

2009 Northeast Teacher Forestry Tour Comments

I appreciated seeing all aspects of a forest firsthand, from growth and management to production. I can now teach about our own forests (U.S.) and not just the tropical rain forests. All teachers need to be students themselves. Being a student of the environment gives ownership to teaching that teaching from a text book can't bring to the students. **Janet DeStefano, Marlboro, NY. Sponsored by Mid Hudson Lumber Dealers Association through Northeastern Retail Lumber Association (NRLA).**

Forests are so valuable not only because of the products they provide but also because of their environmental impact to the world. Forestry has come a long way. Foresters are more aware of safety and sustainability and forest products are driven by demand. We can do something to help in the conservation of our forests by how we live. **Aniline Amoguis, Flushing, NY. Sponsored by North Pacific Group.**

[I have] a better understanding about relationships between "forever wild" forests and sustainable forests, knowing that our natural resources must be managed better for their own health and prosperity. **Sean Stewart, Glenmont, NY. Sponsored by GNH Lumber.**

I have heard, personally, from people working with forests in many ways – this gives me their perspective on a deeper level. I am more educated and can use this knowledge and perspective to evaluate my own views and to teach my students in a more objective total view. **Maureen Weaver, Carthage, NY. Sponsored by Northern New York Lumber Dealers Association, through NRLA.**

I have been a contractor for most of my life and a teacher for a short time. It made me realize that I have pretty much been a wood eating consumer, who never really thought about the where's and why's of the business. I will rethink how I teach carpentry. Thank you! This is an experience that I will never forget. **Duane Randall, Groton, NY. Sponsored by Central New York Lumber Dealers Association, through NRLA.**

[I enjoyed] the sharing of info that developed with the participants and the presenters. We all have a perspective and this sharing of info has helped to open my views. **Ed Fellona, Tilton, NH. Sponsored by Laconia High School.**

In my public advocacy and education work, I will encourage wood products to be a major component of a renewed U.S.A. manufacturing policy. **Tom Ellis, Albany, NY. Sponsored by SFI Implementation Committee through Empire State Forest Products Association (ESFPA).**

I learned valuable information and gained insight at every stop and activity. [The] laid back surface approach to treat professionals as professionals [was] very much appreciated. **Fran Hess, Laurens, NY. Sponsored by Eastern New York Lumber Dealers Association, through NRLA.**

[I enjoyed] touring all the different places and seeing the growth management, use, and stewardship of the trees, land, and water in this region. **Eric Volat, New York City, NY. Sponsored by ESFPA.**

I've gained an incredible appreciation for the forest industry and its importance to every day life. The foresters are so well informed and it gave me a sense of pride in our forest management. It raised my level of awareness of the cycle locally and globally, of my part in educating students to these processes and to the partnerships that are possible to sustain our environment. We need to teach the interdisciplinary process that could protect our ecosystem and to help the next generation find its place in the forestry industry. **Helen Dohn, East Greenbush, NY. Sponsored by W.J. Cox Associates through ESFPA.**

I now look at the woods in a different way. I want to get the kids out to the woods. Maybe they will realize how it impacts their lives. **Tom Renton, Richmond, MA. Sponsored by Massachusetts Lumber Dealers Association through NRLA.**

I did not realize how much time, energy, and knowledge go into the management of a temperate forest. I also gained a greater appreciation of the lumbering trade and how cutting and pruning can help a forest survive in the long run. **Richard Mulcunry, Farmington, CT. Sponsored by Lumber Dealers Association of Connecticut through NRLA.**

[I now] understand that there is a positive side to clear cutting and multiple uses of different lumber. Foresters are very passionate [about] their trees. **Anne Marie Nowak, New York City, NY. Sponsored by Cotton-Hanlin, Inc. through ESFPA.**

[I] enjoyed seeing all of the different steps of the wood industry. [I] saw firsthand, instead of in print, how forestry as an industry and as an ecological system, operates in real life. **Peter Bertash, Baldwin, NY. Sponsored by B&B Lumber through ESFPA.**

I will use the new knowledge in my personal conversations, in my decision making and in my teaching. I will certainly use the connections to continue the experience. All stops worked together to provide the information about forest sustainability. **Terri Korb, Stillwater, NY. Sponsored by ESFPA.**

I thought foresting was negative to the environment, but I learned it's necessary. I learned that if it's sustainable, it is positive. All the presenters were excellent. Each person who presented showed great passion of what they do. **Kathleen Lekadou, Newark, NJ. Sponsored by International Paper Foundation.**





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Dates Time Blocks	Tuesday August 4	Wednesday August 5	Thursday August 6	Friday August 7
Breakfast	Registration (3-5pm)	Club House Breakfast begins at 6:00 am	Club House Breakfast begins at 6:00 am	Club House Breakfast begins at 6:30 am
AM	<p>Tennanah Lake Golf Resort</p> <p>100 Fairway View Dr. Roscoe, NY 12776 Phone: 607.498.5000</p> <p>www.tennanah.com</p>	<p>Frost Valley YMCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model Forest Classroom – Intros • Model Forest – rotating stations 	<p>Active Logging Op</p> <p>Beaver Mt. Log Homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Log Homes ✓ Mill Tour 	<p>Overview Evaluation Adjourn 10am</p>
Lunch		Model Forest Classroom @ Frost Valley	Eagles Nest Cannonsville Lumber	
PM	Orientation @ 5:00pm Alan Rosa @ 5:30pm	Neversink Reservoir- DEP & Tree Farm	Cannonsville Lumber Norbord MDF Mill	
Dinner	Tennanah Lake Golf Resort	Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum	Oquaga Creek State Park	