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Canadian Lumbermen's Association Eastern Canadian Teachers' Tours Status Report and Briefing Note – June 5th, 2006

Background

The Canadian Lumbermen's Association Eastern Canadian Teachers' Tour was initially developed and co-hosted by the Temperate Forest Foundation, the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, and the Canadian Ecology Centre – Forestry Research Partnership in August 2001. The purpose of the tour is to present an accurate and unbiased overview of forest management and the forest industry and to provide teachers with the information, materials and incentives to promote the forestry sector as a viable career path to students. To date there have been five English and two French Tours with over 280 teachers participating.

The tours include visits to forestry research sites, mills, and active forestry field operations. There are numerous hands-on activities including tree planting, forest fire fighting and the use of various forest data collection tools. A definite highlight of the tour is a forest landscape observation helicopter flight, which gives a unique perspective of the overall state of the forest, and the positioning and pattern of forestry activities. The event also allows teachers to meet face to face with a variety of forestry workers and professionals from government and industry, as well as independent contractors.

2006 Tour Dates

- English tour: Tuesday August 8th to Friday August 11th
- French tour: Monday August 14th to Thursday August 17th

Number of applicants for each tour as of March 31st (capacity is 35 teachers per tour)

- 36 registrants for English tour
- 35 registrants for French tour

Tours are full!

Budget

- \$75 000 needed for both tours
- \$69,800 pledged to date (including \$30 000 from CLA); 10 traditional and new sponsors contacted last week; approximately 15 more sponsors to approach

Progress to Date

- 70+ info packages mailed out to all confirmed teachers
- Previous year field tour guides have been contacted and are being confirmed
- Initial contact made with past Job Fair participants – some confirmations
- Buses booked through purchase order
- Teacher resource suppliers contacted, items beginning to arrive (including 75+ copies of Lake Abitibi Model Forest's 'Mysteries of the Boreal Teaching Kit')
- Traditional Lumberjack dinner booked at Myrt's restaurant in Mattawa
- Initial discussions with main caterer have taken place
- Wakami Wailers are booked (still uncertain re night 2 or night 3 for concerts)
- Staff and cabins reserved for both tours
- Complimentary promotional products ordered (nalgens, hats, carry-all bags, etc.)

To be done:

- Continue to contact previous and new sponsors to acquire funding
- Book Temiscaming dinner and speakers
- Obtain tour guide microphone system from Tembec Huntsville
- Prepare resource packages and handouts for teachers
- Prepare crib notes for field guides
- Book feller-buncher
- Prepare detailed staffing responsibilities list
- Confirm all other guests, speakers, presenters, etc.
- Other logistics: porta-potties, drinks, liquor license, etc.
- Book Columbia Forest Products Veneer mill tour in Rutherglen; Tembec mills in Temiscaming
- Reserve helicopter and pilot for McConnell Lakes tours
- Brief helicopter pilot (maps, interpretive info, etc.)
- Revise and distribute media package; deal with news-media interest
- Continually confer with, reassure, and assist all participating teachers; email and phone...
- Issue reminders to all involved and participating (July, August)

Increased effort to evaluate and ensure classroom use*Opening night*

- "10 000 Uses for Wood" game
- Hands-on activities repeatable in the classroom: paper-making, pulp and fiberboard samples
- Increase scope of forestry career fair: canoe maker, carvers
- CLA will have full booth and main presentation opportunity during job fair

Speakers

- Coach speakers and experts to highlight industry importance and career possibilities.

Final workshop

- Link teacher resources to specific curriculum
- Smaller group workshops according to grade

Follow up

- Possibility of Teachers' Tour "Reunion" at teachers' cost; provide more in depth workshop opportunities
- Contact teachers 2-3X during year by email and letter to determine integration of forestry education resources into curriculum

Additional Information

- Please visit our website at: <http://teacherstour.canadianecology.ca/>
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Time:	Tuesday, August 8	Wednesday, August 9	Thursday, August 10	Friday, August 11
		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Morning		McConnell Lakes Field Forestry Activities	Tools to Teach with... Part 1 'Tools to Teach With' – Part Two	Wrap-up Presentation, Evaluations 'Implementing Forestry Education in the Classroom - Applying the Tour'
		Lunch	Lunch	
Afternoon	Arrival, Registration, Orientation, and Canoe Paddle- making Welcomes, Introductions, and Orientation Forestry 101	Tembec Mill Tour Temiscaming Scenic Tour	Columbia Forest Products Hardwood Veneer Mill Tour Hwy. 533/Olrig Road Forestry Tour	Shuttles to North Bay Finish Your Canoe Paddle (Optional)
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Evening	Forestry Job Fair Campfire	Wakami Wailers Concert	Spirit Hike	

Tournée des professeurs de l'Est du Canada 2006 – Association canadienne de l'industrie du bois

Heure:	Lundi, 14 août	Mardi, 15 août	Mercredi, 16 août	Jeudi, 17 août
		Déjeuner	Déjeuner	Déjeuner
Avant-midi		Activités forestières au Lac McConnell	« Outils pédagogiques » – Première partie « Outils pédagogiques » - Deuxième partie	Retour, présentations, évaluation « Incorporation de l'éducation forestière à l'intérieur de la classe – Application des connaissances acquises lors de la Tournée »
		Dîner	Dîner	
Après-midi	Mots de bienvenue, introduction Foresterie 101	Visite de l'usine de Tembec Inc. Visite de la ville de Témiscaming	Visite d'une usine de placage de feuillus de Columbia Forest Products Visite de sites de recherche	Finition de votre pagaie (optionnelle)
	Souper	Souper	Souper	
Soirée	Foire à l'emploi forestier Feu de camp	Concert Wakami Wailers	Circuit des esprits	