

SCA and Forest Capital Partners Working Together for Healthy Forests and Communities



Forest Capital Employees and the Voyageurs National Park SCA Team.

In 2007, Forest Capital Partners became a major sponsor of the Student Conservation Association (SCA). SCA is the nation's leading provider of conservation volunteer opportunities for young people. For 50 years, SCA's hands-on practice of conservation has helped develop a new generation of conservation professionals and inspire them to pursue the lifelong stewardship of our natural resources.

To support the local communities and environment near its key operations, Forest Capital Partners sponsored SCA conservation and education programs during the 2007 summer season in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota. The SCA Coeur d'Alene team consisted of four college- and graduate-level interns who worked for six months to analyze and document the effects of fire on the surrounding natural areas. In addition to this technical work, the interns conducted wildfire outreach and prevention activities with the Coeur d'Alene tribe and mentored local tribal youth. The SCA Voyageurs National Park crew, made up of six high school students and two adult crew leaders, worked for 30 days to repair and restore the Shoepack Lake Trail. The group learned valuable leadership and communication skills as they lived and worked together on the trail and at their remote island base camp.

The Forest Capital Partners/SCA partnership extended beyond mere sponsorship: Forest Capital Partners' employees met with the SCA participants – working alongside them, offering training, providing tours of Forest Capital's operations, and supplying ice cream and other treats to keep the students motivated during their long work hours.

