

To SD23 Grade 10/11 Parents and Guardians:

The RSS forestry program is currently accepting any student in Grades 10 or 11, who is interested in forestry, environmental studies or working outside to join us for a job shadow.

The forestry program aims to expose students to a variety of forestry related careers including but not limited to forest management, sustainability, wildfire prevention and fighting, logging, forest health and forest product value added industries.

Students take the course for a full year starting in February and will earn 40 high school credits. They will also earn a number of industry certifications including Occupational first aid, Transport endorsement, WHMIS, bear aware, basic chainsaw operation, danger tree assessment training. These are in addition to the dual credit portion of the course which is the Certified Utility Arborist Level 1 apprenticeship.

This course takes place primarily on various sites outdoors throughout the central Okanagan and has a massive hands-on component. Students will gain skills through authentic learning opportunities working alongside teachers and industry professionals.

To sign up for a job shadow contact the career center at your students school.

For more information, please check out the promo video on the RSS website http://www.rss.sd23.bc.ca/Programs/Forestry/Pages/default.aspx#/= or contact the lead teacher Marshall Corbett.

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