

USDA Forest Service Botany in the News

SnowSchool at Bogus Basin's Frontier Point Education Center on the Boise National Forest

Who (*partners*): Edna Rey-Vizgirdas, Forest Botanist, Boise National Forest

What (*species*): Gave a presentation at the 2007 National Conservation Education Conference "Kids Outside".

When: April 10-12, 2007

Where: Madison, Wisconsin

How: The Forest Botanist attended this conference to highlight the Forest's highly successful "SnowSchool" program. Our partner, Charlie Woodruff, Outreach Coordinator with Winter Wildlands Alliance, also attended. In 2007, nearly 700 elementary school children attended SnowSchool at Bogus Basin's Frontier Point Education Center on the Boise National Forest. Students learned about winter adaptations of plants and animals, habitat diversity, and wildlife tracking. The Forest Botanist trained volunteer leaders in winter ecology and plant identification.

Why: The Forest Botany program is helping fulfill our mission to educate the public about our natural resources and public land stewardship.

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"We went off the trail, in the trees and snow. It was a blast!"

-Emma, Roosevelt Elementary student



"Let's see... I'm hot, snowy, and my legs are about to give out, but I'm having fun!"

-Kate, Anser Charter School student



"WOW! What a grand experience this was for our students!"

-Michelle Dunstan, Program Coordinator at Anser Charter School student