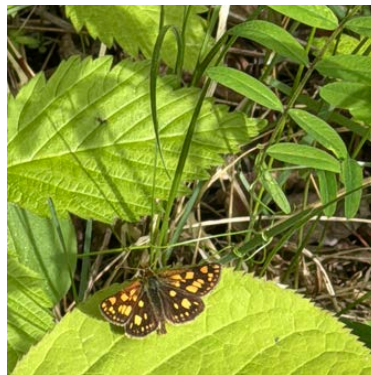


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Message from the President



As we celebrate the Lesser Slave Forest Education Society's 25th year, I am extremely grateful for the many people who have been a part of this journey. Whether you've attended a program, partnered with us, provided funding, or helped behind the scenes, your support has really made a difference. Our mission has always been rooted in the belief that forest education is essential to our communities and by helping people understand the value of our forests, we're planting the seeds for a sustainable future. Looking towards the next 25 years, we are more committed than ever to our mission of increasing awareness of forestry in the Lesser Slave Lake region.

About us

The Lesser Slave Forest Education Society provides:

- curriculum based fieldtrips
- classroom presentations
- water and watershed education
- summer day camp programs
- educational scholarships
- forestry career presentations
- forestry career fairs
- community education programs
- interactive educational apps

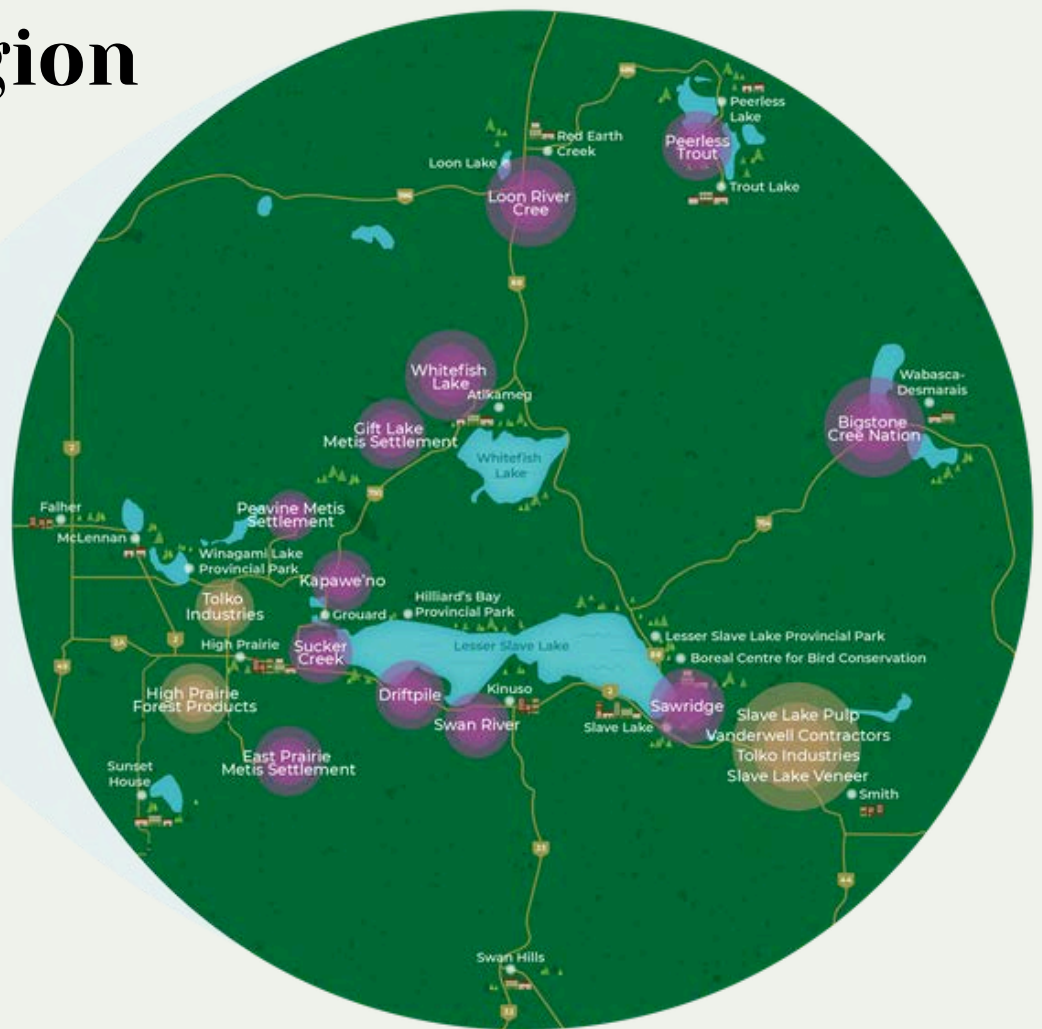
Year at a glance

6,770 total participants in our education programs
2,033 education programs downloaded from our website
340 engagements with our education apps
260 classroom and fieldtrip programs delivered
37 watershed education programs delivered
16 public education events attended
4 scholarships given to post-secondary students

Over 139,000 participants in 25 years!



