



LESSER SLAVE
**FOREST
EDUCATION
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*An invitation to invest
....your support is key
to our success*

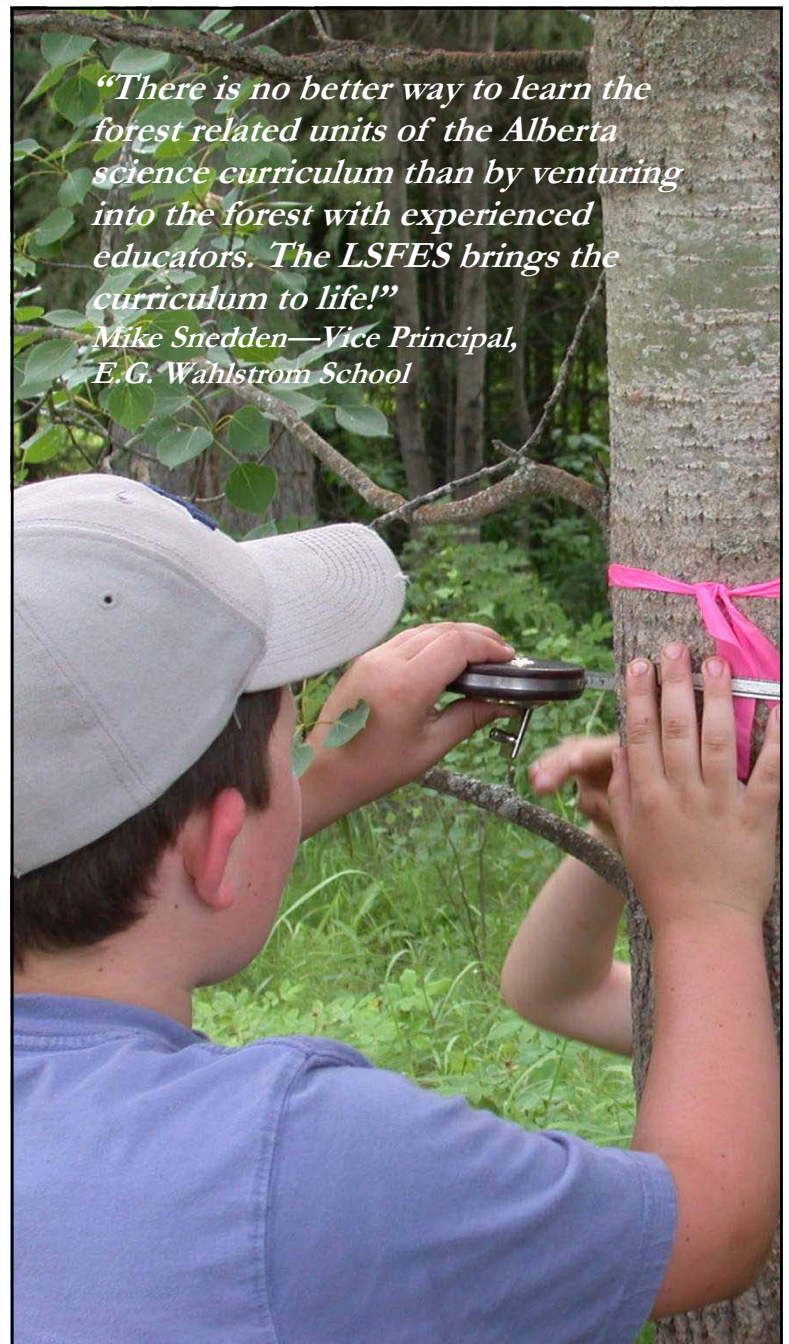
The Lesser Slave Forest Education Society is a non-profit organization committed to forest education and increased public awareness of forestry in the Lesser Slave Lake region. Educational programming is developed and delivered by professional Forest Educators. The society is led by representatives from the forest industry, government, college and schools.

Our Mandate

1. Create, develop and implement curriculum based forest education programming for all classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12
2. Promote forest education and public awareness with special events
3. Provide summer day camp programming
4. Host workshops for teachers interested in enriching their forest and environmental curriculum

2000-2008 Statistics

- 25,000 student participants
- 312 classroom presentations
- 700 field trips
- 110 forestry school tours



“There is no better way to learn the forest related units of the Alberta science curriculum than by venturing into the forest with experienced educators. The LSFES brings the curriculum to life!”

*Mike Snedden—Vice Principal,
E.G. Wahlstrom School*

Our Goals

Over the next few years our society's goals are to expand the breadth of the program and expand geographically within Northern Alberta.

