



Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

New Century Snapshot

Students learn a lesson in historic Forest tract

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EAGLE RIVER, Wis. – There are deer in the woods. There are bears in the woods. There are even hawks and owls and grouse in the woods. And if you look closely and listen intently, you will even find kids in the woods.

Recently high school kids from across Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan spent time in the woods east of Eagle River in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. No i-pods, x-boxes or text messaging allowed. Only running, lifting, cutting, measuring, coring and laughing allowed.

Chequamegon-Nicolet silviculturist John Wilson enjoys working with the energetic group of kids. “It’s great to see these kids out enjoying the Forest, even on a cold winter day like today,” he said.

The students are attending a program through *Trees for Tomorrow* out of Eagle River. *Trees for Tomorrow* is an accredited specialty school focusing on natural resource topics, and has been offering environmental education to students, teachers, adults, seniors, and others in the heart of Wisconsin’s Northwoods since 1944.

On this particular day, students from Southeast Wisconsin were removing jackpine from a red pine plantation for improvements on a special section of the national forest called the George Washington 10-acre memorial tract.

This small section of the Forest is unique because the original trees were first donated and planted in 1933 by the Wisconsin Federation of Women’s Clubs. The second planting occurred in 1991 in honor of the Federation’s centennial celebration.



Students remove jackpine to improve a red pine plantation on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF.

Trees for Tomorrow has worked closely with the Wisconsin Federation of Women’s Clubs for many years to help its members develop a commitment to proper management and wise use of natural resources. The Federation has proved its commitment through tree planting and by providing grants and scholarships for teacher workshops at *Trees for Tomorrow*.

The Wisconsin Federation of Women’s Clubs organized in 1896 to improve the general welfare of the state; its activities included working to establish libraries throughout the state, improving laws affecting women and children, improving educational facilities, a conservation program, an educational loan fund, nurses’ scholarships, and other projects.

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