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## Battle of the NFPs

EACH YEAR DURING NATIONAL FOREST WEEK THE Association of BC Forest Professionals' (ABC FP) Networks of Forest Professionals (NFPs) hold forestry activities throughout the province. They compete with each other to see who can hold the best and most exciting events.

For the past three years the North Island NFP held on to the Battle title despite some excellent competition from other NFPs. This year, the mantle of supremacy was passed to the East Kootenay NFP. They put together an amazing program and managed to reach more than 20,000 families through a supplement in the local paper in addition to events aimed at school kids.

The North Island and Fort St. James NFPs also did amazing jobs and have been declared the runners up. Members of the East Kootenay NFP received coveted ABCFP ball caps and bragging rights for the year.

Check out the battle events for our winner and runner ups below.

### East Kootenay

Because of how extremely valuable the range resource is in the East Kootenay, the Rocky Mountain Forest District and its NFPs have been celebrating National Forest and Range Week for several years.

The local daily newspaper, the Townsman, put out a four-page Rocky Mountain Forest

District update supplement. There were lots of interesting articles and pictures highlighting local forest and range issues. One highlight was the "Three Years at a Glance" fact sheet. It is a valuable guide to district statistics and clearly shows some interesting trends of activities on the land base. Circulation of the newspaper is 20,000 households.

Also, 275 school children toured the Cranbrook Community Forest. Subjects discussed included: trees, plants, grasses, species and where they exist, ecosystems and habitat. The younger kids took a short hike around Kettle Pond which has eight points of interest along its path. Older kids took a longer hike and learned about forest and range issues of interest on the way.

A work bee was held at the Cranbrook Community Forest to clear one hectare and was attended by 65 people. The Cranbrook Cubs, Scouts and Guides took part in tree pulling and dragging slashed trees to roadside. The debris was ground into chips that were placed on the trails in the community forest.

### North Island

The North Island NFP made Careers in Forestry presentations to 100 grade 10 students and 550 primary students. Students also received Trees Clean the Air presentations at their schools. In addition, 200 intermediate



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students participated in a full-day forestry tour including a hike, mini-logger sports competition and a chainsaw demonstration.

### Fort St. James

The Fort St. James NFP organized a hike for 120 grade five students. The hike included a number of stops where the kids and their teachers learned more about different aspects of forestry.

The ABCFP congratulates the winner, runner ups and all of the Network of Forest Professionals that participated in 2010's battle. More photos can be found on the ABCFP's Facebook page. 🐾



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Photo 2.



Photo 3.



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Photo 5.

Photos one through six were featured in the Rocky Mountain Forest District newspaper insert. Photo seven shows children toured by the North Island NFP.

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