



FESTIVAL OF FORESTRY NEWSLETTER FALL 2005

**Professionally run field trips for teachers
Learn about our FREE pro-d opportunities**

WHO IS THE FESTIVAL OF FORESTRY?

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



Twice a year we run two-day tours for 20 Lower Mainland and Victoria area teachers to rural communities in BC.

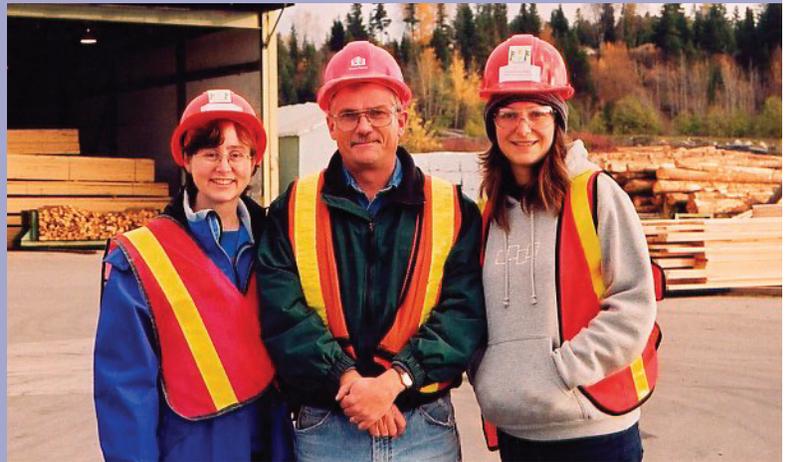
The tours provide an interactive learning experience to enhance teachers' understanding of the complexities of sustainable forest management issues, and methods to integrate information into their classes.

Teachers have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a resource-based community and interact with the people most connected to resource issues. The two-day tour includes hikes in various forest ecosystems, visits to active forest management areas, protected areas, and tours of processing facilities. Presenters on the 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.

The Festival of Forestry was founded in 1967 by veteran

logger Bill Moore from Winter Harbour on northern Vancouver Island. Mr. Moore recognized the critical need for urban teachers to understand BC's forest management practices. He pulled together a group of dedicated individuals from industry, unions, education and governments and created the Festival of Forestry – a non-profit educational society. Today the BC Festival of Forestry continues to provide quality educational experiences for teachers. By 2004 more than 1500 teachers had participated in our tours.



WHERE HAVE OUR TOURS GONE IN THE PAST?

Location	Year
Campbell River	Fall 2004
Kelowna	Spring 2004
Southern Vancouver Island	Spring 2003
Terrace	Fall 2002
Sunshine Coast	Spring 2002
Clayoquot Sound	Fall 2001
Bella Coola	Spring 2001
Kamloops	Fall 2000



OUR LATEST ADVENTURE

TEACHER TOUR TO CAMPBELL RIVER

Our most recent tour took 20 teachers to Campbell River.

Our tours take us to many different sites, where teachers meet with a wide variety of professionals and interest groups.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CAMPBELL RIVER TOUR INCLUDED:

- Ripple Rock Lookout over the Seymour Narrows, where a major blockage to safe ship passage through the narrows was removed with the largest ever non-nuclear explosion in the world. Now, the passage provides an oceanic highway for cruise ships and barges heading up the coast.
- A live harvest site where teachers saw a demonstration of how wildlife values are protected during harvesting, and how sometimes the forest has to be protected from the wildlife! We saw where wildlife tree patches were left standing in a cut block to protect important wildlife and sensitive soils as well as un-harvested buffers to protect riparian areas

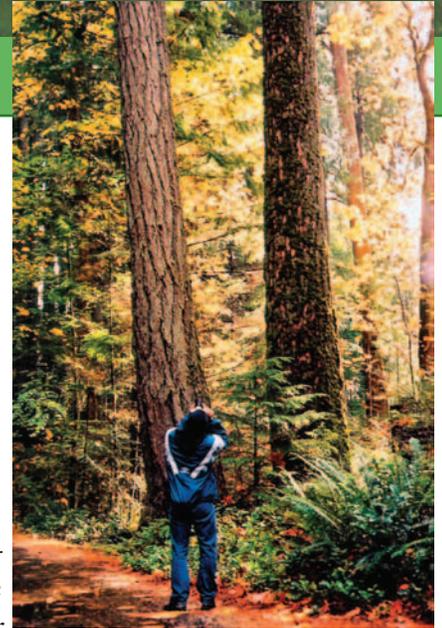


(the special ecosystem close to water features like streams or lakes)

- There were several other forest sites along

the tour where a variety of issues, techniques and issues were highlighted, including working with recreation values such as off train ATV users, and managing for visual quality and viewsapes using computer modelling technology.

