

The 1st Annual Big Tree Festival

At: Elkington Forest, Trailway Drive & Goldstream Heights, S. Shawnigan Lake

On: April 18, 2014 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

The 1st Annual Big Tree Festival at Elkington Forest is a celebration of community, conservation, creativity and learning on behalf of [The Trust for Sustainable Forestry](#). The festival takes its inspiration from [BC's Big Tree Registry](#). The online registry, a project of the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Forestry, enlists the help of citizens to identify, describe, monitor, and conserve the largest trees of each species within British Columbia. At this inaugural festival, teams of students and community groups will compete to measure and nominate the first big trees to be included in BC's Big Tree Registry in the Cowichan Valley Regional District

All teams will have the opportunity to name, nominate and become designated stewards of one of BC's Big Trees. The competition will include:

- Identifying the scientific name of the tree;
- Obtaining an accurate measurement (plus or minus range to be verified by the festival's registered surveyor);
- Describing and recording the tree's characteristics;
- Completing the Big Tree Registry's nomination form; and
- The team's stated commitment to steward a big tree (optional)

The stewardship commitment includes visiting the Big Tree on an annual basis to detail and record observations on the tree's condition, and to submit these observations to The Trust for Sustainable Forestry and to BC's Big Tree Registry.

Situated in the midst of 1,000 acres of mature and protected forest, the festival will take place in the new conservation community of [Elkington Forest](#). The Trust for Sustainable Forestry has worked in partnership with Elkington Forest to implement conservation/eco-forestry covenants on 850 acres of medium growth (and some old-growth) forest on the Malahat, BC. These conservation lands adjoin agricultural and residential properties nestled within the remaining 150 acres. Elkington Forest is located south of Shawnigan Lake, between Victoria and Mill Bay.

The festivities will include local musicians, games, food vendors, eco-forestry tours, solar energy demonstrations, presentations (by UBC and the Trust for Sustainable Forestry) and community exhibits.

The Festival is seeking: Student Teams, Sponsors, Volunteers, Exhibitors & Community Partners. For more information and to inquire about registering your team for the competition, **please contact Deb Morse, Festival Director: info@sustainableforestry.com or 250-858-8100.**



The Trust for Sustainable Forestry
21-21 Dallas Road, Victoria, BC, 250-386-6600
www.sustainableforestry.com (Festival details coming soon on new website)

Festival supported & sponsored by: Living Forest Communities

Big Tree Festival Schedule

10 am Exhibitors arrive and set up tables

11 am Arrival & Registration for Big Tree Program

12 pm to 1:30 pm

Big Tree Program Introduction
Teams Walk to Big Trees with Site Coordinators
Take Measurements & record observations
Return to Registration Tent to complete calculations
Completion, submission and review of nomination forms

1:45 pm to 2:45 pm

Presentations/Meet & Greet: (more guests to be named)

- Ann Mortiffee CM, The Trust for Sustainable Forestry
- Sonia Furstenau, Shawnigan Lake Area B Director
- UBC's Faculty of Forestry, Big Tree Registry
- Living Forest Communities

11 am - 4 pm ONGOING events planned:

Community fair, exhibit tables, Eco-home tours, Solar energy demos, Eco-forestry Walk & Talk, Trail hiking, Tree climbing, Games, BBQ, Music & children's activities

Contact Info:

Deb Morse, Festival Director

Email: info@sustainableforestry.com

Phone: 250-858-810

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Festival Location:

Elkington Forest, A project of the Trust For Sustainable Forestry, in partnership with Living Forest

Communities: <http://www.elkingtonforest.com>

Google map directions/map: <https://goo.gl/maps/SXWhT>

At Trailway Drive & Goldstream Heights, S. Shawnigan Lake, 35 minutes from Victoria, BC

Estimate of Volunteer Needs * (for Measuring program only)

** Dependent upon number of student teams participating. Finalized April 1st.*

Presenter - Big Tree Registry Intro (UBC)

Provide an introductory 10-15 minute presentation about BC's Big Tree Registry.

Presenter – Big Trees of B.C. (UBC)

Provide a 15-minute presentation about BC's Big Trees. (And/or take part in a panel discussion on Big Tree conservation.)

Program Materials Coordinator (UBC + Teacher(s) of participating student teams)

Assist in the creation of program materials that are grade level appropriate for students. Materials will be based on the Big Tree Registry package for measuring/documenting Big Trees to be nominated in the registry.

Equipment Assistant (UBC or TSF volunteer)

Create an inventory of equipment needs for the measuring program, and assist Festival Director with obtaining required equipment.

Big Tree Site Coordinators (UBC + TSF volunteers): 3-5 people

Gather and lead student teams/other groups to designated Big Tree sites. Provide instructions on measuring procedures and assist students to measure and document descriptions.

Big Tree Documentation Assistants (UBC + TSF volunteers): 3-5 people

Assist student teams in completing the registry nominations forms including the descriptions and mathematical calculations. Review nomination forms and advise teams if corrections are required. (At the Registration Tent)

Registration Assistants: up to 5 people

Sign in student teams and provide laminated forms, name tags and equipment. Match teams up with Site Coordinators. Sign in and schedule unregistered teams and individual citizens.

Big Tree Climbers!!! (UBC)

Big Tree Program Application Student Team/Community Group

Name (contact person): _____

Office/school phone: _____

Cell or home phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of School or Community Group: _____

Grade Level/Ages: _____

School District: _____

Address: _____

Number of participants: _____

Name (group supervisor): _____

Office/school phone: _____

Cell or home phone: _____

Email: _____

Will parents/adult volunteers be assisting your group? YES or NO

Does your supervisor/group members/volunteers
have experience in measuring trees? YES or NO

Would your group like to apply to become a Big Tree Steward? Stewards will visit Big Tree(s) annually to collect data for submission to the Big Tree Registry. YES or NO

Group Supervisors are required to familiarize themselves with the Big Tree Registry package prior to the festival – [Download PDF from Big Tree Registry Website.](#)

Please note that groups will be responsible for transporting themselves to and from Elkington Forest.

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1st Annual Big Tree Festival Volunteer Application

Name : _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of School or Community Group: _____

Age: _____

Transportation Needs:

- I have my own transportation
 I have a vehicle and can take passengers.
 I need transportation.

If you require transportation or can provide transportation, please complete the following information:

Address: _____

Nearest Intersection & City: _____

Please email your application to: info@sustainableforestry.com You will receive a return email with information about volunteer positions and a questionnaire about your skills.

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1st Annual Big Tree Festival Community Table Application

Organization Name : _____

Website: _____

Short description about organization: _____

Contact Person(s)/Volunteers Responsible for Community Table before and on event day:

Name: _____

Phone/cell: _____ Email: _____

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