



## Sustainable Resources in the Kamloops Forest District

### Kamloops, BC

### Teacher Professional Development Event

## Unique Pro-D experience for teachers - A FREE three day natural resources tour through interior forests.

**July 8 - 10, 2013**

BC's Interior forests have received significant press coverage over the last decade. The devastating attack of the mountain pine beetle has changed the face of these forests, killing almost 50 per cent of the pine trees in the region. In February, the Chief Forester estimated that more than half of the merchantable pine in the Interior has been lost. Already a challenge for communities, government and industry, the situation grows even more complicated with the issue of wildfire. The risk of ferocious forest fires increases significantly with the volume of fuel that has built up in these ecosystems as a result of standing and fallen dead timber.

Join our tour through the Kamloops Forest District and see for yourself how these two naturally occurring events have impacted local communities and their forests, and meet with the professionals and technicians who are working to find solutions.

Forestry is a complex science that brings together a wide range of skills sets, from biology to engineering, statistics to silviculture. Meet the experts, talk to local government and First Nations, tour manufacturing facilities, hike in the regions ecosystems and learn how you can bring this important part of the BC economy and infrastructure into your classroom.

**Tours are professionally run, and best of all - FREE!**

**Register online today at [www.festivalofforestry.org](http://www.festivalofforestry.org)**



## Who is the Festival of Forestry?

The BC Festival of Forestry is a non-profit organization committed to providing quality professional development experiences for school teachers.

For over 45 years we have run tours for Lower Mainland and Victoria area teachers to forest communities throughout BC. The tours provide an interactive learning experience to enhance teachers' understanding of the complexities of sustainable forest management issues, and methods to integrate information into their classes.

Teachers have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a resource-based community and interact with the people most connected to resource issues.

Our tours include walks in various forest ecosystems, visits to active forest management areas, protected areas, and tours of processing facilities. Presenters on each tour represent a wide range of interest areas providing a clear balance of perspectives.

Tours include tree identification, wildlife habitat issues, water quality and other riparian considerations in forest management, soil characteristics, ecosystem management, conservation and preservation of sensitive and special areas of the forest, as well as the social and economic values we gain from the forest.

Participating teachers return to the classroom with a goodie bag of resources and teaching tools. ☺

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**FESTIVAL OF FORESTRY**



This tour will depart from Vancouver. Island teachers will provide their own transportation to our Vancouver gathering place (TBD). The tour runs Monday, July 8th to Wednesday, July 10th. Accommodation is shared, two per room, and will be provided by the Festival of Forestry. We cover accommodation, meals, and transportation round trip from Vancouver. Additional information will be provided prior to the tour and will include a detailed itinerary, what to bring, where to meet and what to expect.

*Please be prepared for bus travel, rooming with a partner, walking and hiking outdoors.*  
Tours accommodate 20 teachers

## A<sup>+</sup> What the teachers had to say about ...

### Wild Island Tour

“It was an awesome experience for me. I’ve learned so many things about forestry in Canada. The information that I got from the many presenters and staff was great. I’m ready to teach my students about forestry in Canada with resources and samples. It was great to meet the professionals and experts and have discussions about our concerns with them. After I learned about this, I feel so proud to be Canadian. Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity.”

“I really enjoyed the passion of the forestry community and this tour really helped showcase the story of forestry. The people were all knowledgeable and professional, but very personal and sincere too. A lot of us are passionate about this topic now and I hope to see forestry incorporated into the curriculum.”

### The Beetles and Fire Tour

“Very well paced and organized. Professionals went out of their way for us. All manner of debate was encouraged and all questions were answered clearly and forthrightly. Good material for lesson plans was appreciated. The whole tour was very collegial and excellent.”

### The 100 Mile Tour

“This tour was an incredible learning experience for me. Coming from the city, I never realized all that went on to bring me my wood and paper. It was fascinating to learn about the pine beetle infestation and to understand the effects that this is having on the whole industry in the interior. I will definitely use this new learning in my classroom and a general appreciation for the forestry industry.”

“This tour was a great chance to go beyond the textbook and see first hand the realities of the forest industry. I liked learning about how the industry influences communities. This is directly related to curriculum and I recommend it to any teacher.”

