



School Forest Program Report

Please submit before June 30 to:
School Forest Program, DNR - Forestry
500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4044
Or e-mail to: amykay.kerber@dnr.state.mn.us
School Year: 2006-2007

Email Format Form

School Forest Name: **Dean Makey School Forest**
School Forest Chair: **Kent Montgomery**
Address: **12149 Knollwood Drive**
City: **Baxter** State: **MN** Zip Code: **56425**
Phone: **218- 454-6000** Fax: **218-454-6687** Date: **May 2007**
E-mail: **kmontgomery@tnc.org**

School Forest Numbers and Support

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

Teachers ? 20

Students ? 600-1000

Resource Professionals ? 7

Volunteers ? 15

Did your School Forest host a Field Day? Yes No

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

If so, who? **Dean Makey, Dean.Makey@dnr.state.mn.us** 218-833-8700

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

Kent Montgomery Community-Based Conservation Coordinator The Nature Conservancy, Central Minnesota Office 7163 Bear Road, Cushing, MN 56443 kmontgomery@tnc.org (218) 575-3032 ext. 16

Chair School forest committee , organize and align forest activities, clear trails, coordinate projects, solicit and provide grants, install fencing.

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

New name (Forestview School Forest became Dean Makey School Forest). Paved parking lot for public access. Signage at access and on trails.

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: 11/2/06 & 5/2/07 Leaders: Chris Hanson – 7th gr.
Dean Makey

Activity Description: Installed sign posts and trail map signs on School Forest trails.

Date: Fall, 2006 Leaders: Hanson – gr. 7 & Hodge – gr. 8

Activity Description: Deer browse protection on pine seedlings planted in 2005 and 2006.
Mechanical release of planted seedlings.

Date: Aug.- Oct., 2006 Leaders: Hanson – gr. 5-8

Activity Description: Cross Country running practice approximately 3x/week on trails

Date: Sept., 2006 Leaders: Lang – gr. 6

Activity Description: “Bubble gum nature sculpture walk” and “six-room poetry” projects.

Date: Fall, 2006 and Spring 2007 Leaders: Wig, Hopperstad, Hanson, Ebinger, Almen, –
gr. 5-8

Activity Description: Nature walks, scavenger hunts, “senses” observation hikes.

Date: Fall, 2006 and Spring 2007 Leaders: Perry -- gr. 5-8

Activity Description: Birding Club outings 3 in fall and 4 in spring- 10-25 kids per outing

Date: Fall, 2006 and Spring 2007 Leaders: Hodge -- gr. 8 (fall); Laske-- gr. 7 (spring)

Activity Description: Traditional orienteering with compass and markers

Date: Winter., 2006 Leaders: Meyer, Montgomery, Storbakken, Ryan – gr. 5-8

Activity Description: Cross Country ski practice on trails. Multi school MSHSL race held on course.

Date: Winter., 2006 Leaders: Costello and PE dept. – gr. 5-8

Activity Description: Cross Country skiing and snowshoing for Phy Ed. Also Scavenger hunts involving ~275 students.

Date: Apr., 2007 Leaders: Makey and MCC crew (5)

Activity Description: Site preparation of 0.4 acre site for new planting in 2007.

Date: Apr., 2007 Leaders: Halverson & Diemert – gr.6 (approximately 210 students)

Activity Description: Tree planting – new 0.4 acre – 400 seedlings
- interplanting 3.3 acres – 500 seedlings

Date: May, 2007 Leaders: Diemert – gr. 6 (same students as planting)

Activity Description: Removed bud caps from pine on approx. 3 acres.

Date: Ap.-May, 2007 Leaders: Hanson– gr. 7-8

Activity Description: Distance track and field running training 1-2x/ week.

Date: May, 2007 Leaders: Makey (volunteer)

Activity Description: - install approx. 150 tree shelters on 2007 seedlings

Date: May, 2007 Leaders: Halverson, gr. 6 –

Activity Description: watering of tree seedlings - 40 students

Date: Fall, Summer, Spring 2006-07 Leaders: Harrison, gr. 6 –

Activity Description: Eight Bluebird houses and student study - 32 students (Fall and Spring)

Dates: 2006- 2007 Leaders: Sanford, gr. 5-8

Activity Description: – Forkhorns Club

- 1) Dec. –post-season deer scouting.
- 2) March – Forest management
- 3) May 9 – outdoor survival
- 4) May 23 –orienteering

Dates: May 2007 Leaders: Montgomery, Laske

Activity Description: – Install split rail fencing at public access.

Dates: May 11, 2007 Leaders: Kent Montgomery, Amy Kay Kerber, Ron Sanow, Trevor Walter, Brainerd ISD 181 Administration

Activity Description: – Dedicate the School Forest and unveil an official sign with the name “Dean Makey School Forest” in honor of Dean Makey, DNR forester instrumental in the planning, formation and operation of the forest, recognizing his efforts to make the forest a reality for students and the community.