



## Prepare for All Test Stations

Eight of the ten sections in your manual will be tested - be prepared and study all ten. If you need a manual, check either of the following websites, or call Linda at 208-263-5310.

The Bonner SWCD website is: [www.icehouse.net/ksswcd](http://www.icehouse.net/ksswcd) and the IDL website is: <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/bureau/ForestAssist/contest2007/contest2007.htm>

## Be Prepared for the Weather!

As you all know, the spring weather in northern Idaho can be very unpredictable. Please encourage participants to bring extra warm clothes in layers, comfortable hiking boots or tennis shoes (no sandals!) and **rain gear** - just in case. The weather can change quickly. Tents will be set up at each station, but coaches are encouraged to bring large garbage bags to be used as raincoats for students who forget to bring rain gear.

## What To Bring

Participants should bring two pencils, a clipboard, a calculator and a water bottle. Clipboards can be made using thin board, a clip on the end, and a piece of acetate to cover the test in case of rain.

## Professional Forester

Steve Bloedel and John Ailport, Professional Foresters with Inland Forest Management, Inc., will be competing along with the students. We'll let you know their scores so you can see how you compare to foresters who have been working in the industry for years. Good luck Steve and John!

## Honorary Chairmen for 2007 – Alva Baker & Dick Brown

This year's Honorary Chairmen are long-time Scoutmaster Alva Baker and Troop 114 Committee member Dick Brown. Bonners Ferry Boy Scout Troop 114 has attended the Forestry Contest every year since the beginning, thanks to these two individuals. Alva feels the contest fits the BSA program very well and he should know! He's been a scout leader for over 35 years and worked in a sawmill for 45 years - all but ten years of that as head sawyer.

Dick Brown also has numerous forestry and scouting connections: He retired from the US Forest Service not too long ago after 41 years working as a log scaler, timber cruiser, and in road maintenance. He's been involved in scouting since childhood (35 years). Dick was an Assistant Cub Scout Master in the 80s and currently serves as Troop 114 Committee member. Dick was a close friend of Dave Ritz and was instrumental in creating the Dave Ritz Memorial Award. Thank You, Alva and Dick!

## Forestry Contest T-Shirts

Long-sleeved T-Shirts are available at the contest for \$12 – a few short-sleeved ones still available for \$8.

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