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Students learn forestry & win prizes in 34th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest

(COEUR D'ALENE) – More than 350 students participated in the **34th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest** Thursday at Delay Farms in Careywood, Idaho, located between Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint.

The contest introduces hundreds of students in grades 1 through 12 to basic forestry and resource management skills on three educational courses.

More than 200 volunteers from local businesses, agencies and organizations donated their time to help run the contest.

Contestants from 19 schools and a 4-H club traveled from towns all over the state, including Clark Fork, Careywood, Deary, Coeur d'Alene, Craigmont, Culdesac, Genesee, Nezperce, Post Falls, Priest River, Sagle, Sandpoint, St. Maries, Timberline, and Troy to participate in the contest. A complete list of winners is below.

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.

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. (see list below)

2016 IDAHO STATE FORESTRY 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

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS (Contestants are 9th – 12th grade)

David Ritz Award goes to first place Senior Individual (+\$100)

1. Daniel Spencer – Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 (527 total points)
2. Joseph Spencer – Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 (512 total points)
3. Tanner Short - POST FALLS HS Team 1 (499 total points)

TEAM AWARDS

1. POST FALLS HS Team 1 - 1829 total points
Team members - Tabatha Hughes, Kylie Wirig, Tanner Short, Timmi Short
2. Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 – 1803 total points
Team members - Lillian Falconer, Nolan Largen, Daniel Spencer, Joseph Spencer
3. SANDPOINT HS Team 1 – 1623 total points
Team members - Jessica McMeek, Travis Davis, Bradley Russel, Jake Aquivy

JUNIOR DIVISION

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS (Contestants are 7th – 8th grade)

Larry Fryberg Award goes to first place Junior Individual (+\$100)

1. Erik Hicks – Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Individual (406 total points)
2. Matilda Falconer – Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Individual (377 total points)
3. Ellie Kiebert - Clark Fork Jr-Sr HS Team 1 (335 total points)

TEAM AWARDS

1. Post Falls MS Team 1 – 1047 total points
Team members - Isaiah Laguna, Isaiah Laguna, Conner Milbrath, Austin Tipton
2. Genesee FFA Team 1 – 994 total points
Team members - Carson Barton, Carly Allen, Grace Riebold, Bailey Leseman
3. Clark Fork Jr-Sr HS Team 1 – 943 total points
Team members - Ellie Kiebert, Aliyah Cambell, Maddie Reuter, Duncan Hoffman

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

ROOKIE DIVISION INDIVIDUAL WINNERS (Contestants are 6th grade or younger)

1. Josh Hoskinds – Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H (132 total points)
2. Anthony Campbell - Forrest Bird Charter Team 2 (124 total points)
3. Naomi Francis - Forrest Bird Charter Team 1 (124 total points)

ROOKIE TEAM WINNERS

1. Forrest Bird Charter Team 2 – 442 total points
Team members – Elisa Balcaen, Savannah Smith, Alexie Garcia, Anthony Campbell
2. Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H Team 1 - 416 total points
Team members – Magnolia Fry, Ian Hicks, Ethan Spencer, Tytus Barnhart
3. Forrest Bird Charter Team 1 - 404 total points
Team members – Joziah Eberhardt, Naomi Francis, Cali Iacolucci, James Marker

The 34th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest was made possible through the support of many individuals and public and private organizations, including:

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Bonner County Farm Bureau
Idaho Forest Owners Association
Stimson Lumber Co.
Boundary County Farm Bureau
Idaho District Employees Association (IDEA)
Bonner County Sportsmen's Association
Idaho Assoc. of Soil Conservation Districts
Northern Lights
Co-op Country Store
Idaho Tree Farm Committee
Inland Empire Paper Co.
Bonner County Sportsmen's Association

Conservation Districts: Ada, Adams, Bear Lake, Benewah, Blaine, Boundary, Butte, Camas, Caribou, Clark, Custer, East Cassia, East Side, Elmore, Idaho, Jefferson, Latah, Madison, Portneuf, South Bingham, Weiser River, West Cassia, Wood River

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Group photo



Junior/Senior Map Reading Station



Novice Cable Logging Model



Soil Pit Assessment-Soil & Water Quality Station



Tree Health Station