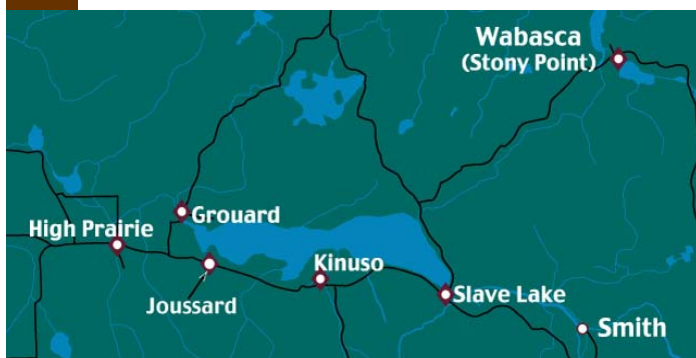
- Expand our presentations in junior and senior high classrooms with an emphasis on careers
- Improve educational resource kits
- Have a web presence
- Develop online resources for kindergarten to grade 12
- Train a volunteer core of educators
- Enhance the Boreal Forest Discovery Camp
- Increase strategic partnerships
- Provide additional scholarships for students
- Continue outreach activities

"I truly appreciate all the help and encouragement the society has offered to me and other future conservationists. When you are a student every little bit helps."

Natalie McLachlan, 2006 scholarship recipient

Our Region

The Lesser Slave Forest Education Society covers an extensive region from High Prairie east, to Slave Lake and Smith, and north to Wabasca. There are 7 school districts in the region and 22 schools currently served by the society.



What is Forest Education?

- Studying plants and animals
- Learning about rocks and soils
- Examining sustainable forest management
- Discovering wetland ecosystems
- Exploring trees and forests
- Visiting a variety of ecosystems
- Understanding biological diversity
- Encountering the forest industry
- Investigating forest careers

Who benefits from your donation?

Children

- Outdoor experience
- Fun and adventure
- Scholarships

Teachers

- Access to unique resources
- Better field trips
- Access to professional expertise
- Happy students

Industry

- Interaction with local communities
- Opportunity to share knowledge
- Future employees
- Demonstration of stewardship
- Networks and affiliations

Families/ Communities

- Family leisure opportunities
- Current forest information
- Community spirit

An Invitation to Invest

We are at a Turning Point...

Our excellent reputation and service have led to overwhelming demand. The complexity of our operation has evolved beyond our current capacity. Significant financial resources are required to manage this growth and achieve our goals.



“The LSFES has established itself as a key player in educating our northern students and fostering lifelong environmental learning.”

Dan Vandermeulen, President Emeritus, Northern Lakes College

Fundraising Goal

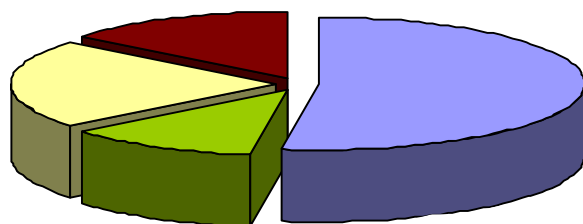
Projected Expansion Costs:

1. Second Full Time Forest Educator
 - Salary\$ 48,000
 - Administration Expenses\$ 10,000
2. Educational Materials
 - Resource Kits\$ 1000
 - Online Resources\$ 1000
 - Website development*\$ 10,000
 - Website maintenance\$ 1000
3. Program Enhancement
 - Outreach activities \$ 2500
 - Boreal Forest Discovery Camp \$ 20,000
 - Post Secondary Scholarships.....\$ 1000

Total Annual Fundraising Goal \$ 94, 500

* one time development costs

Projected Expansion Costs



■ Forest Educator Salary ■ Administration
■ Educational Materials ■ Program Enhancement

How you can help ...

There are many ways to invest in this worthwhile educational initiative.

- Sponsorships (special programming, educator, classroom visit)
- Services in kind
- Monetary donation
- Equipment, facilities, transportation, supplies
- Bequest

Join our current supporters

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- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
- Boreal Center for Bird Conservation
- Ducks Unlimited
- Inside Education
- WOLF-Woodland Operations Learning Foundation
- FRIAA (Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta)

and become a part of our success story



***We've got FUN
down to a science!***

The **Boreal Forest Discovery Camp** is an example of our special programming offered to summer camps in the region. It provides hands-on, interactive learning opportunities where youth have the chance to participate in fun environmental activities such as:

- Hiking and exploring ecosystems
- Investigating plants, animals and bugs
- Solving environmental mysteries through the FBI (Forest Bureau of investigation)

"I believe students in the Slave Lake region are extremely fortunate to have the skilled, dedicated and knowledgeable forest educators visit them through the LSFES."

Steve McLissac, Executive Director, Inside Education

Our Board of Directors

The society is led by a dedicated group of volunteer representatives from industry, schools and government who share a common goal of environmental stewardship.

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