



# THE LOG

A FOREST EDUCATION UPDATE  
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## ~Attention teachers and counselors~ Sustainable Forestry Tour--June 25-28, 2008

Trip of a Lifetime! Outstanding Educational Opportunity.  
Explore North Central Idaho's Forests.  
Based out of Lewiston, Idaho. Tour and Travel Expenses Paid.  
VIP Treatment. 2 credits available.

**What will you do on the tour?** Explore some of the most beautiful forests in the world ▪ Travel where Lewis & Clark traveled ▪ Learn which trees grow where and why ▪ Investigate sustainable forest management ▪ Tour a high-tech sawmill ▪ See logs being peeled and made into plywood ▪ Network with other educators ▪ Interact with foresters, biologists, technology specialists and mill workers who care for our forests and make products you use every day ▪ Learn about potential careers for your students ▪ Touch the future forest at a seedling nursery ▪ See how toilet paper is made ▪ Sit in a timber harvester ▪ See how helicopters fight wildfires ▪ Eat well ▪ Touch a huge western white pine (Idaho's state tree) ▪ Reflect in an ancient cedar grove ▪ See the full-circle process of making products out of trees while sustaining forest ecosystems.

**To apply for a spot on the tour, get more information, and see photos from past tours,** go to [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org). Apply online or download the application form, or request a form from our office. Don't miss out! **Application deadline: 3/31/08.** Applicants will be notified by 4/30/08.

## April 25 is ARBOR DAY. Celebrate TREES!



In 1872, J. Sterling Morton established the first Arbor Day in Nebraska. It is estimated that one million trees were planted in Nebraska that day. Subsequent celebrations involved school students in planting trees, creating banners, marching in parades, and providing songs during official celebrations. Why should this year be any different? Trees are more deserving than ever of being honored and celebrated. Visit [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org) and [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) for ideas.

**Arbor Day Poster Contest:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade entries due 3/14/08. Contact [deb39@aol.com](mailto:deb39@aol.com) for guidelines and lesson plans. Prizes include savings bonds for winners, cash for their classrooms, and a tree for each of their schools. The first place entry is submitted to the National Arbor Day Poster Contest.



**Arbor Day T-Shirts.** This year's t-shirt features the western white pine, our state tree! The design is being finalized as The Log goes to press. As always, the shirts will be available at a very affordable price. Visit [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org) soon to see the shirt and ordering information.

Visit [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org) to learn about Arbor Day opportunities in Idaho.

### Got email?

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## PROJECT LEARNING TREE

Teachers and others who work with youth receive proven environmental education activities that help meet Idaho Content Standards. One graduate credit offered at each workshop.

### Workshop Schedule

- Feb. 1-2, **Nampa**, Natural Resources/Solid Waste
- Feb 8-9, **Kimberly**, Focus on Lit. w/ WILD, WET, PLT
- Feb 22-23, **Boise**, General PLT
- Mar 7-8, **Lewiston**, General PLT
- Mar 14-15, **Pocatello**, General PLT
- April 11-12, **Boise**, General PLT
- April 18-19, **Coeur d'Alene**, Ecosystem Benefits of Trees (high school teachers)
- May 25-26, **Coeur d'Alene**, Natural Res./Solid Waste
- June 5-6, **Idaho Falls**, Wildfires & Weeds
- June 12-13, **Boise**, Focus on Lit. with WILD, WET & PLT
- June 16-17, **Genesee**, Focus on Communities
- June 18-19, **Boise**, Hot Topics (high school teachers)
- July 10-11, **Council**, Wildfires & Weeds
- July 30-31, **Boise**, Wildfires & Weeds
- August 13-14, **Bonnors Ferry**, Wildfires & Weeds

Visit [www.idahoforests.org/plt1.htm](http://www.idahoforests.org/plt1.htm) for workshop descriptions and registration information. (Or call or email and ask us!) Each type of workshop is a separate credit.

### Two New PLT Workshops for H.S. Teachers \$100 Stipends Available!

Idaho Project Learning Tree received grants for two workshops specifically for teachers of grades 9-12. Each one-credit workshop offers \$100 stipends to up to 20 teachers, and features guest speakers, a field trip, proven high school level activities, and opportunities for student action projects.

*Ecosystem Benefits of Trees in the Places We Live*  
April 18-19, Coeur d'Alene. Explore the ecological and economic roles trees play in our communities. Meet urban foresters and others who work to maintain this valuable resource.  
Hours: Friday 4-9:30, Saturday 8-5.

*Hot Topics: Climate Change & Idaho Ecosystems.*  
June 18-19, Boise. Learn from Idaho land managers and scientists, and grapple with the myriad challenges facing our ecosystems and the natural resources on which we depend.  
Hours: 8:30-4 each day.

## Updates to IFPC's Media Lending Library and Materials List

### Several titles now available as DVDs.

Our lending library is being updated. Many of your favorite VHS titles are now available in DVD format, including *Energy & Society!* See the enclosed list or check at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org). Your only cost for using our lending library is return postage.

**To order:** Visit [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org) for current lists and to order online or contact us.

### New DVD: *Inquiry at Hinkle Creek:*

#### *Doing Science in our Forests.* (16 min.)

Using the outdoor laboratory provided by a pair of watersheds in Oregon, the study looks at the potential effects of logging on water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Steps of the inquiry process are discussed along the way.

## White Pine Poster now available

A poster featuring the western white pine tree (Idaho's state tree!) can be yours for \$15, including shipping costs. See the poster at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org). You may order the poster at the website or contact us.

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## GRANT\$ FOR TEACHERS

- 1) National PLT provides GreenWorks! service learning grants of \$250 to \$5,000. Spring deadline: 4/30/08. [www.plt.org](http://www.plt.org).
- 2) Idaho Forest Products Commission provides \$200 grants to Idaho teachers for projects related to Idaho's trees and forests. [www.idahoforests.org/special1.htm](http://www.idahoforests.org/special1.htm). Deadline: 8/15/08



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