

SAF UMPQUA CHAPTER 2015 –

A YEAR TO REMEMBER

This year the chapter donated over \$2000 to ONREF and the below events/programs.

Arbor Day Event –

Students from the Fir Grove Elementary and Sunnyslope Elementary School planted hundreds of seedlings in the Douglas Complex fire area. Umpqua Chapter members participated in the planting helping share the joy of a bright future with the young planters.



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At a local favorite park, a community Arbor Day event was organized. The chapter donated refreshments and chapter members helped with participants. Tree cookies, tree and cone identification, and a bookmark tree stamping activity were to be found at this event. Left over cookies were donated to the Glide Forestry Tour for prizes for speakers and the St. Joseph's community kitchen free dinner program. The church was especially grateful for the cookies as they are not often able to offer desserts.

Earth Day and Energy Fair ---

Our annual participation to this local fair is always a great way to reach out to our community. The Chapter gave away over 600 seedlings and spoke to many members of our community on topics of tree planting, tree care and many more forestry issues.



Glide Forestry School Tour –

An annual school tour designed for 5th graders was the another success with approximately 1,000 5th graders participating in this event that has being going on for 40+ years. Umpqua Chapter members instructed in topics of Forest Management, Forest Products, and Tree Identification. Other topics offered at this event include: Wildlife, Archeology, Fisheries, and Fire Management. After lunch activities included the fun forestry favorites of cross cut saw and choker set. The chapter also donated \$500 towards event expenses.

Sutherlin High School Drone –

The Umpqua Chapter donated the remaining \$300 needed to purchase this high-flying machine to be put in the hands of students. Students will use aerial video and GPS data in order to survey and analyze agricultural and forestland for plant and wildlife populations, measure tree heights and growth rates, and track watershed streams.



Foresters Fund Grant for the Dillard Alternative High School –

With \$3,200 for equipment to beef up the new forestry program, the Umpqua Chapter is excited to full fill their part of helping instruct the students during the 2015/2016 school year. Equipment use, mill tours, logging tours, plant identification, and data collection are topics expected to be covered.



Barbeque donation to the OSU SAF chapter –

When the OSU Student chapter asked for a BBQ for fundraising opportunities and special events, the Umpqua Chapter stepped up. Finding a used but good condition BBQ and a donated propane tank, the chapter put some accessories together to donate to the student chapter. We look forward to hearing of the fun stories and cash making opportunities.



Firewood cut –

With 17 participants, the Umpqua Chapter split and delivered five cords of firewood to four rural elderly families in Douglas County.

Oakland High School FFA National Convention –

We are proud of our local high school as they were the State Forestry Champions and scored 7th place at the National Competition. The chapter donated \$750 towards their travels for this opportunity to compete in Louisville, Kentucky. Special congratulations to Umpqua Chapter Jake Gibbs daughter, Emma Gibbs as she scored 100% in her interview on Biomass and was on the team that placed 1st in the team component of the competition. Go Oakers!

