

## Spring 2012 FSA Newsletter



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*The Forestry Scholarship Association will serve and support the students and student organizations of the College of Forestry and Conservation at The University of Montana through financial and non-financial contributions, student scholarships, mentorship, and advocacy.*

## Presidents Message

It seems hard to believe, but the Forestry Scholarship Association just celebrated its first year on Friday, February 22 with a party at Tower Pizza. It was exciting to see old friends and meet some new ones. The milestone kicked off the first official FSA Membership Drive, so if you aren't already a member of the FSA, now would be a great time to join - [click here to join at our website](#). Your support of the FSA directly benefits College of Forestry and Conservation students and student organizations through FSA sponsored trainings such as S-212, events, and donations by the FSA directly to student organizations.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite each one of you to join us for the 96th Foresters' Ball. If you haven't been to a Foresters' Ball in a few years, this is a good year to go. The students need our support this year more than ever. In addition to the dance and alumni mixer at Tower Pizza, there will be three new events, hosted by the FSA, which will be held in conjunction with this year's Foresters' Ball: the Careers in Natural Resource Management Fair, Community Forestry Day, and FSA Foresters' Ball Sunday Brunch. Whether you attend every event at the Foresters' Ball or just one, I look forward to seeing you there.

I am excited to report that the FSA has been asked to assist with the planning of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the College of Forestry and Conservation. If you have thoughts or ideas for the celebration please contact me at [president@forestryscholarshipassociation.org](mailto:president@forestryscholarshipassociation.org).

I am looking forward to a successful 2013 for the FSA. We had a great first year and are making real, positive changes in the lives of CFC students. There are several exciting events coming up, and I hope to see you at many of them.

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President

Forestry Scholarship Association

## A note from the Secretary

The FSA will be holding elections for four board members - two student members, one general membership position, and one UM CFC faculty position - this spring. In the event the UM CFC faculty position cannot be filled by UM CFC faculty, a member of the community may fill the position. Board members are required to be FSA members. The general membership will elect the positions except for the student positions, which will be elected by CFC students. All board members serve 2-year terms except student members, which serve 1-year terms. There are no term limits currently. For more information on how to apply, please contact Alex Williams at [alex@forestryscholarshipassociation.org](mailto:alex@forestryscholarshipassociation.org), or FSA secretary Alyssa Stewart at [secretary@forestryscholarshipassociation.org](mailto:secretary@forestryscholarshipassociation.org).



## Foresters' Ball Update & Help Needed

It's finally Ball month! After over a year of planning and preparation, March is here and it's time to put on one heck of a weekend. The 96th Foresters' Ball will be March 22nd and 23rd and feature two new events in addition to the dance.

This being the case, the students will be full steam ahead on the final touches before construction week with fir tree cutting and dipping the weekend of the 9th, Boondockers' Day on the 14th, and material moving the weekend of the 16th. Starting bright and early

Monday, March 18th, construction will begin in the East and West Auxiliary Gyms; a completely new venue for the Foresters' Ball. Construction



## Community Forestry Day

The FSA is proud to be partnering with UM students to bring Community Forestry Day to the 96th Foresters' Ball. Community Forestry Day will be an interactive event for families with children of all ages. Numerous presenters from diverse natural resource disciplines will be there, creating a fun and playful learning atmosphere. Highlights will include Smokey Bear, timber management equipment, and wildlife displays. Weather permitting there will be outside demonstrations including horsepacking and wildland fire engines.

The FSA is still welcoming presenters and seeking volunteers. We will need volunteers to help set up, oversee, and turn Community Forestry Day back into a dance floor for Saturday night. Set-up will begin at 7:00 am and tear down should be completed

should be done by Friday morning, in time for the new Careers in Natural Resource Management Fair. The dance will then run 7 -11 pm both Friday and Saturday nights (doors will close at 9 pm). During the day on Saturday, the Foresters' Ball will be open to the public for Community Forestry Day.

## We need your help!

The Foresters' Ball is in need of a dump truck to use during Deconstruction on March 23rd. We currently have three trucks lined up but could really use at least one more. The three we have lined up are from Lubrecht, Johnson Brothers and Dig It Excavating. Multiple trips will need to be made from the Adams Center to Johnson Brothers where we dump our wood material for recycling. We will be running trucks from 1 a.m. on Sunday all night and all day until we finish, hopefully by 4 or 5 p.m. at the latest. The Foresters' Ball can cover fuel costs and provide CDL drivers if needed. If you have one available or know of someone who might, please call our Equipment Boss, Nate Wilson, at 360-296-4415 or send an e-mail to [ForestersBall@gmail.com](mailto:ForestersBall@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support,  
Chief Push Jonah Vaughan

by 4:00 pm. If you, or your organization, would like to participate in Community Forestry Day, or can volunteer some time on Saturday the 23rd please contact Neil Simpson at [simpson\\_neil\\_c@yahoo.com](mailto:simpson_neil_c@yahoo.com)



## AWFC Conclave

This spring, the UM Woodsman Team is hosting the 74th annual AWFC Conclave, one of the largest collegiate timbersports competitions in the country. This year's competition will include three days of collegiate events, the STIHL® TIMBERSPORTS® Series professional lumberjack competition, and the traditional pro-am competition. The students have been hard at work organizing this event since September.

The 74th Annual AWFC Conclave timbersports

competition begins on Tuesday, April 23 and will run through noon on Friday, April 26. More than 100 competitors from nine colleges and universities will be competing in events including cross-cut







## Careers in Natural Resource Management Fair

The Careers in Natural Resource Management Fair, hosted by the FSA, is designed to showcase the multitude of career and education options within the broad field of natural resource management. This event will be a great opportunity for Missoula area high school juniors and seniors, students attending UM days (prospective UM students visiting campus), and undeclared University of Montana students to meet and interact with potential employers, educators, and students to explore the possibility and benefits of an education and/or career in natural resources.

