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PROJECT LEARNING TREE

Through Project Learning Tree, you receive engaging activities to teach about trees, forests and the environment while helping you meet Idaho's achievement standards. Teachers of any grade level or subject are welcome, as are scout and 4-H leaders and others who work with youth.



PLT Workshop Schedule

Feb. 21-22, Boise
Mar. 7-8, Boise (NRSW*)
Mar. 7-8, Moscow
Mar. 14-15, Rexburg (NRSW*)
Apr. 4-5, Boise

Apr. 11-12, Coeur d'Alene (WWW*)
Apr. 11-12, Lewiston (WWW*)
Apr. 25-26, St. Maries
May 2-3, Wallace
July 15-16, Nampa (WWW*)



At general PLT workshops you receive training in PLT's award-winning environmental education materials. We'll explore trees, forests, fire and other topics. Learn by doing activities you can use in your classroom—right after the workshop! PLT helps you accomplish your curricular goals with fun, relevant, easy-to-use lessons.

Other PLT Workshops for Credit. Using PLT materials, we delve further into specific topics. There is no prerequisite for these workshops. You'll want to take them all!

*NRSW = PLT's Natural Resources & Solid Waste.

This workshop explores where stuff comes from (natural resources) and where it ends up (solid waste). We learn about recycling, composting, renewable and nonrenewable resources, landfills, energy and more.



Wonderful activities!

*WWW = PLT's Wildfire and Weeds in the West.

In this workshop, we investigate two of our hottest environmental issues, **wildfires** and **invasive species**. It's hard to go a week without hearing a news report about these topics. Come learn more, and get great activities to use with your students!



Spend a week earning 3 credits in a beautiful setting.
PLT's Burning Issues: Fire Ecology, June 22-27, 2003

Register by 3/31, and \$ave!

Explore fire's role in forest and range ecosystems—past, present and future. From our base on beautiful Payette Lake, we'll experience hands-on classroom activities and embark on exciting field adventures. All sessions relate to state achievement standards. You'll leave fired up to use materials that spark student interest in numerous subject areas. What a wonderful way to earn credits!

Participants receive numerous materials, including the *Burning Issues* CD-ROM.

What: Burning Issues: Fire Ecology workshop

When: June 22-27, 2003

Where: U of I Field Campus, McCall

Credit: Choice of 2 or 3 (\$45 each)

Fee: Before 3/31/03: \$195. After 3/31/03: \$225.
Covers lodging, meals, materials and field trips.



Send \$75 to PLT/IFPC to reserve a space. Balance due at workshop. Include contact info (email too), and grade/subject. We'll send you a pre-workshop packet.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY!

April 25, 2003 is the Day!



It's been over 130 years since J. Sterling Morton helped establish Arbor Day as a holiday to plant and care for trees. For

foresters, Arbor Day occurs more than one day a year, as they plant 18 million seedlings in Idaho's forests each year. And Nature plants millions more! Arbor Day is a reminder for all of us to appreciate the benefits we receive from trees, and to consider our responsibility of caring for trees and planting more for the future. Contact us for Arbor Day information and classroom activity ideas.

Arbor Day 2003 T-shirts

This year's short-sleeved Arbor Day t-shirt features a colorful new design. Priced to sell at \$7 (youth and adult sizes), plus \$1 shipping per shirt. (XXL & XXXL slightly higher). Visit www.idahoforests.org to see the design and order online, or contact us for an order form.

Arbor Day Poster Contest Deadline

5th grade entries are due at the Dept. of Lands office by 2/28/03. For information, contact Sue Moore, smoore@idl.state.id.us. 208-334-0244.



Idaho history video or DVD available for loan

We've added another title to our extensive video lending library. The documentary, "Sandpoint: At the North End of the Long Bridge," traces over 100 years of north Idaho history—American Indians, pioneers, miners, loggers, businesses, World War II, recreation and tourism. Contact us to borrow it in video or DVD format.

PLT's Music CD Receives Awards

The *PLT: Energy & Me* CD was selected as a 2002 Parents' Choice Recommended Award Winner, and received a 2002 Children's Music Web Award in the category of Best Educational Recording for Older Children. Borrow the winning CD from our office.



Capitol Holiday Tree 2003 Idaho's Gift to the Nation

This year, Idaho is honored to provide the nation's holiday tree at the U.S. Capitol. The tree will be adorned with ornaments made by Idaho citizens of all ages. Visit www.capitolholidaytree2003.org.

(Special thanks to 6000+ Idaho students and teachers who decorated the Pentagon's holiday tree in 2002.)

Grants for Teachers

IFPC has teacher grants (up to \$200 each) to help you teach about Idaho's trees and forests. The application process is easy! Deadline is Aug. 15, but why wait? Apply online at www.idahoforests.org, or contact us for an application form.



GreenWorks! Grants

The national Project Learning Tree office offers its GreenWorks! Grant program to fund youth service projects. Teachers must be PLT trained, and projects should be school or community based with local partners and hands-on participation by youth. Grant guidelines are available at www.plt.org.

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Are your students doing research projects this spring? Our comprehensive website is a great resource. You'll find a wealth of information about Idaho's trees, forests, management, fire, and much, much more. We've also got special areas for teachers and kids. Visit www.idahoforests.org and see what is waiting for you!

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