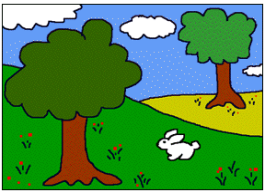




ANNUAL FOREST POSTER CONTEST FOR BC STUDENTS

September 18, 2006- BC communities are once again gearing up for National Forest Week, whose theme this year is: *"Canada's Natural Resources - Connected to Our People and Our Land"*.



To honour the almost century-old National Forest Week tradition, set for September 24-30th this year, **FOREDBC** will once again offer a provincial poster contest for students. Posters should illustrate the above theme. The winning entry from the three categories of primary, intermediate and secondary will each collect a **\$50 prize** from **FOREDBC**.

FOREDBC, short for **FOR ED ucation about our environment & its natural resources**, is a charitable non-profit association established in 1925. We work with aligned groups and volunteers such as the Spirit Bear Youth Coalition, the Aboriginal Forest Industries Council, & the Ministry of Forests on community-based sustainability projects.

Other events to recognize National Forest Week are being held by local Ministry of Forests offices, forest sector employers and environmental community groups independent of **FOREDBC**.

The event began in the 1920s as Forest Fire Prevention Week and evolved to its present form to provide a wide range of forest information and regional activities. The goals are to raise national awareness of forests' importance and promote their sustainable management for present and future needs.

Deadline for poster submission to **FOREDBC** is **November 15, 2006**. Posters should be on 11x17 paper and reflect the National Forest Week theme, and the importance of forests to our environment, lifestyle and economy. Any type of artistic medium may be used, i.e. pencil, crayon, paint, mural, collage etc. *Students should note their name, grade, school, and school address, phone and fax number on the back of all posters.* All posters become the property of **FOREDBC**. Due to the large volume of entries received, **FOREDBC** is not able to return posters. Only winners will be notified and profiled in our magazine Landscapes.

If you require any additional information on the poster event, please email education@foredbc.org or fax 604-737-8598.

Please mail posters postmarked no later than November 15, 2006 to FOREDBC c/o Education Coordinator, #213-4438 West 10th Ave. Vancouver, BC V6R 4R8

*Fact: Canada's forests cover 453 million hectares, almost 50 per cent of the country's land surface.
Canada's forests account for 10 per cent of the world's forests.*