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NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

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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 12th 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. **Submissions must be postmarked by Oct. 30, 2006.**

From the Forest: The Products We Get From Trees. Classroom sets!

This colorful and informative brochure was designed for upper elementary and middle school students, but any age classroom is welcome to order a set. Preview at www.gp.com/educationalinnature/.

For Elementary: A New Video or DVD

The Big Renovation. See a house built from the ground up. Learn about the whole process from the architects to the sawmill, and even termites! 50 min. Ages 3-9. VHS or DVD.

For Secondary: New DVDs and classroom sets of *The Miracle Resource*

The Lumberyard (from the History Channel's Modern Marvels series). 50 min. This DVD explores wood—from the humble 2 x 4 to engineered lumber and renewable materials. An exciting visual field trip!

Idaho's Working Forests: Keeping the Miracle Useable, Renewable and Beautiful. This 8-minute DVD explores Idaho's forests—who owns them, how they're managed, who works there, how technology is used, how they contribute to Idaho's economy, and more.

We've got free classroom sets of *The Miracle Resource*, an information-packed publication about forest products. To preview, go to www.forestinfo.org, click on Products, and then Eco-Links.

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.



But wait—There's even more free stuff!

We've added more CDs and DVDs, and free print materials to our available items. Check the enclosed order forms (or visit www.idahoforests.org) to learn about additional new titles.



A Very Special Gift for Idaho Schools

This fall, representatives of the Idaho Dept. of Lands will bring a framed poster of our state tree, the western white pine, to Idaho public schools. The frame is made from wood of the western white pine! IDL manages the state's endowment lands, which help support public schools. A new brochure about state lands is enclosed. This gift is also made possible by everyone who has a forestry license plate.

New Forest History Supplement

Idaho's 4th grade classrooms will soon receive our new forest history supplement. *The Idaho Forest: From Lumberjacks to Lasersaws* consists of a student reader and a teacher guide with background information, lesson plans, and map overlays. The reader is formatted like a scrapbook and contains four sections: 1) western white pine (our state tree), 2) forest geography and ownership, 3) forest technology, and 4) people and Idaho's forests.



Project Learning Tree Teacher Workshops

<p>Sept. 22-23, Rigby, General PLT Sept. 29-30, Boise/Idaho City, PLT Walk in the Forest Oct. 20-21, Boise, General PLT Oct. 27-28, Sandpoint, General PLT Nov. 10-11, Moscow, General PLT Nov. 10-11, Emmett, Focus on Literature with WILD, WET & PLT</p> <p>Each workshop is offered for a professional education credit. Different title=different credit. Contact us for registration information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>General PLT</i> workshops help you use PLT environmental education activities to accomplish a variety of curricular goals. All grades. • <i>Walk in the Forest</i> combines classroom activities and a forest tour. Co-sponsor: Society of American Foresters. All grades. • <i>Focus on Literature</i> workshops incorporate children's literature into activities from Project's Learning Tree, WILD and WET. Grades K-6.
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PLT activities are correlated to Idaho Achievement Standards at www.idahoforests.org.



Idaho Teachers Receive IFPC Grants

We are pleased to announce that 19 Idaho teachers have been awarded IFPC Teaching Grants for 2006. 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 the 2007-2008 school year.)

Arbor Day Poster Contest

2007 Contest for Fifth Grade

Theme for 2007: *Trees are Terrific... and Forests are too!* Winners receive a savings bond and cash for the classroom. A contest packet is available from Idaho Dept. of Lands. Contact Deb Cook at 208-337-2938, deb939@aol.com. Entry deadline: postmarked by 3/23/07

2006 Winning Poster Available

MaKayla Greene of Big Valley Elementary in Rupert was Idaho's First Place Winner of the National Arbor Day Foundation's 2006 Poster Contest. Her colorful poster has been reprinted, and is now available, FREE.



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