The Careers in Natural Resource Management Fair coincides with one of The University of Montana open houses, called UM Days. These are full-day events that include campus tours, student services presentations, a student panel, residence hall tours, lunch on campus and academic department meetings. The afternoon of UM Days is open time for students and their families to visit prospective colleges/departments and the career fair will be featured as an event that afternoon. For more information, go to <http://admissions.umt.edu/>.

The planning process for the FSA hosted Careers in Natural Resource Management Fair is in full swing! Presenter registration forms were mailed

out on February 12 and completed forms are rolling back in, but there is still room. If you or someone you know would like to be a presenter at the Careers in Natural Resource Management Fair, go to

[www.forestryworkshopassociation.org/career](http://www.forestryworkshopassociation.org/career)

sawing, vertical and underhand chopping, and ax throwing. All collegiate events will be held at the Garrett Grothen Arena at Fort Missoula. Admission is FREE.

The STIHL® TIMBERSPORTS® Series competition will be held from 2-6 pm on Friday, April 26 in the llama barn at the Missoula Fairgrounds. The event will be filmed by ESPN and the competition will air 30-75 times over the next year. Spectators can sample local beers at the beer garden, sponsored by Blacksmith Brewing Co. Admission to the STIHL® TIMBERSPORTS® competition is FREE.

The Pro/Am competition is part of Forestry Day and will be held at the Garrett Grothen Arena at Fort Missoula on Saturday, April 27. The day includes collegiate and professional lumberjack competitions, an impressive array of historic forestry and logging equipment, operating steam-powered sawmill, restored fire lookout tower, and more. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Including the Blacksmith Brewing Co. sponsored a beer garden. Admission for Forestry Day is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, and \$1 for students; children under 6 are admitted free.

### How you can help

Hosting a competition of this magnitude is no small task. Sponsors, timers, and judges are needed to make the 74th AWFC Conclave successful. Additionally, cottonwood is needed for chopping blocks used in the competition. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, volunteering as a timer or judge, or have cottonwood trees you would like to donate, contact the UM Woodsman Team at [montanaloggin@hotmail.com](mailto:montanaloggin@hotmail.com) or Eric Hoberg at [hoberg@nmi2.com](mailto:hoberg@nmi2.com).



[www.forestry scholarship association.org/career-fair](http://www.forestry scholarship association.org/career-fair) and download the Presenter Registration Form, or contact Alex Williams at [alex@forestry scholarship association.org](mailto:alex@forestry scholarship association.org).

# Forestry Scholarship Association

## Happy First Anniversary FSA!

Friday, February 22, 2013 marked the first anniversary of the Forestry Scholarship Association's filing of its Articles of Incorporation with the State of Montana. FSA members and supporters gathered to celebrate at longtime Forestry Club watering hole, Tower Pizza.

The first year has been an exciting one. The FSA has been busy, beginning with assisting the Foresters' Ball with development of its strategic plan, as well as meeting with President Royce Engstrom and other UM officials to discuss the implementation of that plan. Fall semester saw momentum continue to grow, as the FSA hosted a homecoming BBQ, as well as the leadership class, L-280 "Followership to Leadership". FSA members Alex Williams, Beth Dodson, and Ken Plourde formally introduced the FSA to the SAF as featured presenters at the Missoula Chapter November meeting. In December, the planning process began in earnest for the upcoming, FSA hosted, Careers in Natural



## Training Update

The Forestry Scholarship Association has continued to provide quality, applicable training to College of Forestry and Conservation (CFC) students. This fall, the UM Student Chapter of SAF approached the FSA about facilitating a chainsaw training course. The FSA agreed that this was a perfect opportunity help CFC students gain practical experience which will benefit them both professionally and personally.

On March 1-3, the FSA presented the chainsaw training course, S-212 "Wildland Fire Chainsaws". This course was offered free of charge and provided students with a solid foundation in chainsaw operation. While the class focused on the wildland fire environment, the skills covered are applicable to anyone who may be operating a chainsaw, in both professional and private settings. Course topics included chainsaw safety, operation, field maintenance, troubleshooting, and fireline construction. In addition to classroom instruction, the students also spent a full day in the field at Lubrecht Experimental Forest. The field day provided mentored, hands-on cutting which supports entry level training for sawyers with little or no previous experience in operating a chainsaw. All students who successfully completed the training received a NWCG Certificate of Completion. Thank you to all students for your participation throughout the weekend.

The cadre of instructors for this class was outstanding, made up of FSA members and

supporters who are qualified sawyers with a broad range of experience. Thank you to course instructors Alex Williams, Rich Blaney, Travis Parker, Jeremy Harker, Cory Calnan, Jake Besmer, Ted Adams, and Matt DeLaney for donating your time to put on a great class!

Resource Management Fair and Community Forestry Day. Both events have been well received by presenters and the Missoula community alike.

What initially began as an idea at a Foresters' Ball Alumni Mixer has grown into something great. The past year has laid the foundation for the Forestry Scholarship Association to create positive, lasting change in the lives of College and Forestry and Conservation students. As the future becomes the present, the Forestry Scholarship Association will continue to serve CFC students to the best of our abilities. Happy Birthday FSA!

Student response to S-212 was exceptional, with all 24 openings filled two days after the class was announced. Due to this demand, the FSA is planning future sessions of S-212. If you are interested in being an instructor for this or any future FSA sponsored trainings, please contact Alex Williams ([alex@forestryscholarshipassociation.org](mailto:alex@forestryscholarshipassociation.org)).

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