



Wild Island Tour - the Changing Face of Coastal Forestry

Teacher Professional Development Event

FESTIVAL OF FORESTRY

Unique Pro-D experience for teachers - A FREE three day Forest Sector tour on Vancouver Island.

July 8 - 11, 2010

After 43 years the Festival of Forestry is trying something new! Instead of taking you out in the rain and snow, we are holding our first ever SUMMER forestry tour and we want you to join us.

How can you bring geography, social studies and science to life in your classroom? Bring the forest back to your classroom. Our three day tour will provide teachers of all levels and subject areas with curriculum-based, hands-on teaching tools.

The Wild Island tour will start in Duncan, with "Forestry 101" at the BC Forest Discovery Centre. This open-air museum tells the story of BC's forest industry through a variety of exhibits. This stop will set

the stage for the rest of the tour. As we tour North to Nanaimo, we will visit sites such as; a working pulp mill (Harmac Pacific), owned and operated by its employees, a seed and seedling nursery, value-added wood manufacturing, and active logging. There will be opportunities to talk with First Nations, government, biologists, foresters, harvesters, and others. Each evening will feature a presentation and social for teachers. And the entire experience is absolutely FREE!

It's not just about trees and forests, the ecosystems include a wide range of values and along the way we will also visit related natural resource sites. ∞



www.FestivalofForestry.org

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. ∞

Check out our Facebook Group



Vancouver teachers will travel from the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal on Thursday afternoon to Swartz Bay. Victoria teachers will join us at Swartz Bay Arrival area where everyone will board the bus to Duncan. The tour takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Teachers return to Swartz 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 Tsawwassen and Victoria and the tour destination. Additional information will be provided one week prior to the tour and will include what to bring, where to meet and what to expect.

APPLICATION FORM FOR WILD ISLAND TOUR

JULY 8 - 11, 2010

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:	Your Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female**

**this information is used to determine accommodation room sharing arrangements

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 or APPLY ONLINE at www.festivalofforestry.org

NOTE: Your application must be accompanied by a short paragraph describing why you want to come on this event

Please register by JUNE 11TH 2010

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Selections will be made by the Festival of Forestry by June 18th, 2010. All applicants will be contacted.

For more information please contact Sandy at 604-639-0748, sandy@treefrogcreative.ca or Brenda at 604-639-8103, bmartin@abcfp.ca



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What the teachers had to say about ...

The Fraser Valley Tour

“We need to get more teachers out! Jam packed with info and really opened my eyes to the world of forestry and what goes into running a sustainable forest. Lots of great tools and resources for the classroom. Very applicable to the curriculum. An experience every teacher should have!”

“This tour was great. I think it is really important for more forestry education and awareness to occur in elementary and secondary schools in order to present forestry as a career option to students who might not know about the opportunities available in forestry.”

The Beetles and Fire Tour

“Very well paced and organized. Professionals went out of their way for us. All manner of debate was encouraged and all questions were answered clearly and forthrightly. Good material for lesson plans was appreciated. The whole tour was very collegial and excellent.”



The 100 Mile 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.”



Praise for the Beetle and Fire tour in the Okanagan

Have you ever participated in a professional development activity that did not make efficient use of your valuable time? **Change that completely by joining the next tour sponsored by the Festival of Forestry.**



My fellow teachers on the Beetles and Fire tour, were mostly from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. We spent three exhilarating days listening, doing and learning with top-notch forest professionals. Be ready to spend lots of time outdoors in all kinds of weather and have every minute of your day maximized. The atmosphere was informal, and we travelled about in a comfortable coach bus. Our driver, Fearless Phred, shared stories of his experiences in the forest industry while whisking us from stop to stop expediently.

Why would you give up three days? It is fun, it is free, you will stay in nice hotels each night, you will meet committed teachers of all backgrounds from K - 12 schools and you will be given a hard hat for the tour, which you will wear each day and keep when the tour is over. You will acquire teaching kits, information for lesson plans and even some 'swag' before you head home. Safety is the top priority, and the respect and collegiality you will experience are inspiring to say the least. Did I mention that all this is free?!

We were accompanied by three excellent and experienced hosts who gave an entertaining 'running

commentary' as each day unfolded so we understood what we saw and they answered any questions we asked along the way.

We toured the Provincial Air Tanker Centre in Kamloops for fire management, where staff dispatch crews and organize everything when fires are to be suppressed in the province. Then we moved on to the adjacent Kamloops Fire Centre, operated by the BC Forest Service Wildfire Management Branch, where we learned how wildland fire fighting is done in south central BC. We met rapat-tack personnel – firefighters who rapel from helicopters into remote locations – and saw how they suited up while hearing about the realities faced when fires become huge.

The next day brought a leveling experience when Kelly Rouck of Gorman Bros. Mill related how very close this lumber mill came to burning down on July 18, 2009, when a wildfire came within 50-metres. Hearing about the Glenrosa fire and



subsequent mudslide surely startled my Geography 12 class.

In the Trepanier Creek area our group saw evidence of a massive Douglas-fir tussock moth attack, followed by an evening with the

'Bug Lady'—Dr. Lorraine Maclauchlan. She is the Regional Forest Entomologist for the Ministry of Forests Southern Interior Region. She captivated us with tales of another famous beastie – none other than the mountain pine beetle – and how it has devastated much of the mature lodgepole pine in the interior of BC.



Our final stop was Manning Park where Ministry of Forests Terrestrial Ecologist Judy Miller showed us how this iconic park has been seriously impacted by beetle kill. They are now reforesting and experimenting with new fuel management treatments in Manning Park, because people like you and me prefer to see green trees in our beautiful parks.

If you attend a tour with the Festival of Forestry, you will experience three exciting days where all manner of debate is encouraged and speakers answer questions forthrightly, and you will leave with new knowledge and a slew of teaching materials to take back to your classroom. Apply online and do not miss out! This is the top Pro-D activity for BC teachers if you want to make the best use of your valuable time.

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