

Project Learning Tree (PLT)®



Project Learning Tree® is an award-winning, nationally-recognized environmental education program of the American Forest Foundation. PLT focuses on trees, forests, forest ecology and their place in human culture and enterprise.

PLT curriculum develops awareness, engages critical thinking skills and promotes constructive action. Developed for different age/grade levels - early childhood (PreK –K), PreK-8, and themed modules for secondary educators - the interdisciplinary curriculum is designed for diverse teaching and learning styles. It fosters awareness, engages critical thinking skills and promotes constructive action.

These materials are available by attending educator workshops or online through PLT's national office. Information and supplementary resources are posted on the PLT's national office website, <http://www.plt.org>.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation sponsors PLT in Massachusetts with support from the Massachusetts Forest Alliance. Workshops, led by trained facilitators, are available for classroom teachers, home school parents, youth group leaders, nature center staff and those who work with young people.

PROJECT LEARNING TREE® CURRICULUM

Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood, written for PreK-K educators, emphasizes developing awareness of and connections with the natural world by building on what's familiar to our young learners. Its format is a variety of self-guided and teacher-led activities that follow a typical pre-school day.

The ***PreK-8 Curriculum*** includes nearly 100 hands-on; minds-on activities that connect with topics in Science, English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies.

Secondary Modules, ideal for middle and high school educators, provide in-depth investigations and activities that build critical thinking and responsible decision-making skills.

MASSACHUSETTS PROJECT LEARNING TREE 2017 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Monday, February 20, Worcester, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ***PLT PreK-K Early Childhood and K-8 Curriculum combination workshop*** (focus on PreK and Early Elementary). Quinsigamond State Park. \$36. Please pre-register by February 14. Gini.Traub@state.ma.us 413/584-6788.

Saturday, March 25, Amherst, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ***PLT K-8 Curriculum***. Mt. Holyoke Range State Park. \$20. Please pre-register by March 18. Gini.Traub@state.ma.us 413/584-6788.

Saturday, April 1, Uxbridge, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ***PLT PreK-K Early Childhood***. Blackstone Heritage State Park. \$16. Please pre-register by March 25. Gini.Traub@state.ma.us 413/584-6788.

Saturday, April 22, Norwell, 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ***PLT PreK-K Early Childhood and K-8 Curriculum combination workshop***. South Shore Natural Science Center. \$36. The facilitators are experienced educators at a nature-based preschool. Please pre-register by April 12. DThureson@ssymca.org 781/659-2559 ext 216.

Saturday, May 13, Amherst, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ***PLT PreK-K Early Childhood***. Mt. Holyoke Range State Park. \$16. Please pre-register by May 6. Gini.Traub@state.ma.us 413/584-6788.

Saturday, May 20, Canton, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ***PLT K-8 Curriculum***. Brookwood Community Farm at Blue Hills State Reservation. \$20. Please pre-register by May 13. Gini.Traub@state.ma.us 413/584-6788.

Wednesday, July 12, Canton, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. ***PLT Secondary Modules Focus on Forests and Forests of the World***. Brookwood Community Farm at Blue Hills State Reservation. \$23. Please pre-register by July 5. Gini.Traub@state.ma.us 413/584-6788.

Saturday, September 9, Carlisle, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ***PLT PreK-K Early Childhood***. Great Brook Farm State Park. \$16. Please pre-register by September 2. Gini.Traub@state.ma.us 413/584-6788.

Saturday, September 23, North Easton, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ***PLT K-8 Curriculum***. Borderland State Park. \$20. Please pre-register by September 16. Gini.Traub@state.ma.us 413/584-6788.

Saturday, October 21, North Easton, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ***PLT PreK-K Early Childhood***. Borderland State Park. \$16. Please pre-register by October 14. Gini.Traub@state.ma.us 413/584-6788.

ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS are available by request for individual groups. Please contact Gini.Traub@state.ma.us, 413/584-6788 to inquire.