

The Forest – Our Future

The forest is important to everyone's lives. It gives my family a place to camp, it is a home for animals, and it provides jobs for many people. Trees are a renewable resource that we need to manage responsibly.

My family loves to hunt and fish. While camping I like to look for animals, swim in streams, and fish with marshmallows. I like to eat marshmallows roasted over a campfire, too!

Many animals need homes for protection. I think it is neat how a beaver uses limbs and sticks to build their home. Birds build nests from materials in the forest. Trees provide shelter and food for animals. Flowers, fruits, leaves, and woody parts are yummy treats for animals.

The forest has provided many jobs for my family. My great grandpa was a logger and he worked on the last log drive. My grandma and grandpa worked at the Potlatch mill. Many people in Lewiston depend on the mill in some way. I am thankful that many people can have jobs because of the forest.

The forest is a gift to everyone. We need to grow new trees and not pollute. If we take care of it, it will take care of us. The forest benefits everyone. We can harvest trees to make products. And most important, we get clean air to breathe. Our future depends on what we do today. Let's all take care of the forest – Recycle, Reuse, Replant, and be Responsible.

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