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NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

October 14-20, 2007

This is a time to recognize the many products that come from our forests, people who work in and manage forests, people who make products, and how they all contribute to our lives.



Here are ways for students and teachers to be involved:



Write On! Forest Products Week Essay Contest

Our 13th annual Forest Products Week Essay Contest is open to all K-12 students in Idaho. Contact us or visit www.idahoforests.org for contest guidelines, writing prompts and scoring criteria. *Winners receive a savings bond, and their class receives cash.* All who write an essay receive a certificate of participation. **Postmark submissions by Oct. 29, 2007.**

Classroom sets of colorful brochures!

Titles available: *Mammals & Forests, Birds & Forests, Water & Forests* and *From the Forest*. These colorful and informative brochures were designed for upper elementary and middle school students, but any age classroom is welcome to order a set. Preview at www.gp.com/educationalinnature/.

Video/CD/DVD lending library

We have several titles available for loan. Your only cost is return postage. Check out the enclosed order form, or order online at www.idahoforests.org.

Website Feature at www.idahoforests.org

Learn all about forests and forest products at www.idahoforests.org. Click on the Forest Products Week banner and be amazed at the many ways trees are part of products you use every day.

From Lumberjacks to Lasersaws Now Available!

Our new forest history supplement was delivered to Idaho 4th grade classrooms last spring. It consists of a student reader and teacher guide with background information, lesson plans and map overlays. The student reader is formatted like a scrapbook, with four sections: 1) western white pine (our state tree), 2) forest geography and ownership, 3) forest technology, and 4) people and Idaho's forests. Preview at www.idahoforests.org, and contact us to receive your classroom set!



Free poster for your feedback! If you've used *From Lumberjack to Lasersaws* with your students, we want to hear from you! Come to www.idahoforests.org and share with us how you've used the supplement, your plans to incorporate it later this year, and any suggestions for improvement. In exchange, we'll send you a NW Native Conifers poster—a \$15 value!



PLT Teacher Workshops

Fall Workshop Schedule

- Sept. 21-22, Chubbuck
Focus on Literature with WILD, WET & PLT
- Sept. 28-29, Boise/Idaho City
PLT Walk in the Forest
- Oct. 19-20, Boise, *General PLT*
- Nov. 9-10, Moscow
Focus on Literature with WILD, WET & PLT
- Nov. 16-17, Boise
PLT Natural Resources & Solid Waste

Each workshop is offered for a professional education credit. Different title=different credit. Visit www.idahoforests.org/plt1.htm for workshop descriptions and registration information.

Two New Workshops in 2008!

Idaho PLT received two grants from National PLT to develop two new workshops for high school teachers in 2008.

- *Ecosystem Benefits of Trees in the Places We Live*, Coeur d'Alene, Spring 2008.
- *PLT Hot Topics*, Boise, Summer 2008.

The grants allow us to offer \$100 stipends to 20 high school (9th-12th grade) teachers per workshop. Contact us if you're interested in attending!

PLT activities are correlated to Idaho Content Standards at www.idahoforests.org.



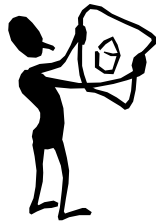
Idaho Teachers Receive IFPC Grants

We are pleased to announce that 21 Idaho teachers have been awarded IFPC Teaching Grants for 2007. Projects include paper-making, purchase of books, field trips, tree planting and more! To learn more about the teachers and their projects, visit www.idahoforests.org and go to the Teachers page. Thanks to funding from the forestry license plate, we were able to fund more grants than our original budget would allow! Congrats to this year's grantees and their students. (Pssst: It's not too early to submit your application for '08-'09!)

Arbor Day Poster Contest

2008 Contest for Fifth Grade

Theme for 2008: *Trees are Terrific...Inside & Out!* Winners receive a savings bond and cash for the classroom. A contest packet is available from Idaho Dept. of Lands. Contact Deb Cook at 208-378-6576, deb939@aol.com. Postmark entries by 3/14/08.



2007 Winning Poster Available

Edna Willig of Seltice Elementary in Post Falls was Idaho's First Place Winner of the National Arbor Day Foundation's 2007 Poster Contest. Thanks to teacher Alice Page for her class's participation. Edna's colorful poster has been reprinted, and is now available, FREE.

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