An educational adventure awaits children at the *Forever Forest*, a national traveling exhibit that explores how we use the forest to live, work, and play in harmony. Exploring the realities of forests through play, families will learn about sustainability, selective harvesting, transportation needs, and the every-day products we use made from trees.

**AUDIENCE**

Children up to 8 years old and their families

**SIZE**

2,000 square feet

**LENGTH OF RENTAL**

3 months

**DESIGN INTENTION**

Provide an interactive environment to assist in the development of the 7 Executive Brain Functions: Taking on Challenges, Perspective Taking, Self-Control, Self-Directed Engaged Learning, Communicating, Making Connections, and Critical Thinking.

**DEVELOPED BY:**

Omaha Children’s Museum in collaboration with Union Pacific Railroad and the Hardwood Forest Foundation

**OMAHA CHILDREN’S MUSEUM PROVIDES:**

Installation guidance; ongoing site support; education materials for school groups and families; print-ready photos and logo

**HOST INSTITUTION PROVIDES:**

Inbound shipping; insurance; staff to assist with installation and tear down

For more information or to rent the exhibit, email Brittney at bbuder@ocm.org or call 402-930-8036.
Educational Outcomes

Develops gross motor skills by climbing and crawling through the trees.

Provides connections and critical thinking skills development through hands-on lessons about how the industry gets lumber products from the forest to home.

Develops fine motor skills through the introduction of the tools and materials used to build homes and communities.

Develops competency skills and creative role playing by placing guests in the role of train conductor, lumber manufacturer, retailer, and more.

Exposure to and deeper understanding of responsible harvesting and renewable resource sustainable practices.

Tactile enrichment opportunities through the exploration of everyday products that come from trees.