



FORESTRY CONTEST



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April 2018 Newsletter

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday, May 10

7:30 am to 2:00 pm

Delay Tree Farm, Careywood

Hwy 95, Mile Marker 455

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 Volunteer Check-In marked by the purple banner on the red-brown barn on the west side of the farm yard. Check your assignment, meet your station leader, and help yourself to the coffee! (*7:00 for Registration crew)

Coaches FINAL Forestry Contest Schedule – May 10th

- ◆ 6:00—7:00—Coaches call in final registration to Amanda at 509-386-7853 (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 will receive brochures and labels for all their contestants. Students pick up their promo item in designated area—Rookies receive theirs on bus.
- ◆ 8:25 Group Picture
- ◆ 8:35 Announcements
- ◆ 8:45 Novices walk to Novice Course & meet Forestry Guide.
- ◆ 9:15 Novices begin first Station
- ◆ 8:55 Juniors & Seniors walk to Junior/Senior Course (20 min. walk)
- ◆ 9:05 Rookies on Course-2 walk to course (20 min)
- ◆ 9:10 Rookies on Course-1 walk to course (15 min)
- ◆ 9:30 Junior/Senior Competition begins
- ◆ 9:45 Rookie Competition begins
- ◆ 11:55 Novices Lunch / 12:15 Rookies Lunch / 12:45 Juniors & Seniors Lunch
- ◆ 1:00—2:00 Awards

WHAT TO BRING TO THE CONTEST:

Day Pack
Sunscreen

Sharpened Pencils
Insect Repellant

Rain Gear & Hat
Water Bottle & Snack

- Clipboard (or stiff cardboard & rubber bands)
 - Clear acetate sheet (optional, to cover the clipboard & tests if it is raining)
- DON'T wear flip flops or sandals! Long pants & long-sleeved shirts are recommended.**

THANK YOU for Supporting Forestry Education in Idaho

Thank you to the following agencies and individuals for their generous contributions!

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| David Ritz Memorial—Rick & Sherri Ritz | Larry Fryberg Memorial |
| Natural Resources Conservation Service | Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission |
| Idaho Forest Group | McFarland Cascade Pole & Lumber, Inc. |
| Bonner County Farm Bureau | Idaho District Employees Association (IDEA) |
| Stimson Lumber | Idaho Tree Farm Committee |
| Idaho Forest Owners' Association | Mr. Al Farnsworth of Xmas Hills |
| Co-op Country Store | Inland Forest Management, Inc. |
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| Inland Empire Paper | Bonner County Sportsmen's Association |

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\$20 T-Shirts for Sale at the Contest: Long sleeve, forest green, Carhartt T-Shirts with Forestry Contest logo embroidered above the pocket. Men's sizes Small through XXL. Thanks to Ray Delay and Co-op Country Store for helping to provide these shirts.

Honorary Chairwoman — Linda O'Hare

Linda O'Hare is a Montana gal who spent much of her childhood camping and hiking in the hills and mountains around Helena and Lewistown. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Education and Office Administration from the University of Montana, Missoula. She also met her husband, Tim, while in Missoula and taught business classes at Sentinel HS for 3 years. Next, they moved to Lewistown where they raised their two children and Linda worked in the HS office for 16 years.

Linda and Tim moved to Hope, Idaho, in 2002. Linda became the Administrative Assistant for Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District in 2003. She says "I had always spent a lot of time outdoors and loved it, but this job gave me the opportunity to learn more about our natural resources." This is quite an understatement: Not only did she serve on the Forestry Contest steering committee, which included supervising Registration and Scoring during the contest, every spring she also coordinated and delivered tree seedlings to area landowners, helped sponsor the Pend Oreille Water Festival for all 5th graders in Bonner County, organized the Fly Fishing Film Festival with Trout Unlimited, and administered the county Boat Inspection Program. In addition, she administered grants for streambank stabilization, road erosion, Waterlife Discovery Center, Pack River Watershed Council, Lakes Commission, Lake Assist, and the willow nursery.

Linda says "I'll always remember my first Idaho State Forestry Contest in 2004 and my joy in being a part of it. It takes a huge amount of organization, and has grown and changed every year since. My district is a sponsor, so I was immersed into the preparations right away. It's a great day for education for our youth, a great opportunity for forestry professionals and educators to gather, and it has a huge impact on students continuing their education in forestry." Linda retired from BSWCD in September of 2017 but we are very thankful that she is still willing to help with the Idaho State Forestry Contest.

Thank you, Linda O'Hare, for your huge role in educating Idaho youth about Idaho forest resources and the opportunities they have to learn about, enjoy, use, protect and manage these valuable resources for the future!