Service Region



National Forest Week

National Forest week is celebrated throughout the country during the third week in September. Over 175 people attended our forest week celebration at the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation this year. Thank you to Vanderwell, Tolko, West Fraser, Millar Western, Workwild, Northern Lakes College, Canadian Institute of Forestry and Alberta Wildfire for helping to make this fun afternoon a success!



Forestry career education

This year we worked with Tolko, West Fraser, Alberta Wildfire, Northern Lakes College, and WorkWild to put on a forestry career fair for students from grades 9-12 in Slave Lake. This event had over **125** participants from the local area. As a follow up to this event **50** students went on mill tours to Vanderwell and Slave Lake Veneer.

We also worked with WorkWild to meet students in the classroom and showcase careers in forestry. This year we saw **400** teachers and students.



Fieldtrip programs

We delivered **243** field trip programs for students from preschool through grade 12 this year! Our forest education trips bring students into the boreal forest, where we teach science curriculum topics linked to what students are learning in class. These programs offer hands-on learning and encourage students to explore and discover the boreal forest. We collaborate with education partners, Indigenous Elders, and Knowledge Keepers to ensure a well-rounded and balanced educational experience.





Watershed education

The Lesser Slave Watershed Council is an important partner and we work together to provide watershed education programs to students in our region. This year we delivered **37** watershed programs to **917** participants! Students learned about erosion, riparian areas, aquatic invertebrates and water quality. These programs allow students to take part in hands-on scientific investigations in our watershed.

Scholarships

Each year the Lesser Slave Forest Education Society awards [scholarships](#) to students through the MJ Munn-Kristoff Forest Resources Award and the Neal Knoot Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships go to students who are studying forestry, natural resources or environmental sciences at post-secondary institutions. Our Giles Lacoste memorial scholarship goes to students taking trades and resource technology training at Northern Lakes College.



Social media shout outs



Roland Michener Secondary School

8h · 🌐

Yesterday our CALM classes had a presentation by Laura from [Work Wild](#), Braidi from the [Lesser Slave Forest Education Society](#) and Murray from [Millar Western Forest Products](#). They spoke about the important role of boreal forests and how we are impacted by the forest and its products, as well as which careers are available to our students in the forestry industry.

Thank you to Laura, Braidi and Murray!



CJ Schurter School

October 6 at 1:36 PM · 🌐

Mrs. Dana's, Miss Trimming's, and Miss Mitchell's grade three classes had an excellent time at Devonshire Beach learning about life systems with the Lesser Slave Forest Education Society! 🌱🌲🐾



St. Andrew's School

5 days ago · 🌐

Last week grade 6 went on an ecology field trip to the Jackpines North of town. They learned about the biotic and abiotic components of this part of our ecosystem. They had a great day and learned a lot.



Education Staff



Our education staff include our Boreal Educator, seasonal educators and contract educators. These are all shared positions with the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation.



Partnerships

We only manage to reach as many people as we do thanks to our wonderful education partners. The Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory, Lesser Slave Watershed Council, WorkWild and Alberta Parks collaborate with us to deliver education programs throughout the region.

In-Kind Support

Our partners provide valuable in-kind support that includes subject expertise and education delivery. Northern Lakes College and the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation also provide office space for staff, in addition to technical and material support.

This year we received over **\$40,000** in in-kind support from our partners!

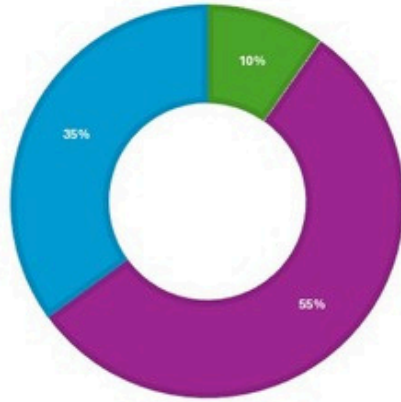


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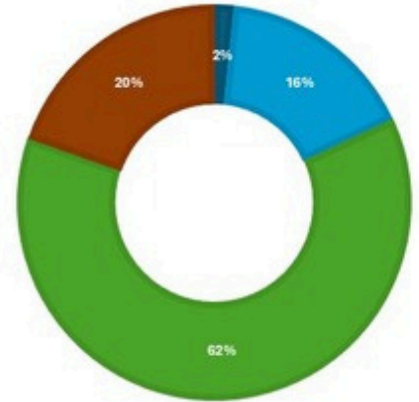


■ Scholarships

■ Administration

■ Education Program Delivery

■ Program Support



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Thank you to our Funders and Major supporters



-Edith MacKenzie and Pat Potvin

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