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Forestry and Fun

North Idaho students learn forestry and win cash, prizes in 31st annual Idaho State Forestry Contest



The 31st annual Idaho State Forestry Contest took place Thursday at Delay Farms in Careywood, Idaho, located between Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint.

The contest introduced hundreds of students in grades 3 through 12 to basic forestry and resource management skills on three educational courses. More than 175 volunteers from local businesses, agencies and organizations donated their time to help run the contest.

Students from Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, Careywood, Sagle, Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Troy, and Genesee placed in the contests! A complete list of the winners is on the right.

Contest winners receive awards and cash prizes. The winning junior and senior teams took home a full-sized, crosscut saw trophy to display until next year's contest, and the winning Rookie Team received an Idaho trophy made from all nine commercial woods grown in the state.

Students as far north as Bonners Ferry and as far south as Weippe attended and competed in the 2013 contest!

The contest is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Lands, Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District and the U.S. Forest Service. It is made possible through the support of many individuals and public and private organizations.

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CONTEST WINNERS

Junior/Senior Division Contest, for students in grades 7 through 12, which challenges junior and senior high school contestants on 10 areas of expertise.

SENIOR DIVISION

(grades 9-12 compete)

David Ritz Memorial
(for individuals)

FIRST PLACE - **Joseph Spencer** of the **Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team #1**

SECOND PLACE - **Jeremy Ward** of **Sandpoint High School Team #1**

THIRD PLACE - **Jared Erickson** of **Post Falls High School Team #1**

Team Awards

FIRST PLACE - **Post Falls High School Team #1** (Jared Erickson, Esther Erickson, Tanner Short, Sean Kelly)

SECOND PLACE - **Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team #1** (Devin Hicks, Savannah Hicks, Montana Rayburn, Joseph Spencer)

THIRD PLACE - **Post Falls High School Team #2** (Mike Emmons, Jason Davis, Kylie Wirig, Jessica Taggart)

JUNIOR DIVISION

(middle school students compete)

Larry Fryberg Memorial
(for individuals)

FIRST PLACE - **Malachi Rivkin** (**Boy Scouts Troop 114 Team #1** from **Bonners Ferry**)

SECOND PLACE - **Daniel Spencer** (**Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team #1**)

THIRD PLACE - **Chase Blizzard** (**Troy FFA Team #1**)

Team Awards

FIRST PLACE - **Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team #1** (Lillian Falconer, Nolan Largen, Caleb Smedra, Daniel Spencer)

SECOND PLACE - **Genesee FFA Team #1** (Kade Best, Marcus Johnson, Kelsey Roach, Ben Kopf)

THIRD PLACE - **Boy Scouts Troop 114 Team #1** from **Bonners Ferry** (James Leach, Malachi Rivkin, William Colson, Neil Martin)

ROOKIE DIVISION

An introductory competition for 6th graders with four stations, including Tree Identification, Compass and Pacing, Timber Cruising, and Log Scaling.

Individuals

FIRST PLACE - **Dillon Burns** from **Borah Elementary Grade 6 Team #1** in **Coeur d'Alene**

SECOND PLACE - **Matilda Falconer** from **Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H**

THIRD PLACE - **Billy Bracket** of **Sagle Elementary Team #1** and **Eric Hicks** of **Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H**

Teams

FIRST PLACE - **Farmin Elementary Team #1** from



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Sandpoint (Tori Hewit, Sierra Speakman, Olivia Malone, Hunter Basnett)

SECOND PLACE - **Sagle Elementary Team #1** (Burton Anderson, Tristan Authier, Billy Brackett, Grace Hicks)

THIRD PLACE - **Borah Elementary Grade 6 Team #5** from **Coeur d'Alene** (Gabe Dorr, Haley Newcombe, Spencer Provence, Mason Besser)

There also was a **non-competitive Novice Course**, with several hands-on activities and a walk through the woods with a professional forester.



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