

Location of Registration and Group Picture

Registration, instructions, and group picture will all be at the farmhouse site. All buses and vehicles will park in the designated areas just past the railroad tracks, and everyone needs to take whatever they require for the day with them. Registration is from 8:00 – 8:45. At 8:55 we will direct all the contestants and coaches to gather for a group picture, and then announcements will begin at 9:00. Participants will be dismissed from announcements to walk up the hill to their area of competition. Jr/Sr Competition begins at 9:30; Rookie Competition begins at 9:50.

Tree & Plant ID Requirement

Be sure to check the most recent (February 2014) version of the Forestry Contest Manual to get the correct scientific and common names for Tree & Plant ID, as well as the other pertinent information.

Team & Individual Participation

- All Teams will consist of four people. All scores will be figured into the team's total. Test forms turned in without a name or sticker label will receive a zero.
- Participants do not have to be on a team in order to compete at the contest. Anyone in grades 5 - 12 may compete as an individual. Participants will be scored as an individual **and** as a member of a team if they are part of a team. Awards are presented to both team and individual winners.

Be Prepared for any Weather!

As you all know, the spring weather in northern Idaho can be very unpredictable. Please encourage participants to bring warm clothes, comfortable shoes or boots, raingear or a black garbage bag, water bottles, two sharp pencils, and clipboards if you have them. If the weather is nice, the warm clothes or raincoats can always be left in the vehicles. **Lunch is provided.**

THANK YOU

We have just started to receive donations - thanks to the following agencies and individuals for their generous contributions this year:

- Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Comm.
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Kurt Koetter
- Idaho District Employee's Association
- Stimson Lumber
- Xmas Hill
- 7 Conservation Districts: Latah, Bear Lake, Twin Falls, Weiser River, Boundary, Clark, Idaho
- Idaho Forest Group
- Idaho Tree Farm Committee
- Inland Forest Management
- Inland Empire Paper
- Bonner County Sportsmen's Assoc.
- Senator Shawn Keough

Last year it cost around \$7,500 to host the Forestry Contest. Please send your donation by the end of March so we may put your industry, agency, or individual name on our large banner and in the media releases.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FORESTRY EDUCATION IN IDAHO

Other Items of Interest

- **The National 4-H Forestry Competition** is held in Weston, WV July 27-31, 2014. Registration and travel support are available. For more information, see: <http://4hforestryinvitational.org/>
- **Project Learning Tree** – the educational program incorporated into the Novice course, has great information in their newsletter for teachers, see: <https://www.plt.org/winter-2014>
- **Idaho Forest Products Association** donates posters and t-shirts to the Forestry Contest every year. Check out their newsletter at: www.idahoforests.org/news.htm