



Dear Educator,

Project Learning Tree® (PLT), a program of the American Forest Foundation, uses trees and forests as windows on the world to increase students' understanding of the environment and actions they can take to improve it. We provide educators with peer-reviewed, award-winning environmental education materials and lesson plans for all grades and multiple subject areas. Started in 1976, PLT's 50-state network includes more than 650,000 trained educators.

PLT teaches students *how* to think, not *what* to think, about complex environmental issues. PLT activities are fun and hands-on, cover the total environment, and connect children to nature. They engage students in learning, improve student achievement, and grow 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that tomorrow's decision-makers need to succeed – including the ability to think critically and make informed decisions.

Thank you for registering for this online workshop to learn more about our resources, and how to effectively use PLT in your own educational setting with your students. We have designed this online workshop to be interactive, engaging, and relevant to you (as an educator). We hope this experience will help you meet your goals and needs.

The workshop is comprised of useful links to online resources (including our online store), state-specific resources, and several courses. A course is a 20-30 minute self-paced learning experience that makes up the larger course. In other words, a course is a morsel of a course. You may complete these courses in any order that you choose, although we recommend following the order outlined below:

1. Welcome to PLT!
2. Hike through the Guide
3. Group Experiences for PLT Early Childhood
4. Learning Centers for PLT Early Childhood
5. A Path Forward

Finally, we encourage you to stay in touch as you complete this online workshop. If you have questions or comments, please contact us!

Welcome to Project Learning Tree!

Sincerely,

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