

2007 Pacific Northwest Teacher Forestry Tour Comments

*I am hugely impressed with the environmental responsibility and sustainability of the forest products industry. The science and technology involved was amazing. **Susan Berndt, Lakewood, Colorado.** Sponsored by Mountain States LBMDA.*

*I learned so very much about sustainable forestry. I had no idea forests were a crop and handled with environmentally conscious concerns and appropriate manner. You have given me one of the most precious and important gifts of all – the gift of learning and caring. I leave here looking forward to sharing my new found knowledge. Thank you for this understanding. **Judy Winkler, Trenton, New Jersey.** Sponsored by Hamilton Supply.*

*These industries have a vested interest in the quality of science education. **Natalie Berkowitz, Alameda, California.** Sponsored by Fairfax Lumber and Hardware Company and Federated Insurance through the Lumber Association of California and Nevada (LACN).*

*Forest management is truly important and the interpretation of it was given and displayed so well. **Wendi Cook, Turlock, California.** Sponsored by Valley Distributors, Inc. through LACN.*

*It's good to see that the forest products industry is indeed looking to produce a sustainable product with minimum impact on the environment. It's just a good business! **Chris Pickens, Vancouver, Washington.** Sponsored by Clark County Farm Forestry Association.*

*Foresters are being intentional about conserving natural resources. They are passionate about their work. **Paula Woodside, Lakewood, Colorado.** Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser through Mountain States Lumber & Building Materials Dealers Association (MSLBMDA).*

*I can't believe the process the timber goes through from being a seedling to the lumber yard – amazing! **Heather Sammons, Littleton, Colorado.** Sponsored by Home Lumber through MSLBMDA.*

*I'm so glad to be able to explain that lumber harvesters aren't the 'bad guys' as so often portrayed in the media sources presented to the general public. **Debra Scalzo, Las Vegas, Nevada.** Sponsored by Reno Lumber and A.C. Houston Lumber Company through LACN.*

*My students, even though 4th – 6th graders, are very concerned about the environment. I will be able to show them and teach them about our sustainable forests. **Janet Rau, Wilton, California.** Sponsored by Central Valley Builders Supply and Wayside Lumber through LACN.*

*Much of the timber industry is moving in a good direction and toward sustainability. **Emily Alexander, Sandy, Oregon.** Sponsored by Douglas Timber Operators.*

*I believe I can use it hopefully to inspire the children and get them excited about the forest. **Richard De La Rosa, San Jose, California.** Sponsored by Economy Lumber Co. and Sunnyvale Lumber through LACN.*

*Wow! I was highly impressed by the passion. All the speakers were so knowledgeable and had a love for what they do. **Rachelle Rood, Ventura, California.** Sponsored by Federated Insurance Co. through LACN.*

*As an "environmentalist" you have changed my world: my camping trips, my Home Depot errands and my voice! **Kim Engstrom, Sacramento, California.** Sponsored by Owen-Dunn Insurance Services through LACN.*

*So many strategies and research go into decisions that are made to look after our forests. It really broadened my thinking! **Becky Strite, Colville, Washington.** Sponsored by Vaagen, Arden Tree Farms through Northeast Washington Hoo-Hoo Club.*

*I really enjoyed learning about what sustainability is and what is happening at a number of levels to pursue this goal. **Jeff Armentrout, Mountlake Terrace, Washington.** Sponsored by Seattle Hoo-Hoo Club.*

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The program provided many varied experiences showing wonderful examples of forestry. We were exposed to real life examples of the uses and workers in the industry. Seeing such hard working, passionate people will definitely affect my teaching. **Annette Mundra, Tampa, Florida. Sponsored by West Coast Truss.**

Besides the volume of information presented, I really appreciated the human voice – meeting and hearing from the men and women working in and for the forest industry. Their commitment and sincerity was obvious, but their approach to their subjects was “no pressure” and low key. **LaRae Ash, Junction City, Oregon. Sponsored by Forests Today & Forever.**

The intense amount of information provided for our thorough understanding of the sustainable forest was greatly appreciated. I feel I came away from this experience with a wealth of knowledge that will guide my life both professionally as a teacher, and privately as a consumer of resources and micro manager of six acres of forestland on the Puget Sound in Washington. **Louise Lewis, Bremerton, Washington. Sponsored by North Pacific Group, Inc.**

I can't think of another business that has such a research-based balance when it comes to economics, social aspects and environmental issues. Now, when I drive by a clear-cut, I will have the knowledge and assurance that it is being well-managed. **Virginia Clement, Vancouver, Washington. Sponsored by Clark County Farm Forestry Association.**

My misconceptions have been corrected. There is good news out there that I can share. **Peter Rossi, Odessa, Florida. Sponsored by West Coast Truss, Inc.**