- Interfor’s Dry Land Sort at Elk Bay, where we learned about log values and log sorting.
- Stella Lake Recreation Site, where recreation and forest management work hand in hand.
- Elk Falls Park, a protected area where we saw huge Douglas fir trees
- John Hart Dam
- Pacific Regeneration Technology (PRT) – Campbell River Nursery
- Quinsam Fish Hatchery, a chance to see how wild fish stock is maintained or enhanced through science.
- General Hill Lumber Ltd., a salvage lumber yard that recycles old reclaimed wood from the forest and discarded structures
- Quadra Island Tour, where we saw third growth managed forests, and spoke with two First Nations forest contractors.





WHAT OUR TEACHERS HAD TO SAY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE

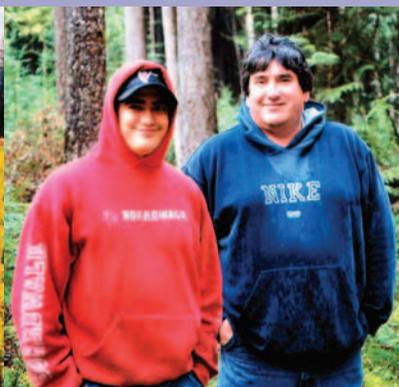


Ron Stubbings

The tour guides were fantastic as their knowledge and experience was a great asset to the tour. We were given the opportunity to see many sides of the forest industry. The tour guides provided a comfortable environment for us. This is one of the best professional days I have attended. Thank you!!!!

Wendy Fouracres

Outstanding tour! Informative and very well planned. The information will be truly useful in the classroom and all of my questions were answered clearly and in depth. I enjoyed the variety of sites we visited as well as meeting and listening to all of the people involved in the forest industry. Really, it was a terrific professional experience and I appreciate the passion of the foresters. Thanks for all the handouts, I'll certainly use them.



Sue Barnes

This tour was just packed with info! Very well rounded and interesting to listen to "forestry" from many different perspectives. The resources given for us to use in the classroom are excellent! I would recommend this tour to my colleagues. Thanks for all the fun!

Don Allison

This was a very professionally enriching educational tour for teachers. Having an opportunity to see and talk with professional foresters about forestry practices and other related local issues was greatly beneficial. The opportunity to have a first hand experience to see active logging, to obtain resources and to network with professional foresters and educators was much appreciated. I hope to include many of the things I learned at the tour into my teaching and lessons.

Steve Demos

What an outstanding professional day. This was exactly what I needed in order to better provide my science 8 students with both information and passion about our forests. I also felt the way this tour was run made the information current, real and memorable. I enjoyed the hands on format and the chance to talk to the professionals in this field. I also felt the diversity was appropriate and I felt free to discuss or question any topic.

The tour bus will leave Vancouver on the afternoon of the 20th. The tour takes place on the Friday and Saturday and teachers will return to Vancouver on Sunday morning.

OUR NEXT ADVENTURE IS OCTOBER 20-23, 2005

JOIN US IN HARRISON HOT SPRINGS AND THE FRASER VALLEY



REGISTER TODAY

APPLICATION FORM FOR BC FESTIVAL OF FORESTRY
FREE EDUCATIONAL TOUR



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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you attended a tour in the past? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If YES, where did you go?

NOTE:

Each application **must** be accompanied by a short paragraph explaining how attending this tour would benefit your teaching.

PLEASE FAX OR MAIL BY SEPTEMBER 30TH, TO:

FESTIVAL OF FORESTRY

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Selections will be made by the Festival of Forestry by October 7th, only successful applicants will be contacted. We cover accommodation, meals, and transportation to and from Vancouver or Victoria and the tour destination. There will be an orientation session prior to the tour that includes information on what to bring, what to expect, and a short overview of BC's forests.