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Teachers attend Western Canadian Forest Education Conference

In January, the Festival of Forestry took six teachers to a unique education conference called ForestEDWest. The conference, held in Kelowna, BC focused on forest and landscape education.

The Festival of Forestry (FoF) replaced our traditional Fall Tour with this unique learning and networking experience. A total educational value of over \$1000 per person, it was an experience that the teachers said they would never forget.

Over one hundred delegates and speakers came from Western Canada and beyond, representing industry (including forestry, as well as other resource sectors), academia, provincial ministers, career counselors, teachers, community forest educators and non-profit organizations.

The theme for 2008 was Embracing our Landscape. Inclusive and holistic, this theme united many different stakeholders with an interest in forests and how they are used and managed. ∞



The conference brought together a wide range of stakeholders involved in forest education from across Western Canada to discuss emerging forest issues, explore best practices in forest education, and create opportunities to improve the quality of forest education experiences in the West.





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FOREST TOUR “This tour was an incredible learning experience for me. Coming from the city, I never realized all that went on to bring me my wood and paper. It was fascinating to learn about the pine beetle infestation and to understand the effects that this is having on the whole industry in the interior. I will definitely use this new learning in my classroom and a general appreciation for the forestry industry.”

“This tour was a great chance to go beyond the textbook and see first hand the realities of the forest industry. I liked learning about how the industry influences communities. This is directly related to curriculum and I recommend it to any teacher.”

EDUCATION TOUR “What a great experience. It was fantastic to network with other teachers in my community and share ideas and concerns about educating a variety of youth. I work with at-risk youth, and the resources that were provided will help them to get the most out of their education while “making things fun”. I have already started to use the resources that were given to us in my classroom and the youth are loving them.

I found the sessions to be informative, and extremely well balanced. There were so many new ideas and honest conversation surrounding controversial topics. Forestry has come a long way and is truly a unique science! By attending this conference I caught a glimpse of the jobs related to forestry, and some possible career opportunities for the youth at my school.

I look forward to continuing to develop my knowledge of these issues and keeping in contact with all of the amazing people I met.”

FORESTED WEST “Our guides were accommodating, respectful and all around good fun. We were all treated exceptionally well and never without

food or drink. Our tour leaders shared their vast knowledge of the industry and all the current issues. They provided information before the conference, I felt I was able to understand the discussions more so than if going in without any prior knowledge. It was very educational meeting people and hearing so many perspectives from the industry. Many of the resources that were provided are tools that teachers can use in their classrooms. I was very excited for our next staff meeting (a rarity) so that I could share what I had learned.

It surprises me that Festival of Forestry isn't as commonly known for a pro-d choice. Somehow the word needs to get out that this group is a jewel!”

Thank You For The Wonderful Experience!



More about our Powell River & Evans Lake Tour

We are excited to once again be offering a forestry tour with a twist. The October Professional Development tour will take participants to Powell River where teachers will have a chance to walk through managed forests, tour manufacturing facilities, visit community forests, speak with the many stakeholders engaged in the local forest landscape and gather materials and information to take back to the classroom. We will spend all day Friday and part of Saturday touring the area. Saturday afternoon we will leave for the Evans Lake Outdoor Education Camp in Squamish for a special add-on to this tour.

Teachers interested in outdoor learning opportunities for their students can book Evans Lake dur-

ing the school year for on-site outdoor learning programs. Many of the teachers who take their students to camp have told us that they wish they knew more about how to use the camp or other outdoor settings to teach about forestry and ecology.

Teachers will spend the night at Evans Lake Saturday night where we will have a campfire, drink their famous hot chocolate and sing songs. The following day will feature a facilitated workshop dedicated to classroom and outdoor program development. This program will be valuable to any teacher interested in outdoor learning.

We will be joined on the tour by a local elementary school teacher who has been taking her class to Evans Lake for over 20 years. ☺



Who is The Festival of Forestry?

The BC Festival of Forestry is a non-profit organization committed to providing quality professional development experiences for school teachers.

We run tours twice a year taking 20 Lower Mainland and Victoria area teachers to rural communities in BC. The tours provide an interactive learning experience to enhance teachers' understanding of the complexities of sustainable forest management issues, and methods to integrate information into their classes.

Teachers have the opportunity to immerse

themselves in a resource-based community and interact with the people most connected to resource issues. Our tours include hikes in various forest ecosystems, visits to active forest management areas, protected areas, and tours of processing facilities. Presenters on each tour represent a wide range of interest areas providing a clear balance of perspectives.

Tours include mini-courses on tree identification, wildlife habitat issues, water quality and other riparian considerations in forest management, soil characteristics, ecosystem management, conservation and preservation of sensitive and special areas of the forest, as well as the social and economic values we gain from the forest. ☺

We would like to thank our sponsors: The Truck Loggers Association, The Association of BC Forest Professionals, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, The International Order of the Hoo-Hoo (Vancouver Club), The BC Ministry of Forests and Range, Kelly McCloskey & Associates, and Tree Frog Creative Communications

Participants will travel by bus from Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal on Thursday afternoon (special arrangements for Victoria teachers will be made later). The tour takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Teachers return to Horseshoe Bay Sunday afternoon. Accommodation is shared, two per room, and will be provided by the Festival of Forestry. We cover accommodation, meals, and transportation to and from Vancouver or Victoria and the tour destination. Information will be provided one week prior to the tour and will include what to bring, where to meet and what to expect.

TOUR APPLICATION FORM

JOIN US IN POWELL RIVER AND EVANS LAKE
OCTOBER 24-27, 2008



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APPLICATION FORM FOR BC FESTIVAL OF FORESTRY

FREE EDUCATIONAL EVENT

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name:	School Principal:
Street/Mailing Address:	Web Site:
	Phone Number:
City:	Fax Number:
Province: Postal Code:	Email:

TEACHER INFORMATION

Your Name:	Grade(s) Taught:
Home Address:	Subject:
	Home Phone Number:
City:	Your email (if different from above):
Province: Postal Code:	

Have you applied to attend a tour in the past? Yes No

Have you attended a tour in the past? Yes No If YES, where did you go?

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NOTE: Your application must be accompanied by a short paragraph explaining how attending this event would benefit your teaching.

PLEASE FAX OR MAIL BY OCTOBER 6TH, to:

FESTIVAL OF FORESTRY

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Selections will be made by the Festival of Forestry by October 10th, only successful applicants will be contacted.

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