



# From Mountain Tops to Coastlines - Comparing Forested Ecosystems Teacher Professional Development Event

## FESTIVAL OF FORESTRY

### Unique Pro-D experience for teachers - A FREE four day Forest Sector tour through BC's forests.

**July 6 - 9, 2011**

After the success of last year's summer tour on Vancouver Island, the Festival of Forestry is launching another summer adventure for teachers! This time our tour will follow a circle route through both Interior and Coastal ecosystems. Although two-thirds of British Columbia's land base—60 million hectares—is forest land, the differences between coastal forests and interior forests are significant. We will explore the various species that make up these forests and how differences between them affect habitat, management, disease control and forest products.

How can you bring geography, social studies and science to life in your classroom? Bring the forest back to your classroom. Our four day tour will provide

teachers of all levels and subject areas with curriculum-based, hands-on teaching ideas.

Departing from Vancouver, the Mountain Tops to Coastlines tour will take you Merritt, Lillooet, Whistler, and Squamish with various activities along the way. There will be opportunities to talk with First Nations, government, biologists, foresters, harvesters, and others. Social evening events will feature presentations and discussion. Best of all—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](http://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.

For over 40 years we have run tours for 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 walks 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 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**



This tour will depart from Vancouver. Victoria teachers will provide their own transportation to our Vancouver gathering place (TBD). The tour runs Wednesday, July 6th to Saturday July 9th. Accommodation is shared, two per room, and will be provided by the Festival of Forestry. We cover accommodation, meals, and transportation round trip from Vancouver . Additional information will be provided prior to the tour and will include a detailed itinerary, what to bring, where to meet and what to expect.

*Please be prepared for bus travel, rooming with a partner, walking and hiking outdoors.  
Tours accommodate 15-20 teachers*

## APPLICATION FORM - MOUNTAIN TOPS TO COASTLINES TOUR

JULY 6 - 9, 2011

FREE EDUCATIONAL EVENT

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

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

### TEACHER INFORMATION

Your Name:	Grade(s) Taught:	
Home Address:	Subject:	
	Home Phone Number:	
City:	Cell Number:	
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?

If you are applying with a colleague that you would prefer to share accommodation with, please let us know their name and school and we will do our best to match you, should you both be chosen to attend.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY or APPLY ONLINE at [www.festivalofforestry.org](http://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 13<sup>TH</sup> 2011**

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Selections will be made by the Festival of Forestry by June 17th, 2011. All applicants will be contacted.

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## What the teachers had to say about ...

### Wild Island Tour

“It was an awesome experience for me. I’ve learned so many things about forestry in Canada. The information that I got from the many presenters and staff was great. I’m ready to teach my students about forestry in Canada with resources and samples. It was great to meet the professionals and experts and have discussions about our concerns with them. After I learned about this, I feel so proud to be Canadian. Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity.”

“I really enjoyed the passion of the forestry community and this tour really helped showcase the story of forestry. The people were all knowledgeable and professional, but very personal and sincere too. A lot of us are passionate about this topic now and I hope to see forestry incorporated into the curriculum.”

### 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.”

