



Appendix G: Every Student Learns Outside

PLT has launched an *Every Student Learns Outside*[™] initiative and website (www.learnoutside.org) to help educators make outdoor experiences part of their everyday lesson plans. You are encouraged to promote this initiative through PLT workshops, conference sessions, exhibits, etc. Tools available to you to conduct outreach on this initiative include:

- Every Student Learns Outside[™] website (learnoutside.org)
- Educator stories profiled on learnoutside.org
- Every Student Learns Outside[™] pin available through your State Coordinator
- Every Student Learns Outside[™] PowerPoint presentation, available through your State Coordinator
- Promotional flyer (see following page)

If you would like to share a story to be profiled on learnoutside.org, please contact the PLT Program Assistant at (202) 463–2475.

Every Student Learns Outside™ www.learnoutside.org



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For 30 years, Project Learning Tree has been taking kids outside to learn.

How?

- By providing PreK-12th grade educators with the tools, training, and resources they need to get their students outdoors and learning about their local environment.
- Thirty years ago, PLT pioneered the concept of providing teachers with supplementary environmental education materials that can be integrated into lesson plans for all grades and subject areas. The goal of the program has always been to encourage students to explore the world around them, their place within it, and their responsibility for it by learning outdoors, as well as in the classroom.
- Each year, some 25,000 educators attend PLT workshops around the nation to learn how to integrate PLT into their curriculum. To date, over 500,000 educators have become part of the PLT community.

Why?

- Because PLT works. PLT is thoroughly tested to assure students learn from our activities. Not just about the environment, but across the entire curriculum. One example: Oil City Elementary Magnet School in Louisiana has been recognized nationally for its dramatic turnaround in student performance on state assessment tests. The entire faculty has received PLT training each year for the past five years and teachers use PLT outside with their students almost every day.

How PLT can help your students learn ... from nature!

Total Program

- PLT designs activities to suit different learning styles, and to meet national and state standards. Activities feature reading and technology connections, clear objectives, assessments opportunities – and a wealth of resources.

Hands-On Curriculum

- Activities for all grade levels teach core subjects through experiences in nature. More than half the 96 activities in PLT's *PreK-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide* take students outdoors.

At the Secondary Level

- PLT challenges students to explore contemporary and pressing environmental issues. For example, PLT's new secondary module, *Exploring Environmental Issues: Places We Live*, gets students outside exploring their own neighborhoods, investigating the environmental, social, and economic consequences of change in their community.

Service Learning

- Community action components of many activities involve efforts to make school grounds more green or enhance wildlife habitat. Through *GreenWorks!*, PLT's service-learning initiative, PLT provides grants to educators who take their students outside where they can learn about their environment, and work to improve it.

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