



TO: PARENTS (AND STUDENTS)
FROM: DIANE DEALEY NEILL, FOUNDER AND COORDINATOR
CALIFORNIA FORESTRY CHALLENGE
RE: 2015 FORESTRY CHALLENGE

Thank you for your child's and his/her teacher's interest in the California Forestry Challenge. The Forestry Challenge is a competitive forestry event for high school students. Five events are scheduled this fall for Wednesdays through Saturdays in Shasta County (September 23 to 26), Tulare County (October 7 to 10), El Dorado County (October 14 to 17), Santa Cruz County (November 4 to 7), and San Bernardino County (November 18 to 21). Participating students and their teacher/advisor will be away from campus for two school days, a Thursday and a Friday. While off campus, they will have a unique opportunity to learn about the forest.

To learn more about the Forestry Challenge, visit www.forestrychallenge.org where you will find the event schedule, rules, and a link to the host facilities. On the home page there is a link to a TV news report, which is a good 2 minute explanation of the Forestry Challenge program, as well as a student-made video. Video slide shows of all 2014 events are linked on the "Events" pages.

Please note that the registration fee varies by location, ranging from \$100 to \$165 per person, only because of the differing costs of the facilities, not because of any program differences. The fee is due 12 days prior to the event and covers food, lodging for three nights, and an event t-shirt. If you and/or the school are unable to pay the fee, your school can request assistance. No one has ever been prevented from attending because they did not have the funds.

Students are supervised at all times, and stay in cabins or dorms with an adult chaperone. All educational and social activities are conducted in a safe and fun environment. There will be an RN on staff who has advanced training in outdoor emergency care.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at dianedealeyneill@gmail.com or call me at (530) 417-1960.