank you to the many Oregon Department of Forestry staff from Western Lane District who came out to teach students about fire during our spring programs! This is relevant and needed education for people of all ages and students love handling the equipment and learning about the job of a firefighter.



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