

FORESTRY CONTEST

41st Annual Idaho State Forestry Contest

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), Idaho Department of Lands, and Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation are honored to co-sponsor the 41st Idaho State Forestry Contest. This one-day field event is a hands-on opportunity for Idaho's youth to learn about forestry and natural resource professions through direct experience.

The Forestry Contest continues to grow. The 40th Anniversary celebration of 2023 saw the most competitors to date for the contest, and they came prepared! We were excited to welcome five new groups as well as a growing career fair and equipment demonstrations. We also implemented a new registration and scoring program. In 2023 more than 300 students, 95 coaches/chaperones and over 150 volunteers participated. None of this could be possible without the help of our donors.

We want to thank you for your generous contribution in previous years and ask that you consider contributing to this important educational event for 2024. There are no entry fees for participants, and it costs approximately \$11,000 annually to present the Forestry Contest. These expenses reflect course supplies, equipment, rental costs, and event day expenses.

Please make checks payable to "Bonner SWCD" with "Forestry Contest" on the memo line, and mail to:

Bonner SWCD 1224 Washington Ave., Ste. 101 Sandpoint, ID 83864

As a donor, your name appears on the banner displayed at the Contest, in the Forestry Contest brochure every student and volunteer receive the day of the Contest, in our newsletters that go out to over 200 people, and on both the Bonner SWCD and IDL websites. We appreciate your contribution, and the students appreciate the opportunity to learn from natural resources professionals. Attached please find the sponsorship levels available.

If you are interested in participating in the Career Fair at the Idaho State Forestry Contest, please contact Lauren Petersen at 208.769.1577 or <u>lpetersen@idl.idaho.gov</u> for more information and to reserve your space!

Sincerely,

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