Forestry and Fun

Idaho students learn forestry and win cash, prizes in 35th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest

(COEUR D’ALENE) - A record 550 students participated in the 35th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest today at Delay Farms in Careywood, Idaho, located between Coeur d’Alene and Sandpoint.

The contest introduces students in grades 3 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.

Students from Sandpoint to Cottonwood 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.

The contest is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Lands, Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District, U.S. Forest Service, and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). It is made possible through the support of many individuals and public and private organizations. A new gift of $2,500 from NRCS this year enabled contest organizers to purchase new equipment that helped coaches teach their students about forestry.

The 35th annual Idaho State Forestry Contest was made possible through the support of many individuals and public and private organizations, including:

- Larry Fryberg Memorial
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission
- David Ritz Memorial - Rick & Sherri Rit
- Idaho Forest Group
- Idaho District Employees Association
- Idaho Forest Owners Association
- Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
- Idaho Tree Farm Committee
- Stimson Lumber Co.
- Inland Empire Management, Inc.
- Inland Empire Paper Company
- Co-Op Country Store
- State Senator Shawn Keough Campaign
- Al Farnsworth of Xmas Hills
- Kurt & Sandy Koester
- Boundary County Farm Bureau
- McFarland Cascade Pole and Lumber, Inc.
- Northern Lights
- Bonner County Sportsmen's Association
- Bonner County Farm Bureau
- Couer d'Alene Tractor
- Idaho Forest Products Commission
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- Litehouse Inc.
- Bonner County Waste Management
- The following conservation districts: Ada, Adams, Bear Lake, Benewah, Boundary, Butte, Camas, Clark, Custer, East Side, Elmore, Idaho, Jefferson, Kootenai-University, Latah, Madison, Ponderot, South Bingham, Weiser River, West Side
- “In-kind” contributors are Custom Den, Wood's Meat Processing, Yoke's Fresh Market, Super 1 Foods, Frito Lay, Ave Septic Service, Giff, and Mark's Signs

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
(1st Individual)
FIRST PLACE - Timberly Short of Post Falls High School Team 1
SECOND PLACE - Erik Hicks of Careywood 4H Team 1
THIRD PLACE - Malida Falconer of Careywood 4H Team 1
Team Awards
FIRST PLACE - Post Falls High School Team 1
SECOND PLACE - Priest River Lamanna High School Team 1
THIRD PLACE - Careywood 4H Team 1
JUNIOR DIVISION
(middle school students compete)

Larry Fryberg Memorial
(1st Individual)
FIRST PLACE - Tytos Barnhart of Careywood 4H Junior Team 1
SECOND PLACE - Nathan Hammond of Whistle Stop 4H Team 1 (Coeur d'Alene)
THIRD PLACE - Magnolia Fry of Careywood 4H Junior Team 1
Team Awards
FIRST PLACE - Careywood 4H Junior Team 1
SECOND PLACE - Whistle Stop 4H Team 1 (Coeur d'Alene)
THIRD PLACE - Genesse FFA Team 1
ROOKIE DIVISION
An introductory competition for 5th-6th graders with four stations, including Tree Identification, Compass and Pacing, Timber Cruising, and Log Scoring.

Individuals
FIRST PLACE - Taylor Allport of Selle Valley Caronden School Team 1
SECOND PLACE - Adam Yaw of Farm-in-Stidwell Team 7
THIRD PLACE - Falyn O'Connor of Farm-in-Stidwell Team 4
Teams
FIRST PLACE - Selle Valley Caronden School Team 1
SECOND PLACE - Sagale 5th-6th Team 4
THIRD PLACE - Farm-in-Stidwell Team 4

There also was a non- competitive Novice Course (grades 2-6), with several hands-on activities and a walk, through the woods with a professional forester.

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