



*To create awareness and appreciation for the value of trees, and encourage an understanding about the protection, management and conservation of the renewable forest*

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Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher:

Last October we had the opportunity to provide many of you and your classrooms with some fun resources for learning about the environment, in conjunction with National Forest Products Week which is the third full week in October. With distance learning in full swing within Lane County, we recognize this is not going to be an option for this year. However, we wanted to let you know of some alternative ways you could still incorporate forestry education into your curriculum for National Forest Products Week.

**If you do want the actual packet of information, we do have them ready to go!** The packets include: one Forest Essay Booklet for each student in the class, one Explore the Forest Booklet for each student in the class, one activity sheet with a hands on activity for each student in the class, one Forest Education Teachers Packet for Grades K-5, one Oregon's Forests Poster, Forest Fact Breaks on Flash Drive & DVD, Forests Today & Forever Flyer, Talk About Trees Flyer, and an Oregon Women in Timber Treat Bag. Please feel free to contact me and I can arrange to have a packet delivered to you.

**Oregon Forest Resources Institute.** The materials we have prepared in our packets are available online for free download. If you would like to download them for your class to use, I'm providing you with the individual links below.

#### Forest Essay

- [https://learnforests.org/sites/default/files/OFRI\\_essaybooklet\\_gr4-5\\_WEB\\_0.pdf](https://learnforests.org/sites/default/files/OFRI_essaybooklet_gr4-5_WEB_0.pdf)

#### Explore the Forest

- [https://learnforests.org/sites/default/files/ExploreTheForest\\_Student\\_WEB\\_2019.pdf](https://learnforests.org/sites/default/files/ExploreTheForest_Student_WEB_2019.pdf)

#### Explore the Forest (teacher's guide)

- [https://learnforests.org/sites/default/files/OFRI\\_ForestBook\\_TeacherGuide\\_WEB.pdf](https://learnforests.org/sites/default/files/OFRI_ForestBook_TeacherGuide_WEB.pdf)

#### Forest Fact Breaks & Other Videos

- You can find all the Forest Fact Break videos available to view online from the OFRI website. In addition, there are a few other fun videos available to learn more about forests.
- From this link, browse down to "Videos" <https://learnforests.org/grades/3-5>

**Talk About Trees.** The Talk About Trees program is geared up and ready to safely visit learning pods! In addition, the facilitators are ready to "visit" classrooms remotely with a tailor-made lesson for your classroom. For more information or to schedule a facilitator, please contact [info@talkabouttrees.us](mailto:info@talkabouttrees.us). We have also attached the Talk About Trees brochure for more info.

**Managed Forests Are Forever**

**Forest Today & Forever.** The Forests Today & Forever program has reimagined their educational programs for virtual learning formats. They are prepared to execute their field programs when schools resume, but in the meantime, please reach out to the coordinator to find out more about the virtual learning experience. [coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org](mailto:coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org).

We hope you and your students can find a way to incorporate some of these options into your virtual learning. I would encourage you to reach out to both *Talk About Trees* and *Forests Today & Forever* for access to more forestry and environmental education. They are both excellent, science based programs that meet the curriculum requirements for the Oregon Science Standards.

Don't forget *National Forest Products Week* is the third week in October. In 1960, Congress designated the third week of October as National Forest Products Week to recognize the value of forest products and commit to conservation practices that help responsibly manage United States forests. We hope you and your class will take some time to discuss the wonders of wood products and celebrate National Forest Products Week!

For more information about National Forest Products Week, you can visit our webpage all about the celebration <https://www.orwit.org/nfpw>. For more information about Oregon Women in Timber's Forest Products Month, you can visit our webpage with information about our celebration <https://www.orwit.org/forest-products-month>.

Sincerely,

Oregon Women in Timber