



## School Forest Annual Report 2011-2012 School Year

Please submit before June 30 to:  
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**School Forest Name:** Dean Makey School Forest

**Date:** July, 2012

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### School Forest Support

1. Site Assistance: What help has your School Forest received this year?

X	Type	Name/Organization	What was contributed?
X	DNR Forester	Dean Makey, MN DNR	Forestry Day presentations, forest planning and assistance
X	Other Natural Resource Professionals	Central Lakes College Natural Resources students	Forestry Day presentations/assistance
X	Volunteer	Parents, local HAM radio club	Group supervision, project assistance
	Grant		
	Other		

2. Would your School like a FREE School Forest training for teaching staff?

X-Yes      No      *Inservice day? Summer ½ day class?*

3. Do you have a School Forest webpage?

Yes      No      X-“Sort of”      If yes, what is the url?

<http://brainerd.mn.schoolwebpages.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=9112&https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=201051742237331767112.000447620d2c0a53a1109&msa=0>

4. Do you have a School Forest Committee?

X-Yes      No      Not Sure

5. Please share any changes, happenings, or improvements to your site, school forest committee, teaching staff, etc. the School Forest Program should know about. *Another good year. The public is becoming more aware of the space and the teachers are getting more involved. Lots of students are getting outside!*

## School Forest Activities

If you need more rows, please insert them or add on an additional piece of paper!

Month(s)	Grade/s	Teacher Name(s)	# of Vis its	Event/Topic/Activity Description	# of Stud ents	Additional Notes
Sept./Oct.	5	L. Danielson	2	Nature walk/Release cutting	125	
Sept.	5	R. Halverson+6	1	Forestry Day	560	
Oct./May	5	R. Halverson	2	Release cutting	125	
Sept.	8	S. Loney	1	Observations/Data collection	150	
Sept.	7	K. Lingenfelter	1	Tree ID/ Dichotomous keys	160	
Oct.	6	B. Sannes	1	Descriptive writing	28	
Oct.	6	M. Albright/Lang	1	Nature poetry	120	
Oct./ Ap.	7	C. Hanson	3	Release cutting, bud capping study	160	
Oct./ Ap.	8	D. Hodge	4	Bud capping, release cuts, orienteering, plant ID	160	
Fall/Spring	6	B. Harrison	6	Brush clearing, soil/erosion studies, ecosystem studies, grouse habitat/drumming logs creation, birdhouse maintenance and clutch data collection	125	
Winter	5-6	M. Linder	4	Snowshoeing/XC skiing	125	
Spring	5-6	M. Linder		3k trail run		
Mar.	6-8	C. Olson	3	GPS activity	13	
Mar.	7	T. Sanford	2	Syruping process	150	
Mar.	5	Makey	1	Site prep for tree planting (Brd. Public Utilities)		
April/May	5	R. Halverson	2	Tree planting	125	
All year		Makey	10+	Insect and invasives control, seedling release, browse protection, water trees, sign maintenance		

**Total # of people who used the School Forest in 2011-2012:**

**Teachers:** 32

**Students:** ~2100

**Visit Highlights**

Please highlight 1 or 2 School Forest visits with a bit of detail below.

Date: 9/20 & 22/2011 Leaders: Robin Halverson & 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers Grade: 5

**Activity Description:**

Forestry Days event for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders with learning stations and activities run and presented by volunteers and forest professionals.

**Number of adults involved:** 20

**Number of students/youth involved:** 560

Date: 10/6/2011 Leaders: Lowell Elem.– Becker/Sipe/Miller/Wilcox Grade: K

**Activity Description:**

Nature walks about trees with Lowell Kindergarten classes, teachers, and parents.

**Number of adults involved:** 15

**Number of students/youth involved:** 60

Date: April, 2012 Leaders: Betty Harrison and Dean Makey Grade: 5

**Activity Description:**

Classroom presentations about ruffed grouse biology and habitat requirements. Outdoor projects to construct drumming logs and seeding clover food plots.

**Number of adults involved:** 10

**Number of students/youth involved:** 120

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Or paper reports can be mailed to:

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