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Forestry Art Contest Winners Announced

Vancouver, BC (November 17, 2014) -- Hundreds of children got out their crayons and pencils to show what the forest means to them. The Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP) and the Truck Loggers Association (TLA) were thrilled with the creative pictures entered in their art contest. Nine children (three in each of three age groups) emerged as winners of the National Forest Week contest held by these two organizations.

The art contest, now in its seventh year, is launched during National Forest Week as a way to help children learn about and celebrate the forests. “We love seeing the children’s pictures,” says Brenda Martin, director of communications for the TLA. “The kids have such a unique view of the forests.”

Amanda Brittain, director of communications for the ABCFP, concurs: “This year’s winners include children who saw the forest as places for their parents to work; somewhere for them to play; and as homes for wildlife.”

Here are all the winners:

4-5 year olds

Winner: Cedric Chewter, 5, Nelson Waldorf School, Nelson

Honourable Mentions: Ila Paisley-Talson, 5, Meadow Montessori, Maple Ridge, and Olivia Shen, 5, Nelson Elementary, Burnaby

6-8 year olds

Winner: Robin Bennett, 8, homeschooled, Simoom Sound/Port McNeill

Honourable Mentions: Finn Luoma, 6, Miracle Beach Elementary, Black Creek, and Leif Richter, 7, Kidston, Coldstream

9-12 year olds

Winner: Gabrielle Mergaert, 12, Ecole Phoenix Middle School, Campbell River

Honourable Mentions: Amélie Brulotte, 11, Franco-Nord, Prince George, and Zachary (last name withheld), 11, Franco-Nord, Prince George

Visit the ABCFP or TLA websites to view the winning entries: www.abcfp.ca and www.tla.ca.

*The **Association of BC Forest Professionals**, established in 1947, is the largest professional forestry association in Canada with over 5,400 members. The association registers and regulates professional foresters and forest technologists under authority of the provincial Foresters Act.*

*The **Truck Loggers Association (TLA)** represents over 400 independent coastal forest contractors and their suppliers in British Columbia. The TLA promotes a thriving, sustainable forest industry in BC, and fosters communication and education within resource communities, urban centres and governments.*

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