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## Forestry and Fun

**Idaho students learn forestry and win cash, prizes in 33rd annual Idaho State Forestry Contest**

(COEUR D'ALENE) - The **33rd annual Idaho State Forestry Contest** took place Thursday at Delay Farms in Careywood, Idaho, located between Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint.

The **contest introduces hundreds of students in grades 3 through 12 to basic forestry and resource management skills** on three educational courses. **More than 150 volunteers** from local businesses, agencies and organizations donated their time to help run the contest.

**Students from Priest River, Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, Sagle, Careywood, Rathdrum, Post Falls, Coeur d'Alene, Troy, Deary, Genesee, Potlatch, Craigmont, Meridian, and Boise participated in the contest.** A complete list of winners is on the right.

Contest winners received 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 Boise attended and competed in the 2015 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 Careywood Eager Beavers 4H Team 1**

SECOND PLACE - **Christopher Herndon of Careywood Eager Beavers 4H Team 1**

THIRD PLACE - **Tanner Short of Post Falls High School Team 2**

#### Team Awards

FIRST PLACE - **Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1** (Lillian Falconer, Christopher Herndon, Daniel Spencer, Joseph Spencer)

SECOND PLACE - **Post Falls High School Team 2** (Esther Erickson, Tanner Short, Tabitha Hughes, Kylie Wirig)

THIRD PLACE - **Post Falls High School Team 1** (Michael Emmons, Sage Joyce, Drake Green, Timmi Short)

#### JUNIOR DIVISION

(middle school students compete)

Larry Fryberg Memorial  
(for individuals)

FIRST PLACE - **Eric Hicks of Careywood Eager Beavers 4H Individual**

SECOND PLACE - **Katy Doumit of Troy FFA Team 1**

THIRD PLACE - **Eli Frazier of Deary High School FFA Team 1**

#### Team Awards

FIRST PLACE - **Troy FFA Team 1** (Katy Doumit, Seth Lunders, Skyler Wright, Sophia Ryasch)

SECOND PLACE - **Genesee FFA Team 2** (Mikicia Bartoz, Grace Turpin, Claire Smith, Winston Durham)

THIRD PLACE - **Deary High School FFA Team 1** (Niah Griffin, Kennedy Thompson, Seth Mulden, Eli Frazier)

#### 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 - **Noah Clark of Forrest Bird Charter Team 5**

SECOND PLACE - **Jett Lucas of Farmin Elementary Team 2**

THIRD PLACE - **Alissa Colegrove of Forrest Bird Charter Team 1**

#### Teams

FIRST PLACE - **Forrest Bird Charter Team 5** (Wyatt Iacolucci, McCabe Huckabee, Lily Gammon, Noah Clark)

SECOND PLACE - **Forrest Bird**

**Charter Team 1** (Trevor Bracket, Alissa Colegrove, Riley McEvily, Neal Causey)

THIRD PLACE - **Sagle Elementary 6th Grade Team 2** (Mike Riley, Tanner Dickson, Ronnie De Busk, Aspen Larson)

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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