



Maine Forest products week possibilities

Goals: Let people know that the forest products industry is rebounding and that forest products businesses and jobs are in every county, not just in the north Maine woods.

Tours of forest products facilities

Tours for legislators

Post a sign (we're working on one to give out) at your business, town office or local stores.

Governor's Forest Products Summit (Maine had one at the Blaine House in 1985)

Online Calendar of events

Letters to editor about forest products for Maine daily and weekly papers

Create PowerPoint that folks can use to talk about industry in their towns or regions.

Forest products exhibits at libraries, state and offices.

Essay contest for students

Video contest for students

Regional job fairs to describe industry jobs with logging machines on display

Exhibits at museums and libraries

Open houses at Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs with Forestry/Wood Harvesting programs, including at Oxford Hills Technical School, [Foster Career and Technical Education Center](#), Farmington; Region 9 School of Applied Technology, Mexico, and Region Two School of Applied Technology, Houlton.

Showcase University of Maine Woodsmen Team: The Woodsmen Team is a co-ed organization dedicated to maintaining the old woods skills and competing on the intercollegiate level throughout the Northeast and Canada. This team has been a University of Maine tradition for over 40 years. Events include standing block chop, single buck, cross-cut to death, bow-saw, fire build, pole climb, quarter split, and many more events.

EXAMPLES FROM OTHER STATES:

FLORIDA: Florida Working Forests Week 2019: <http://floridaforest.org/programs/working-forests-week/>

KENTUCKY: The Kentucky Wood Expo is one of the best regional Wood Product Shows in the country. Over 100 exhibitors will be present to display equipment and services that benefit the large wood industry located throughout the region. The annual Wood Expo, which the Tourism Council has ranked as one of the top 10 tourist events in Kentucky, is expected to draw 6,000-8,000 visitors from around the region. Attendees will be on hand to see the latest in wood processing equipment for the forest products industry and enjoy all types of family activities.



Kentucky Chainsaw Carving Competition - The Chainsaw Carving Competition continued again this year with 5 carvers competing to design the perfect piece to submit to a live auction on Saturday. The piece that raised the most money determined the winner of the competition who was Abby Peterson, Webster, KY whose carving brought a bid of \$3,000 (pictured). The money was a 50/50 split with Log a Load for Kids raising \$2,575 for the Kentucky Children's Hospital. Special thanks to all of the carvers for putting on a great show to help the kids.

IDAHO: Idaho message: *Our Future Grows in Idaho Forests*" - <https://idahoforests.org/program-topic/national-forest-products-week/>

Create forest products week T-shirt: <https://idahoforests.org/product/idaho-forest-t-shirt/>

OREGON: "The Oregon Forest Resources Institute kicked off this year's (2018) celebration of Oregon forest products with an October 19 tour of two mass timber buildings under construction on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. More than 50 elected and appointed officials, policymakers, media and others visited the construction sites for the new Peavy Hall, future home of the OSU College of Forestry, and the Emmerson Advanced Wood Products Laboratory. Both buildings are being constructed using Oregon-made wood products sourced from within 300 miles of Corvallis. In addition to touring the Oregon Forest Science Complex project, the group visited an OSU research forest and heard a panel discussion about forest collaborative groups, which provide input from a diverse group of stakeholders to help the U.S. Forest Service implement forest restoration projects on federal forests that reflect a range of public values."

The Forest Service celebrates cross laminated timber during Forest Products Week

<https://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/labnotes/?p=27129>

Ted Freres awarded Lumberman of the Year

MONTANA: Links to [Events Montana Forest Products week](#).

How the Montana Wood Products Association celebrates [Forest products week](#) (including SmartLam cross-laminated timber exhibit at airport) and [Governor's Award for Excellence in the Use and Promotion of Montana Wood](#). Established in 2014 by Executive Order No.12-2014 to Promote Use of Montana Wood Products, this award is part of a greater effort to foster economic growth, community enhancement, and conservation in the state of Montana.

"The State of Montana will institute an awards program to recognize the contribution (s) by an individual or entity to advance the utilization and/or promotion of Montana sourced wood products. The award will be presented by the Governor each year in October during Montana Forest Products Week."

NORTH CAROLINA FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK ESSAY CONTEST: The North Carolina Forest Association received over 1,000 essays from students across the state in for the National Forest Products Week Essay Contest. The contest was sponsored by the North Carolina SFI Implementation Committee, the North Carolina Forest Service and NCFA.