Forestry Make & Take Instructions

Begin with the following introduction:

Trees are the number one crop in Louisiana. Forests cover 14 million acres, about 50% of Louisiana’s land area, making it the state’s greatest single land use. The forestry industry is active in 59 of Louisiana’s 64 parishes.

In 2010 Forestry had a $3.1 billion impact on the state’s economy and about 13,000 people held manufacturing jobs in this field.

Forests are considered a renewable resource, as trees can be grown on the same plot of land over and over again. Trees also contribute to the energy value of their environment by storing carbon in the wood and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere during photosynthesis.

Forests are more than timber. It is involved in wildlife habitat, soil conservations and stabilization, clean air and water and recreation.

The Tree Farmer (Hold up the Book)

The book the tree farmer takes a reader on a magical journey through the forest, in a tale of gifts of trees and our responsibility to care for trees generation to generation. The lesson will bring awareness of the many uses of trees and how tree farmers must care for their trees.

- Participants will become trees (Must be standing).
- Fingers are the Leaves – Wiggle fingers
- Arms are the Branches – Wave arms
- Body is the trunk – Stand up Tall
- Toes are the roots – Wiggle Toes
- Skin is the bark – Rub skin on arm
- The sap in the tree is similar to the blood in our bodies
Activity:

1. Distribute the Good From The Woods – Tree Detectives Worksheet (We have extra copies for each person)
2. Show participants the good from the woods product cards and have them record their which items they believe are made from trees. (Laminated picture cards will be provided)
3. After all items have been shown, ask them how many they think came from trees. In fact the answer is that they all have a connection to trees.
4. Use the Good from the Woods: Information Sheet to discuss the parts of the tree that the items are derived from.

If there is time after the activity, take time to point out the “Treemendous activities” page.

Thank you for presenting this make and take. Please return all supplies to the appropriate container.