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## Coquitlam Teen Wins Essay Contest -Contest winners announced-

**Vancouver, BC (November 17, 2011)** – Bronwyn Balaz-Munn, age 16, of Coquitlam, was the first place winner of the Association of BC Forest Professionals' (ABCFP's) first essay contest.

The essay contest, held during National Forest Week, invited youth between 13 and 18 to write about what the forest means to them, their communities or the province of BC. The entries demonstrated the teens' love of the forest as a place to recreate, as a home for animals and as an important contributor to the economy.

Bronwyn's essay spoke about the joy she had as a child playing in an urban forest in Coquitlam and underlined the importance of having these special places in urban settings. Bronwyn received a \$300 prize and her essay has been published on the ABCFP's website.

The winners are:

First Place: Bronwyn Balaz-Munn, aged 16 of Coquitlam

Runners Up: Kelton Rohrick, aged 13 of Invermere and Valerie Flokstra, aged 16 of Chilliwack.

Visit the ABCFP website to view the winning entries: [www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca).

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*The **Association of BC Forest Professionals**, established in 1947, is the largest professional forestry association in Canada with over 5,400 members. The association registers and regulates professional foresters and forest technologists under authority of the provincial Foresters Act.*

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