



## School Forest Annual Report 2013-2014 School Year

Please submit before June 30 to:  
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### School Forest Support

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Type	Name/Organization	What was contributed?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DNR Forester	Dean Makey	Lots, as always!
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer	Parents	Supervision
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grant-In-Aid	Brainerd Nordic Ski Club	Trail maintenance & ski trail grooming
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	Scott Harrison	K-Grove School Signs

2. Did you get DNR seedlings?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Already had one!

4. Do you have a School Forest webpage?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the URL?

(sort of)

<http://fms.isd181.org/fms-school-info>

<https://forestviewtrailcameras.shutterfly.com/>

5. Do you want help from DNR School Forest staff with your School Forest committee?

Yes

No

Not sure

6. Do you have a School Forest stewardship or management plan?

Yes

No

Not sure

7. Tell us what's going on at your School Forest. Have there been any changes, happenings, or improvements with your Site, Committee, or Teaching Staff?

**After 10 years, the school forest stewardship plan began an update process with the assistance of DNR forester (retired) Dean Makey.**

**School and city are coordinating removal of large amounts of sand/fill that had been stored more than 10 years ago on current school forest land.**

## School Forest Activities

Include activities done by other teachers and community groups

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

Month or season	Grade(s)	Teacher Name(s)	# of Visits	Event/Topic/Activity Description	# of Students
Sept. 2013	5	Halverson	1	Forestry Days – <b>all</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> grades	500+ students & teachers
Sept. 2013	K	O’Grady	1	Plant Kindergarten Trees – <b>all</b> Kindergarten classes	500+ students, teachers, parents
Oct. 2013	3	Caughey	1	Visits to School Forest for learning activities by <b>all</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade classes	500+ students, teachers, parents
Oct. 2013	5	Harrison	1	Mechanical release work	125
Nov. 2013	5	Halverson	1	Mechanical release work	125
Nov. 2013	5	Danielson	1	Mechanical release work	125
Nov. 2013	8	D. Hodge	2	Bud capping and release cutting	152
Fall 2013	8	D. Hodge	2	GPS and orienteering project	152
Fall 2013	7	C. Hanson	1	Bud capping and release cutting	165
Late Fall 2013	5	K. Almen	1	Sensory images & figurative language lesson	55
Winter 2013 - 14	5-12	Coaching staff	25	Nordic ski team practice and competitions	30-120
May 2014	7 & 8	Hodge C. Hanson	2	Remove bud caps	60
May 2014	5	Harrison	1	Ruffed Grouse study & bird house maintenance	125
Spring 2014	7	C. Hanson		Trail camera study	8
Spring 2014	6-8	All staff		School wide forest trail fun run	~1300
Spring 2014		Makey & S.Harrison	2	Construct and install school signs & map at Kindergarten Grove (identify K Trees)	
June 2014	5	Halverson	1	Mechanical release work; tree shelter maintenance	125
June 2014	Race for the Cure	Commun.	1	Runners and walkers circumnavigate SF and use parking area as water stop	1000+
All year		Commun.	?	Trails used for nature walks & fitness – hiking, running, mountain biking, X-C skiing	?
All year		Makey	Many	Maintenance of informational & directional trail signs; monitoring of tree seedling growth & health concerns	

**Total # of people who used the School Forest in 2013-2014:**

Teachers ~ 65+  
 Students 4,000+

## Visit Highlights

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

**Date:** Fall, 2013

**Leaders:** Mr. Dalen Hodge

**Grade:** 8

**Activity description:**

**8th grade earth science students used the school forest for “old fashioned” compass orienteering and then “high tech” GPS location finding and routing activities.**

**Date:** 1-25-14

**Leaders:** Mary Claire Ryan, Diane Meyer, and Nordic ski coaching staff

**Grades:** 6-12

**Activity description:**

**Nordic ski race. ~120 Middle and High School Nordic skiers raced 3 and 4.5 km races on school forest trails groomed by the Brainerd Nordic Ski Club which uses DNR Grant-In-Aid funding. (Brainerd varsity boys and Little Falls varsity girls won team titles.)**

Anything else you'd like to share? (additional highlights, problems, concerns, etc.)

- **The Forestview PE staff organized a school wide (grades 6 - 8) “fun run” of 2.1 miles through the school forest in the spring. The school adjusted its schedule to accommodate the block of time for the morning event. All staff either participated or volunteered in what was a very successful and healthy event. Great local TV coverage archived at: <http://lptv.org/forestview-middle-school-runs-for-fun/>**
- **Chris Hanson and Dean Makey attended the School Forest Conference in Bemidji on March 28, 2014.**
- **A School Forest Committee meeting was held on April 2, 2014.**

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