



FORESTRY CONTEST

February 2015 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 33rd Idaho State Forestry Contest!

Coaches and Contestants: May 14, 2015, is the date to put on your calendar to participate in the 33rd Idaho State Forestry Contest! **Pre-registration is mandatory** and forms are included with this newsletter. On contest day, plan to arrive by 8am so registration can be completed and your group can join in the 9am group picture. And please plan to stay for the post-contest lunch and awards ceremony, which ends by 2pm.

When and Where

May 14, 2015
Delay Farm - Careywood
8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Barbecue lunch provided

Junior/Senior Division: HS Team and/or Individual Competition

All teams will consist of **four** members. Each contestant receives an individual score and the four team members' scores are combined into the team's total. Awards are presented to both team and individual winners in both Junior (grades 7-8) and Senior (grades 9-12) divisions. **You do not have to be on a team to compete at the contest.** Anyone in grades 7 - 12 may compete as an individual. To prepare for the contest, study the 2014 Forestry Contest Manual, the "Regional Noxious Weeds" booklet, and "Logging Selectively." The updated Manual is online at the websites below, and if you need either of the 2 booklets, call Linda at 263-5310x100.

Rookie Division: Competition for 6th Graders

The Rookie Course is designed for 6th graders (& under) as an alternative to the Novice Course. Rookies are tested on 5 of the 10 categories from the same Manual as Jr/Sr competitors and compete only against each other. Grade school students participate in the Novice Division unless they have studied the Manual and are prepared to compete.

Novice Division: Non-Competitive Forestry Education for Elementary Students

Forestry Contest Manual – **download updated 2014 version**

The Forestry Contest Manual is posted online at www.bonnierswcd.org - under Youth Programs – Forestry Contest, and on the IDL website at <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/contest/index.html>.

Make sure you download the 2014 version to study this year.

Pre-Registration Deadline is April 17!

Return the enclosed pre-registration form to Karen Robinson by April 17th via fax: 208-263-0724, email: krobinson@idl.idaho.gov, or mail to: IDL-POL, 2550 Hwy 2 West, Sandpoint ID 83864.

Would you like to volunteer to help?
Call Karen at 263-5104

Prepare for All Test Stations

All 10 stations will be included in testing. If you need help preparing for any of these topics, contact your local Idaho Department of Lands, UI Cooperative Extension, or Natural Resources Conservation Service office. If you are unsure who to call in your area, leave a message for Tom Johnson at IDL-POL in Sandpoint, 208-263-5104 or email him at tjohnson@idl.idaho.gov

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