



School Forest Program Report

Please submit before June 30 to:

School Forest Program, DNR - Forestry
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School Year: 2004-2005

Email Format Form

School Forest Name: Forestview Middle School Forest

School Forest Chair: Kent Montgomery

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City: Brainerd State: MN Zip Code: 56401

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School Forest Numbers and Support

Please indicate the estimated number of people participating for the entire school year in all school forest activities:

Teachers 7

Resource Professionals 9

Students 60

Volunteers 24

* Please note that Forestview Middle School opened on 4 January 2005

Did a DNR Forester assist you with any school forest activities? Yes No

If so, who? Dean Makey

Please list any other natural resource professionals who assisted you with school forest activities and how they helped you.

Mark Mortenson, DNR Forestry – reviewed prescribed burning plan

Bonnie Finnerty, Crow Wing County Planning and Zoning – helped create management plan

John Sullivan, Navillus Land Company – helped create management plan

Colin McGuigan, The Nature Conservancy – prepared and burned fire unit

Jared Culbertson, The Nature Conservancy – prepared and burned fire unit

Tim Notch, The Nature Conservancy – burned fire unit

Kent Montgomery, The Nature Conservancy, planning and prepared and burned fire unit

Brian Bachman, Brainerd Fire Department, backup and water delivery for prescribed fire

Please list any changes to your site, school forest committee, teaching staff, etc. the School Forest Program should know about.

Formal School Forest Management Committee bylaws adopted (addressing terms, term length, appointment, reporting, and organization)

Class Visits to School Forest

Please fill in one entry for each visit, event, or activity that happened in your school forest. Please feel free to attach additional pieces of paper.

Date: 30 April 2005

Leaders: Carol Jackson

Grade(s): 6

Activity Description: Carol and her students developed a tree planting plan, with Dean Makey, for a portion of the school forest. The Students prepared the site and planted 200 white pine and 200 tamarack seedlings.

Date:

Leaders: Betty Harrison

Grade(s): 7

Activity Description: Betty and her students researched Eastern bluebird nest box designs, secured necessary materials, and constructed nine nest boxes. The nest boxes were placed along the edge of the school forest overlooking athletic fields with the help of a naturalist from the Paul Bunyan Nature Learning Center.

Date:

Leaders: Colin McGuigan

Grade(s):

Activity Description: Site preparation for the prescribed burn in the jack pine savanna management unit was carried out. Two TNC land stewards and ten AmeriCorps members established fire breaks and mitigated large fuels within 20 meters of these fire breaks.

Date: 16 May 2005

Leaders: Colin McGuigan

Grade(s):

Activity Description: Prescribed fire was introduced to the jack pine savanna management unit of the school forest. Approximately 12 acres were burned reducing much of the hazel undergrowth in the unit as well as willow in the temporary wetland included in the unit. Five TNC employees and ten AmeriCorps members participated in the prescribed fire.

Date: 5 June 2005

Leaders: Kent Montgomery

Grade(s):

Activity Description: The annual "Ride with Jim" event stopped at the Forestview Middle School. This event is a bike ride along the Paul Bunyan Trail with Rep. Jim Oberstar and a group of supporters, trail enthusiasts, and local officials. Forestview Middle School and the school forest were highlighted during the stop.

Date:

Leaders: Tom Sanford

Grade(s): 7

Activity Description: Tom invited Rick Horton from the Ruffed Grouse Society to speak to the Minnesota Deer Hunter Forkhorn Chapter at Forestview Middle School. The group walked the school forest looking for American woodcock.