



FORESTRY CONTEST

MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS to all the contestants and coaches on a terrific job! It was a great day for the Forestry Contest at the Delay Farm. 320 contestants participated in the competition, and we had some great test scores. Our thanks to Fairy and Ray Jr. for their hospitality!

Congratulations to the Winners!

Senior Division:

(Total team possible: 1800)

First Place Team:

Post Falls High School Team #1 (1580)
Joshua Erickson, Nora Nielson, John Erickson, Camy Thomas

Second Place Team:

Post Falls High School Team #2 (1408)
Adam Sedgwick, Casey Thomas, Shannon Kelly, Mayde Smith

Third Place Team:

Coeur d'Alene High School Team #1 (1300)
Casey Nelson, Ben Phillips, Wes Baker, Kenden Neely

(Total individual possible: 450)

First Place Individual:

Joshua Erickson, Post Falls HS Team #1 (430)

Second Place Individual:

Nora Nielson, Post Falls HS Team #1 (428)

Third Place Individual:

John Erickson, Post Falls HS Team #1 (392)

Junior Division:

(Total team possible: 1800)

First Place Team:

Post Falls Middle School Team #1 (884)
Jared Erickson, Bethany Gray, Travis Messerschmidt, Bill Bridges

Second Place Team:

Troy FFA Team #1 (863)
Taylor Minshall, Kayla Self, Kirk Nelson, Madison Yockey

Third Place Team:

Post Falls MS Team #2(855)
Cristina Sedgwick, Katee Bechler, Jason Davis, Justin McCabe

(Total individual possible: 450)

First Place Individual:

Jared Erickson, Post Falls MS Team #1 (358)

Second Place Individual:

Sean Kelly, River City MS Team #2 (276)

Third Place Individual:

Nicole Hislop, Sandpoint Charter Team #2 (267)

Rookie Division:

First Place Team:

Sagle Elementary Team #1 (405) *Total team possible: 640*
Lacheale Linscott, Faith Nelson, Katelin Prummer, Madison Contor

1st Place Senior Division and Junior Division Teams



Post Falls High School 1st Place Team -Senior Division

Honorary Chair Fred Omodt with Nora Nielson,
Joshua Erickson, Camy Thomas,
and John Erickson



Post Falls Middle School 1st Place Team – Junior Division

Honorary Chair Fred Omodt with Jared
Erickson, Travis Messerschmidt,
Bethany Gray, and Bill Bridges

David Ritz Memorial Award – Joshua Erickson

Joshua Erickson, a junior member of Team #1 from Post Falls High School was the Top Individual Scorer in 2009 with an excellent score of 430. Josh received the David Ritz Memorial Plaque along with a cash prize. Joshua is shown in this picture receiving his award from Honorary Chairman Fred Omodt. This is Josh's 2nd year in a row for winning the David Ritz Memorial Award. Congratulations Josh!

We want to thank Ruth McDivitt and the Ritz Family for their continued support of the Contest and for sponsoring this special award. We are proud to include the David Ritz Memorial Award in the Idaho State Forestry Contest as an inspiration to future foresters.



1st Place Rookie Division Team



Congratulations to Sagle Elementary Team #1 for winning first place in the Rookie Division. Team members are Lacheale Linscott, Madison Contor, Faith Nelson, and Katelin Prummer. Students competed in 4 events: Compass & Pacing, Cruising, Scaling, and Tree ID. Sagle Elementary requested the opportunity to have their 6th graders compete in 2007, and we opened up the 6th grade Rookie Division for competition in 2008. We had 15 students in 2007, 90 students in 2008, and 140 6th grade students compete this year.

Novices & the Noon Program

Our Novice participation increased from 90 last year to 150 this year, and they were instructed in Cruising & Scaling & Tool ID; Tree & Plant ID; and Silviculture, Mapping & Compass. They also enjoyed the Noon Program with Mark Weadick as David Thompson.

Thank You to the 2009 Contributors!

2009 Sponsors include:

- North Idaho Timber Education & Information Program – a one-time donation of \$5000
- Idaho Soil Conservation Commission
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Bonner County Farm Bureau
- Idaho District Employees Assoc.
- Idaho Assoc. of Soil Conservation Districts
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- North Idaho FFA
- Intermountain Forest Industry Assoc.
- Idaho Tree Farm Program
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Honorary Chairman Fred Omodt has been in charge of the Map Reading Station for at least 20 years! He has also coached his Boy Scout Troop in the contest. Thank you, Fred, for your dedication to forestry education and your continuing support of the Idaho State Forestry Contest!

A big thanks also goes to local businesses that donated goods or services:

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Noon Program: Thanks to Mark Weadick for his noon presentation on David Thompson – whose map making from 200 years ago is still admired and utilized. Mark's black powder rifle demonstration punctuated the noon hour!

Thank You Volunteers!

150 volunteers helped with registration, scoring, lunch and running the contest stations. Thanks for all your help! The following companies and agencies provide staff or volunteers to make the day run smoothly.

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Bonner County Farm Bureau
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Odenwald Forestry
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Bonner SWCD
Boundary SCD
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Idaho Dept. of Lands
McFarland Cascade
Panhandle Forest Products
Riley Creek Lumber
U.S. Forest Service

BLM
Benewah SWCD
Boy Scouts
IASCD
Inland Empire Paper
NRCS
Patriot Investments
Stimson Lumber
WELCO of Idaho



Log Scaling



Soil Pit



Novices at Logging Model

2008 Contestant Participants

Congratulations to all the Schools, FFA teams, Scouts, 4H and others who competed this year. The 2009 contest participants included:

Senior Participants

Bonnors Ferry HS/FFA
Bonnors Ferry BSA #114
Clearwater Valley FFA
Coeur d'Alene HS
Genesee FFA
Nez Perce FFA
Post Falls HS
Potlatch FFA
Priest River HS
Sandpoint HS
Troy FFA

Junior Participants

BSA Troop 114
Clark Fork Jr/Sr HS
Genesee FFA
Post Falls MS
Rover City MS
Sandpoint Charter
Troy FFA

Rookie Participants

Sagle Elementary
Sandpoint Charter
Priest River Elementary
Post Falls Middle School

*Thanks for your help &
participation!
Have a great year & we'll
see you in 2010!*



2009 Forestry Contest included a bit of rain