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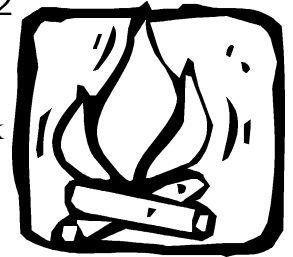
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Spend a week earning 3 credits in a beautiful setting.

PLT's Burning Issues: Fire Ecology, June 27-July 2

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 Idaho 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.

When: June 27-July 2, 2004

Where: U of I Field Campus, McCall

Credit: 3 professional education/in-service credits (optional). Total cost of credits: \$135.

Registration Fee: Before 3/31/04: \$125. After 3/31/04: \$150. Covers classroom rental, 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.



PROJECT LEARNING TREE

Through Project Learning Tree, you receive engaging activities to teach about trees, forests and the environment while meeting Idaho's Achievement Standards. Teachers of any grade level or subject are welcome, as are others who work with youth.

PLT Workshop Schedule

- Feb. 20-21, Boise
- Mar. 12-13, Lewiston (NRSW*)
- Mar. 12-13, Nampa (NRSW*)
- Mar. 26-27, Moscow (WWW*)
- Apr. 2-3, Boise
- Apr. 16-17, Blackfoot (NRSW*)
- Apr. 23-24, Coeur d'Alene

Contact us to register for any of these workshops.

PLT activities are correlated to Idaho Achievement Standards. Visit our interactive website at <http://sde2.sde.state.id.us/csa> to try out this valuable resource.

General PLT workshops focus on trees, forests, and sometimes fire. **Natural Resources & Solid Waste** PLT workshops focus on where stuff comes from and where it ends up—renewable and nonrenewable natural resources, recycling, composting, landfills and energy. **Wildfires & Weeds in the West** PLT workshops focus on two of our most pressing environmental issues—invasive species and wildfires.

Each type of workshop is a separate credit. At each one you'll 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.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY!

April 30, 2004 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, who plant millions of seedlings each year in Idaho's forests, Arbor Day lasts more than one day! Arbor Day reminds 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 activity ideas and information.*

T-shirts

Each year we have a new Arbor Day t-shirt for a very affordable price. As we go to press, the t-shirt design is in the creative mind of the artist. Visit www.idahoforests.org in March to see this year's new shirt and ordering information.

Speaking of t-shirts, our new

year-round "tree-shirt" is available. See the colorful design at www.idahoforests.org. Priced to sell at \$12 each; 2 or more at \$11 each. Youth & adult sizes.



Arbor Day Poster Contest Deadline

Fifth grade entries are due at the Dept. of Lands office by 2/27/04. Contact Deb Cook at deb39@aol.com, or call the Dept. of Lands at 208-334-0200. Last year's state winner, Hannah Joy Coad of Cataldo, was also the national winner! Contact us for a reprint poster of Hannah's beautiful artwork.

Two New Videos for Loan

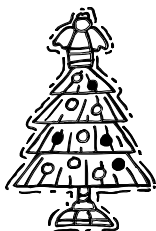
Our extensive lending library keeps growing as we find quality programs to share with you. These two videos are aimed at 7th grade and up. *Contact us to borrow the videos, or order on-line at www.idahoforests.org.*

Modern Marvels: Logging Tech, 50 min. An up-close look at the incredible tools that let modern loggers perform Bunyanesque tasks everyday. Great historical look at tool development. You'll marvel at the new machines at work in our forests. From The History Channel.

The Methuselah Tree, 60 min. Marked by striking imagery and a poetic style, this film dramatizes the life cycle of the world's oldest living thing, the bristlecone pine tree. A great supplement to tree-ring activities. From NOVA, with extensive related classroom resources on-line. Closed captioned.

THANK YOU from the Capitol Holiday Tree.

In 2003, Idaho provided the nation's holiday tree at the U.S. Capitol. A big THANK YOU goes to the thousands of Idaho students, teachers and community groups who made ornaments to adorn the tree. It was absolutely beautiful. Go to www.capitolholidaytree2003.org to read the daily trip diary and see photos of the tree.



Grants for Teachers

IFPC has 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.

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Our comprehensive website is a great resource on Idaho's trees, forests, management, fire, and much more. We've also got special areas for teachers and kids. Visit www.idahoforests.org today. You'll be glad you did!

