**March 2018 Newsletter**

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7:30 am to 2:00 pm  
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Hwy 95, Mile Marker 455

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***THIS YEAR, in addition to the yearly group photo and other photos taken during the contest and awards ceremony, a video about the contest will be filmed for posting online or other public venues. Please obtain permission for everyone in your group to appear in this film AND notify us if someone cannot be filmed.***

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**Junior Division — Grades 7 - 8 & Senior Division — Grades 9 - 12**

Competition consists of 4-member teams and individual competition. Each contestant receives an individual score. The four team members’ individual scores are combined into the team’s total score. Awards are presented to both team and individual winners in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Contestants can register to compete only as individuals if they choose, i.e. you don’t have to be on a team to compete.

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**Rookie Division - Grade 6 - OR - Novice Division - Grades 1 - 6**

Two options for grade school students: **Rookies** are 6th graders (or younger) who study the manual and register to compete in the **Rookie Division**. The **Rookie** course has 5 scored stations - Tree ID, Compass & Pacing, Cruising, Scaling, Map Reading — and Silviculture, an introductory station that isn't scored.

**Novices** are grade school students who aren’t ready to compete. The **Novice course** is an introductory “Forestry Tour” led by a professional forester aimed at students who have never been to the Forestry Contest before. Coaches can choose to register some students as Rookie contestants & the rest as Novices.

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**FORESTRY CONTEST MANUAL - 2018 UPDATES!**  
3 chapters - Tree & Plant ID / Tools ID / Noxious


Contact: Kurt Koetter, 208.687.1289 or kkwoodwizard@gmail.com for questions about registration or the manual & Tom Johnson, 208.263.5104 or tjohnson@idl.idaho.gov to schedule free classroom or outdoor coaching assistance.
Please arrive by 7:30 am on Contest Day, so your final registration can be completed and your group can join in the 8:30 am group picture. You’ll all be served a free BBQ lunch after the contest. And please try to stay for the post-contest lunch and awards ceremony, which ends by 2 pm.

- 7:30—8:30 Finalize Registration at the Contest
- 8:30—8:40 Group Picture
- 8:40—9:05 Announcements
- 8:50 Novices walk to Novice Course for 9:00 start
- 9:00 Juniors & Seniors head to Jr/Sr Course (20 min. walk)
- 9:10 Rookies head to Rookie Course (15 min. walk)
- 9:30—Jr/Sr and Rookie Competitions begin
- 11:30 Novices Lunch
- 12:30 Rookies Lunch
- 12:45 Junior/Senior Lunch

BE PREPARED for ANY WEATHER!

Wear layers, so you can adjust to heat or cold, and tennis shoes or boots; Bring rain gear (or a large, sturdy garbage bag with holes cut out for head & arms), sunscreen, insect repellant, water bottle, 2 sharp pencils, and a clipboard (or hardboard with rubber bands).

If the weather is nice, the warm clothes or raincoats can always be left in the vehicles.

T-Shirts for Sale

T-Shirts will be for sale at the Contest. The Co-op in Sandpoint has helped provide the Contest with a Carhartt long-sleeve, green T-shirt with the embroidered Forestry Contest Logo

VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Contest, please contact Karen Robinson at krobinson@idl.idaho.gov or 208-263-5104 (Idaho Department of Lands, Pend Oreille Area)