As a teacher, parent and consumer, I can use this knowledge to teach about carbon footprints and how important it is to make informed choices. I can't wait to use this material with my class! **Pam Bierzychudek, Littleton, Colorado. Sponsored by All-Coast Forest Products through MSLBMDA.**

Seeing in person these outcomes from beginning to end is priceless. Thank you! I have a real appreciation for regulations and the true meaning of a sustainable forest crop. **Doug Bierzychudek, Littleton, Colorado. Sponsored by Boise Cascade through MSLBMDA.**

Sustainability IS possible. The materials and info will be incorporated into [my] science lesson plans. **Joan Brody, Camas, Washington. Sponsored by Douglas Timber Operators.**

I'm excited to take my new knowledge back to my classroom. For example, I plan to include measuring tree height and diameter, tree identification and forestry education activities in our outdoor school as well as sharing environmental awareness of forest ecosystems and how to protect our forests responsibly. **Sherry Lilly, Battle Ground, Washington. Sponsored by Douglas Timber Operators.**

The things I enjoyed the most about this trip were the opportunities to see the different types of forestry practices. We could have been in the classroom all day learning about this information but like our kids (students), we need to be out there seeing and being hands on. The accommodations were great, from the hotel to the lunches. This program was well scheduled and we were taken great care of. **Beth Irwin, Tampa, Florida. Sponsored by West Coast Truss, Inc.**

I really enjoyed getting to know other teachers from around the country. I definitely want to attend another tour and will be pushing this tour to my administration to have more faculty attend. Much mahalo! **Michael Massad, Kaneohe, Hawaii. Sponsored by Honolulu Hoo-Hoo Club.**

I was pleased to be exposed to the different job opportunities available in forestry. I look forward to informing my high school students of them. I feel you all did a superb job in accommodating us. I can't remember the last time I was catered to. One can definitely get used to such treatment. **Elisa Rodriguez, Madera, California. Sponsored by Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club #181.**

I have a deep respect for foresters now. They are super hard workers. I had no idea how it all worked. The more the public can be involved in forestry, the better. I need to work on instilling this idea in my students. **Rachael Bangerter, Cedar Hills, Utah. Sponsored by UBC – Butterfield Lumber through MSLBMDA.**

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People who teach and care about our planet need to hear that there are positive sustainability efforts going on. People need information to help make informed decisions and help students see that there is hope for the future of the world's forests. **Ellen Campbell, Bellingham, Washington.**
Sponsored by Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association.

I was surprised by the clear cutting process. In the past I would have viewed clear cutting very negatively. I now have a much more balanced view. **Patricia Briggs-Yazzie, Bellingham, Washington.**
Sponsored by Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association.

It was interesting to see forestry from the bottom to the top. It really showed what is being done to preserve the forest. **Chris Joslin, Kaneohe, Hawaii.** **Sponsored by Honolulu Hoo-Hoo Club.**

I saw that everyone we spoke with enjoyed what they were doing and truly believed that what they are doing is the right thing for their land. I learned that every small plot of land is treated as a small garden and the owners/manager are working hard to create sustainability. **Dan Barkley, Seattle, Washington.** **Sponsored by Dunn Lumber.**

I will bring back to my students the information I have learned. The social, economic and environmental relationships are key. **Bob Spagnoli, Buffalo Grove, Illinois.** **Sponsored by Lee Lumber and Building Materials.**





2008 Pacific Northwest Teacher Forestry Tour



Date Time	Tuesday June 24	Wednesday June 25	Thursday June 26	Friday June 27
Breakfast	Portland International Airport (PDX)	Breakfast at hotel in Atrium begins 6 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel in Atrium begins 6 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel in Atrium begins 6:30 a.m.
A.M.	Registration from noon to 3:00 p.m. in hotel lobby Hotel: 14811 Kruse Oaks Drive Lake Oswego, OR 97035 503-624-8400 www.cplakeoswego.com	7:00 am Bus Departs Stimson Lumber Company <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvesting Operation • Tour of hardboard & lumber mills 	7:00 am Bus Departs Weyerhaeuser Nursery Tour ODF State Forests	7:30 am Wrap Up Begins Wrap Up Evaluation Adjourn 10 a.m.
Lunch		Lunch @ Tillamook Forest Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Center • PLT activities 	Lunch In the Field w/ ODF	
P.M.	Orientation @ 3:30 p.m. in hotel conference room	Purinton Tree Farm (Private/Family Non-Industrial Forestland)	Rediscovery Forest at the Oregon Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Rediscovery Forest • PLT activities 	
Dinner	Dinner @ World Forestry Center	Dinner @ McMenamins Grand Lodge in Forest Grove	Dinner @ The Oregon Gardens	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tour of Discovery Museum - Keynote Speaker: Gary Hartshorn 		-Keynote Speaker: Jim Stark, Weyerhaeuser	