



Forestry Science Skills Checklist

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Level 1

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1. List and describe 3 key roles of forestry..... _____
2. List 5 types of trees that live in Idaho Forests..... _____
3. Define forestry..... _____
4. List and describe parts of a tree..... _____
5. List and describe the different climates in which trees can live..... _____
6. Explore, describe, and draw a picture of a forestry site in your county in Idaho..... _____
7. Demonstrate the (Hydrologic) water cycle _____
8. Identify water use by trees of the past, present, and future _____
9. Interview a forest manager and describe 2 tasks they do, 2 management tools they use, 2 employment (jobs) and 2 areas of study..... _____
10. Explain how to age trees by counting their rings..... _____
11. Explore and draw a hillside and label the positions on the slope where different grasses may occur _____
12. Understand and describe 5 aspects of forest ecology _____
13. Take a hike in a forestland area for 30 minutes, record the experience as a picture, drawing, or journal entry _____
14. Explain what tree communities are and how they benefit forestry _____
15. Identify three(3) microclimates found in forest land _____
16. Draw and explain a diagram in the forestry food web _____
17. Draw and describe steps of primary succession..... _____
18. Collect 5 distinct forest plant samples and discuss the differences and why they are different _____
19. Identify, make a picture record, or drawing of 5 different plants, 5 animals that live on forest land, in forest supported waters, or both _____
20. Identify 5 ways to manage forests sustainably..... _____
21. Make a list of current local forestry issues and investigate one _____
22. Place historical forest events on a timeline _____
23. Read a topographic map for trips and to locate forests _____
24. Interview a local family that manages forestland _____



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Level 2

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1. List and describe 5 human activities that can improve forestry and five that can degrade forestry _____
2. Describe and explain the process of photosynthesis _____
3. Explain the tree life cycle _____
4. Identify and record in a journal, pictures or scrapbook 10 important forestry management practices that enhance sustainability of forestland for domestic animals and/or wildlife _____
5. Build a wetland model and explain why wetlands are important to forestland quality _____
6. Outline a watershed using topographic maps in your community or construct a 3-D watershed model and identify forestry succession orders _____
7. Locate and identify 5 tree diseases and 5 types of forest insect damage _____
8. Investigate invasive species and forest habitats _____
9. Recognize the risk of fire damage to forests _____
10. Find forestry information from (5) different types of forests or states on the Internet _____
11. Conduct a forestland protection assessment _____
12. Measure the height, width, and volume of a standing tree _____
13. Compare and contrast forestry use in your community in past, present, and future _____
14. Identify and research a forestry resource issue in your community including interviews with at least 2 forestry resource professionals (recreationist, industry, agriculture, land managers, elected officials) _____
15. Take a younger age group on a forest walk _____
16. Identify and research one forestry species that is listed as Threatened or Endangered and explain why they are threatened or endangered. _____
17. Draw or make a collage of a forest food web. Describe how changes in forestry condition can affect the food web _____
18. Tour and interview experts at a forestry research center _____
19. Attend a natural resource or forestry camp _____



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Level 3

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1. Identify 40 or more trees using a tree key _____
2. Learn major world forest types (biomes) and uses of forests around the world _____
3. Build a forestland model and demonstrate contaminant movement in the soil, water and air _____
4. Design a community action plan to address a urban forestry issue researched..... _____
5. Understand the issues, importance and consequences of trimming trees in an urban forest _____
6. Demonstrate to a younger age group land use effects on forestry using a forestry model..... _____
7. Do a complete forestry walk (including macro invertebrate identification, soil, plant and water chemistry sampling) on two local forestry sites make comparison of forestry health of each _____
8. Identify and research a forestry resource issue in your community including interviews with at least 5 forestry resource professionals (recreationist, industry, agriculture, land managers, elected officials) _____
9. Lead a Land Use Simulation Game. Include your forestry resource issue researched above _____
10. Tour and interview personnel at a plant materials research center, wildlife, or livestock research facility that includes forestry as part of their research mission _____
11. Take a leadership role (camp counselor, instructor, resource person) at a natural resource or forestry camp _____
12. Organize, identify partners, implement, and evaluate a forestry education workshop for your community on an issue important to maintaining Idaho forest land _____
13. Organize, identify partners, implement, and evaluate a forestry research study in your community on an issue important to maintaining Idaho forestland _____

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Reference

Idaho 4-H Program resources that address forestry and do not require training to use. Items identified in this checklist may be accomplished by selecting activities from the following Idaho 4-H resources:

IDAHO 4-H PROJECTS: Grizzly Mountain Forest, Big Wood Valley, Issues Investigation, Wildlife, 4-H Discovery-Learning Outdoors, Sports Fishing, Survival, EM*Power, Recycle for Reuse, Gardening, and Horticulture – Idaho 4-H Today, Cooperative Extension System, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844-3015

Selected Natural Resource and Forestry curriculums or resources that do not require training to use. Items identified in this checklist may be accomplished by selecting activities from the following resources:

Oregon State University, National 4-H Forestry Invitational Materials:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/resources/materials.html>

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program National Manual (2005) Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Stillwater, OK. <http://www.whep.org/>

Junior Master Gardener Program (2005) Texas A & M University Press, College Station, TX
www.jmgkids.us

Selected Natural Resource and Forestry resources that may require training before educators/volunteers receive the resource materials. Items identified in this checklist may be accomplished by selecting activities contained in following resources:

College of Natural Resources University of Idaho: <http://www.cnrhome.uidaho.edu/>

GLOBE – www.globe.gov

Idaho - Forestry: <http://www.city-data.com/states/Idaho-Forestry.html>

Idaho Fish and Game - www2.state.id.us/fishgame/index.htm

Idaho Forest Products Commission: <http://www.idahoforests.org/>

Idaho State Forestry Contest-2006:

<http://www.idl.idaho.gov/bureau/ForestAssist/contest2006/contest2006.htm>

Idaho Water Quality Programs (DEQ) - <http://www2.state.id.us/deq/water/water1.htm>

National Arbor Day Foundation: <http://www.arborday.org/>

Project Learning Tree - www.plt.org

Project WET - <http://www.montana.edu/wwwwet/>

Project Wild/Aquatic Wild – <http://www.projectwild.org/>

Senior, Youth, and Volunteer Programs (SYVP): <http://www.fs.fed.us/people/volunteer/>

Society of American Foresters (SAF): <http://www.safnet.org/>

The Ecological Society of America: <http://www.esa.org/>

U.S. Geological Survey: <http://www.usgs.gov/>

UI Extension Forestry and Outreach: <http://www.cnr.uidaho.edu/extforest/>

University of Idaho Extension Forestry: <http://www.extension.uidaho.edu/forestry.asp>

Urban Forest Ecosystems: <http://www.americanforests.org/>

Urban Forestry: <http://www.urban-forestry.com/>

USDA Forest Service – Boise National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/hfi/examples/boise.shtml>

USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/>

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