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Celebrate National Forest Week with Art and Win!

Vancouver, BC (September 13, 2011) – The Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABC FP) and the Truck Loggers Association (TLA) are holding an art competition from September 18 to October 21, 2011 to celebrate National Forest Week and the International Year of the Forest. The art competition is open to kids aged 4 to 12 – parents can submit their own kids' artwork or teachers can enter the work of the whole classroom.

Kids from across the province are invited to draw a picture of what the forests in their communities mean to them. There will be three winners – one from each age group. Winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Chapters and will have their pictures published in the ABCFP and TLA magazines and posted on the websites of both organizations.

“Not only is it National Forest Week but 2011 is also the International Year of the Forest,” says Ian Emery, RFT, president of the ABCFP. “Children around the world are learning about the importance of forests and this contest is just one small way we are helping BC children understand what roles the forest plays in their communities.”

The TLA feels the key to a healthy forestry industry is to make sure kids are engaged in the how vital the forests are to British Columbians,” says Dave Lewis, executive director of the TLA. “Learning in a fun and interactive way is also important which is why we support this contest.”

Pick up your pencil crayons and visit the ABCFP or the TLA websites to download the art competition entry form, www.abcfp.ca or www.tla.ca.

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

The TLA (Truck Loggers Association) represents over 400 independent coastal forest contractors and their suppliers in British Columbia. The TLA promotes a thriving, sustainable forest industry in BC, and fosters communication and education within resource communities, urban centres and governments.

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