



TO: Parents (and Students)  
FROM: Diane Dealey Neill, Forestry Challenge Founder and Coordinator  
RE: 2024 Forestry Challenge Information

Thank you for your child's and their teacher's interest in the Forestry Challenge. The Forestry Challenge is an academic forestry event for high school students. Five events are scheduled this fall for Wednesdays through Saturdays in these locations:

- Shasta - September 25 to 28
- Santa Cruz – October 9 to 12
- El Dorado - October 23 to 26
- San Bernardino session 1 - November 6 to 9
- San Bernardino session 2 - November 13 to 16

The event starts after school on Wednesday so participating students and their teacher(s) 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 and explore career options. The event is free to all students and teachers.

To learn more about the Forestry Challenge, visit [www.forestrychallenge.org](http://www.forestrychallenge.org) and look for the "For Parents" page under each event tab, where you will find the event schedule, rules, and a link to the host facilities in addition to photos and videos from previous events.

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 a medical provider on staff who has advanced training in outdoor emergency care.

Additionally, we are excited to announce the opportunity for your child to receive college credit at Forestry Challenge. Feather River College is offering a 1 unit course called *Intro to Forestry Field Experience*. It is worth one semester unit and there is no enrollment fee or tuition. If your child would like to sign up for this course, please ask them to see their teacher for enrollment info.

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