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Redwood  
Region  
Logging  
Conference

**March 19-21, 2026**  
Humboldt County Fairgrounds  
Ferndale, CA

## Forest Education Program

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### **2026 Theme: “From Dugouts to Decking: Where Teamwork Builds Timber’s Future!”**

The Redwood Region Logging Conference (RRLC) is pleased to open registration for the **88th Annual Forest Education Program**—a cornerstone of our three-day conference and truly the board’s favorite event! Education Day remains the most important day of the entire conference, and we can’t wait to welcome you and your students.

This year’s theme, “**From Dugouts to Decking: Where Teamwork Builds Timber’s Future,**” celebrates the baseball spirit that once united our region’s logging companies. Years ago, many crews fielded their own teams—fierce competitors on the field, yet family off of it. Though the ballgames may be gone, that same team spirit continues to thrive in today’s timber industry. Our companies still work together to protect their employees, care for the environment, and ensure the sustainability of our forests for future generations.

By balancing environmental stewardship with economic opportunity, the timber industry continues to support local families and communities—preserving livelihoods, enhancing wildlife habitats, and storing carbon for a healthier planet. Together, we remain one team with a shared goal: **a resilient and prosperous future for our forests and our communities.**

We are thrilled to announce that the **2026 Redwood Region Logging Conference will be held in Ferndale, California**—our first-ever conference in this charming town! While we will miss seeing our Mendocino and Lake County students in person this year, we look forward to hanging your murals on the walls in Ferndale and sharing your creativity with the entire region.

In 2024, we hosted a record-breaking **1,005 students** for Education Day. Humboldt, Del Norte, & Trinity – let’s break that record!

Here’s what you need to know:

**The 2026 Mural Contest** – Open to grades **K through 8th** in all **Mendocino, Lake, Del Norte, Trinity, and Humboldt County schools**. Contest rules and prizes are attached. Please review the materials, indicate your interest in the Forest Education Program Application Form, and return it by **January 9, 2026**. Pulp sheets will be delivered to participating classrooms beginning in January.

We can’t wait to see your murals and celebrate another incredible year of forestry education, teamwork, and community spirit!

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## **2026 RRLC Education Program Application - Del Norte/Humboldt/Trinity Counties**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! My class would like to participate in the Mural Contest!

(Each class not receiving an award will **RECEIVE A \$50 PARTICIPATION INCENTIVE!**)

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! My class would like to have a Resource Professional visit our classroom!

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! My class (grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> would like to attend the **RRLC Education Day on Thursday, March 19, 2026**, at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds in Ferndale!

Please circle a preferred arrival time:

9:00 AM

9:15 AM

9:30 AM

9:45 AM

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher (First & Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Location Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Return by **January 9, 2026**

**Redwood Region Logging Conference  
5601 So. Broadway  
Eureka, CA 95503**

**Email: rrlc@sonic.net Subject line: ED PROGRAM**

The RRLC reserves the right to reproduce, publish, or publicly display any mural for the benefit of the RRLC. By submitting this registration, you agree that RRLC may post photos of those participating in RRLC activities for our limited non-profit promotional use.

**Please include only ONE class per form/teacher – Photocopy this if you need additional forms.**

Questions? Call 707-443-4091





## 2026 Mural Contest Rules for Grades K-8th

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1. The mural must portray the 2026 Conference theme: **“FROM DUGOUTS TO DECKING: WHERE TEAMWORK BUILDS TIMBER’S FUTURE.”**.
2. Murals must be created on the Conference-issued pulp sheet. Only one sheet will be provided per classroom. Because these sheets were recovered from the old Samoa Pulp Mill and cannot be reproduced, our inventory is limited. We kindly ask that teachers request a sheet **only if they plan to use it**.
3. Creativity is encouraged! Murals can be created using a variety of materials, including crayons, watercolors, poster paints, and paper collages. To ensure we can safely transport and display every submission, murals should remain flat and easy to stack. Murals that are too bulky or not suitable for wall hanging may not be judged or displayed.
4. Murals will be judged on the use of the conference theme, creative use of materials, and whole-class participation. **The murals should be age-appropriate, with work done by the students, and innovative uses of wood products in the design.** The murals should be a learning experience for students, demonstrating an understanding of the relationship between the forest and everyday life, the sustainability of a managed forest, and the many people working together to fulfill the importance of wood products in our lives.
5. The teacher’s name, grade, school, and telephone number must be on a 3x5 card secured flat on the **bottom right-hand corner** of the mural, facing up with the writing visible (Please do not fold and staple).
6. Each class not receiving a cash prize will **RECEIVE \$50!**
7. **PRIZES: The murals will be divided into two grade categories for judging:** K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have a 3/4 combination, the mural will be judged in the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade category. Prizes for winning murals in each category are:  
**HUMBOLDT/DELNORTE/TRINITY COUNTIES:** First Place: \$200; Second Place: \$150; Third Place: \$100; And three Honorable Mentions of \$75 each for both age categories. *(Note: Classes winning Cash Prizes will not receive an additional \$50 Participation Reward.)*  
**MENDOCINO/LAKE COUNTIES:** First Place: \$200; Second Place: \$150; Third Place: \$100; and three Honorable Mention of \$75 each for both age categories. *(Note: Classes winning Cash Prizes will not receive an additional \$50 Participation Reward.)*
8. Murals must be received for judging no later than **Friday, March 13, 2026, at 5 PM**. Please deliver your completed mural to the following location:
  - Eureka: Humboldt County Farm Bureau – 5601 S Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503
9. Murals will be displayed during the Redwood Region Logging Conference, on March 13, 14, & 15, 2026.
10. The RRLC reserves the right to reproduce, publish, or publicly display any mural for promotional purposes. RRLC reserves the right to retain ownership of any mural; however, efforts will be made to return the murals.
11. Any mural that the RRLC Education Committee determines to be inappropriate will be disqualified, will not receive the participation award, and will not be displayed at the conference.

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