

THURSDAY | MARCH 17

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & WELCOME RECEPTION

FRIDAY | MARCH 18

7:30 am - 8:45 am
BREAKFAST

8:45 am
WELCOME TO FORESTEDWEST
Presented by Inside Education

9:00 am
FORESTRY AND FOREST EDUCATION - A CANADIAN CONTEXT

Mark Pearson | Canadian Institute of Forestry
Jessica Kaknevičius | Sustainable Forestry Initiative/PLT Canada

INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON FORESTRY

Garry Merkel | Tahltan Nation, RPF and UBC Faculty of Forestry First Nations Council of Advisors

10:15 am
BREAK

10:30 am
BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1 - Choose one

Room 1 - Ladyslipper/Arnica

Forests & Climate Change

Lee Woodham | Government of Alberta

Forest Health: Pests, Pathogens and Diseases

Caroline Whitehouse | Government of Alberta

Room 2 - Grizzly/Cougar

Hands-On Work Experience

Trevor Nichols | Junior Forest Rangers

Including Indigenous Perspectives in Forest Education

Cori Klassen | Lesser Slave Lake Forest Education Society

Room 3 - Crocus

"Find Your Passion" : A Snapshot of COFI's Forest Education Program

Jim Costley | British Columbia Council of Forest Industries

The Gap Year Experience: Bridging High School and Career Exploration

Adam Robb | HOWL

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2 - Choose one

Room 1 - Ladyslipper/Arnica

Introducing FireSmart Alberta

Micheal Flynn | FireSmart Alberta

Wildfire and Air Quality

Gary Redmond | West Central Airshed Society

Room 2 - Grizzly/Cougar

Building The Future of Forest Professionals: Research, Innovation & Post-Secondary Experiences

Dr. Simon Landhausser, Dr. Nadir Erbilgin, Dr. Charles Nock & Hyerin Hong | Department of Renewable Resources, University of Alberta

Room 3 - Crocus

An Online Mapping Platform for Science Based Outdoor Learning

Rob Buchanan | BC Outdoor Experts

Engaging Diverse High School Age Youth

Michelle Holland | Canadian Wildlife Federation

12:15 pm
LUNCH

1:15 pm
FIELD TOURS - Choose one



1. Research & Education in Action

Biogeoscience Institute | University of Calgary

2. Forest Management in Action - Prescribed burning and Mountain Pine Beetle Tour

Parks Canada & Government of Alberta | Calgary Forest Area

3. Kananaskis in Action - Sibbald Bus Tour and the Field Experience Centre

Government of Alberta & Connect Charter School

4:00 pm
BREAK

6:30 pm
KEYNOTE DINNER

Bruce Kirkby | Explorer, Writer, Photographer



SATURDAY | MARCH 19

7:30 am - 9:00 am
BREAKFAST

9:00 am
THE FUTURE OF FORESTS PANEL DISCUSSION

Bev Yee | Environment and Parks - Government of Alberta

Dr. Nadir Erbilgin | University of Alberta

Dr. Brett Purdy | Alberta Innovates

Steve McIsaac | Inside Education

Moderated by Alex Drummond

10:00 am
BREAK

10:30 am
BREAKOUT SESSIONS #3 - Choose one

Room 1 - Ladyslipper/Arnica

Exploring Boreal Wetlands

Catherine Brown & Chelsea Martin | Ducks Unlimited Canada

Forests & Watersheds

Michael Wagner | Government of Alberta

Room 2 - Grizzly/Cougar

Land-Use Simulators for Education

Jennifer Janzen | Alberta/Canada Tomorrow

Activities in Forestry Learning

Bernadette Slager | Saskatchewan Forestry Association

Room 3 - Crocus

Environmental Education for New Canadians

Sithara Fernando & Alex Drummond | NorQuest College

Free To Grow In Forestry

Mark Pearson | Canadian Institute of Forestry

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS #4 - Choose one

Room 1 - Ladyslipper/Arnica

We Speak for The Trees

Bill Belsey | Rancheview School, Rockyview School Division

Forestry Through a Natural Science Lens

Warren Lake | Robert Thirsk High School, Calgary Board of Education

Room 2 - Grizzly/Cougar

Collaboration in Forest Education

Forest Futures Alliance | WorkWild, CAREERS NextGeneration & Inside Education

Room 3 - Crocus

Love. Alberta. Forests. — A Forest Education Campaign

Brock Mulligan | Alberta Forest Products Association

The WestCastle Project: Bridging Real World Science with Gaming Technology

Dan Pigat | FluidPlanet

12:10 pm
LUNCH

1:00 pm
INSPIRING YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY KEYNOTE

Simon Jackson | Movement Builder & Storyteller



1:45 pm
Youth Perspectives on Forest Education Panel Discussion

Featuring: **Ava Vanderbeek, Maya Carr, Kayla Carrillo & Sandeep Singh**

2:15 pm
BREAK

2:45 pm
WORKSHOPS - Choose one

1. Hands On Forest Education Kits for Kindergarten to Grade 12

Laura Pekkola & Colin King | Inside Education

2. Forest Smart: Exploring the Forest Literacy Framework

Danika Strecko | Sustainable Forestry Initiative

3. Indigenous Plants and Medicine Walk

Jordan Ede | Mahikan Trails

3:45 pm
BREAK

6:30 pm
OFF-SITE BARBEQUE AND SOCIAL EVENT

11:00 pm
Brewsters Mount View Barbeque



SUNDAY | MARCH 20

8:00 am - 9:00 am
BREAKFAST

9:00 am
FORESTEDWEST CONVERSATION TO ACTION

This session will feature facilitated round table discussions on a wide variety of forest and forest education topics including:

- Evaluating the impact of environmental education programs
- Increasing the profile of forest education in Canada
- Career building in forestry
- Addressing misconceptions about the forest sector
- Post-pandemic initiatives
- Creating hands-on experiences for forest education
- Diversity in the forest sector
- Engagement with Indigenous communities
- Forest stewardship and sustainability
- Climate change programs and impacts
- And more....

10:00 am
BREAK

10:30 am
FOREST EDUCATION RESOURCE SHARING AND COLLABORATION

Featuring: **Inside Education, CAREERS The Next Generation, Outdoor Learning Store, University of Alberta, Junior Forest Rangers, Ducks Unlimited**

11:30 am
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