



Redwood  
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Logging  
Conference

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**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!

As you know, RRLC rotates the conference between Humboldt County and Mendocino County. Because **2026 is a Humboldt County year**, Lake and Mendocino County schools will not participate in the in-person Education Day tours—our usual rotation. Even so, your classrooms remain an important part of the Forest Education Program, and **we are thrilled to continue welcoming your murals!** Your students’ creativity has become a highlight of the conference, and we look forward to proudly displaying your work in Ferndale for thousands of visitors to enjoy.

This year’s theme, “**From Dugouts to Decking: Where Teamwork Builds Timber’s Future,**” celebrates the baseball spirit that once connected our region’s logging communities. Decades ago, many timber companies fielded their own teams—fierce competitors on the field but family off of it. Though those ballgames are a part of history, that same teamwork spirit thrives today as the timber industry works collaboratively to protect employees, care for the environment, and steward our forests for generations to come.

By balancing environmental stewardship with economic opportunity, the timber industry continues to support local families, preserve livelihoods, enhance wildlife habitats, and store carbon for a healthier planet. Across all counties in the Redwood Region, we remain **one team** dedicated to a resilient and prosperous future for our forests and communities.

Although Mendocino and Lake County students will not be attending Education Day, we want to display your murals to keep them front and center!

#### **Here’s what you need to know:**

**The 2026 Mural Contest** – Open to grades K through 8th in **all Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity County schools.**

Contest rules and prize information are attached. Please review the materials, indicate your interest in the Forest Education Program Application Form, and return it by **January 13, 2026.** Pulp sheets will be delivered to participating classrooms beginning in January.

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## **2026 RRLC Education Program Application – Lake and Mendocino 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!

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 13, 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



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## 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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