



FORESTRY CONTEST



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April 2016 Newsletter

A Reminder to Coaches!

Date: Thursday, May 12

7:30 am to 2:00 pm

Delay Tree Farm, Careywood

Hwy 95, Mile Marker 455

 **Free Barbecue Lunch**

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED & WELCOME!

Contact Karen Robinson at krobinson@idl.idaho.gov or 208-263-5104. **On contest day, please arrive by 7:45*** and **check in** at the west door of the big metal shed in the farmyard **then go to the Volunteer area**, check your assignment and meet your station leader. (*earlier if you're helping with Registration, etc.)

Coaches FINAL Forestry Contest Schedule –May 12th

- ◆ **6:00—7:00—Coaches call in final registration to 208-255-9675 (exact number of teams and exact number of individuals in each division— Rookie, Junior, or Senior).**
- ◆ **7:30—8:30 Final Registration at the Contest for Seniors, Juniors, and Rookies. Coaches receive brochures and labels for all their contestants. (Missed have pre-registered.) Students pick up their promo item in designated area—Rookies receive theirs on bus.**
- ◆ **8:30—8:40 Group Picture**
- ◆ **8:40—9:05 Announcements**
- ◆ **8:45 Novices sent to Novice Course, Start at 8:50**
- ◆ **9:00 Juniors & Seniors sent to Jr/Sr Course(20 min. walk). 1st Station starts at 9:30**
- ◆ **9:05 Rookies sent to Rookie Course(15 min. walk). 1st Station starts at 9:30**
- ◆ **12:30 Lunch**
- ◆ **1:00—2:00 Awards**

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More donations have been received —thanks to the following agencies and individuals for their generous contributions!

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Honorary Chairman—Elton Turcotte

Elton has volunteered at the Idaho State Forestry contest for the entire 23 years that he's worked for Idaho Department of Lands as a log scaler. He started out as a judge at the Log Scaling station, and after awhile, began bringing his old-time logging tools as a time-filler for contestants waiting to go to the next station. **He generously arranged for a horse logging demonstration** and two chainsaw wood carving demonstrations for post-contest "Noon Shows" and also presented Noon Shows a few times himself over the years, delighting all attendees with his vintage logging tool displays and colorful yarns about the history of logging in Idaho. When the Novice Division was created about 10 years ago, his logging tools demo was incorporated into it.



Although the Noon Show has been "retired" for some years, Elton continues to share his knowledge of Idaho logging history, methods, and tools every year at the Novice Division Tool I.D. Station. His demonstrations of the traditional method of cutting cedar shakes for roof tiles has been a long-running hit, especially when he calls on Novice contestants to come up and try their own hands at shake-making.

Before coming to work for IDL, Elton worked for Potlatch Corporation for 18 years, where he scaled logs, operated heavy equipment, helped with log drives on Lake Coeur d'Alene, and worked in all aspects of logging on Potlatch timberlands, throughout the Coeur d'Alene, St. Joe, and Clearwater drainages.

On his days off, Elton can often be found teaching youngsters about bee keeping, antiques restoration, welding and all things mechanical. He's instructed numerous "student" scalers over the years and is proud of the 90 percent passing rate they've achieved on the difficult scaling exam. He also volunteers for the Elder Care program in his hometown of Coeur d'Alene.

Elton enjoys restoring old tools and engines and using them in his small-scale logging business that specializes in jobs "too big for the landscapers, too small for the loggers" - but at the Forestry Contest, we know him best for generously sharing his knowledge and hands-on "know-how" with adults and kids alike. Be sure to thank Elton Turcotte for keeping alive the memories of Idaho logging history and for sharing his traditional forestry tools, knowledge, and skills at the Idaho State Forestry Contest!