

# Hike the Project Learning Tree (PLT) Website

Use the following guide to familiarize yourself with all of the online PLT resources available to you.

Answer the questions along the trail and bring your “hike” notes to the workshop to get your workbook!

Start here to find national resources: <http://www.plt.org>



The screenshot shows the Project Learning Tree website homepage. At the top, there is a purple navigation bar with social media icons (Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, YouTube) on the left and 'Shop | Log In | Search' on the right. Below the navigation bar is the Project Learning Tree logo and a menu with items: TRAININGS - | CURRICULUM - | GREENSCHOOLS - | RESOURCES - | NEWS & STORIES - | ABOUT US -. The main content area features a large image of a teacher and students in a forest. Overlaid on the image is the text 'MAKE LEARNING FUN!' and 'Use the environment to engage children in learning – both outside and indoors.' Below this is a yellow 'LEARN MORE >' button. At the bottom of the image area, it says 'PROVEN AND AWARD-WINNING!' and 'Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators, parents, and community leaders working with youth from preschool through grade 12.'

## Online Community

Click on the links at the top left of the page to connect directly to the online community and:

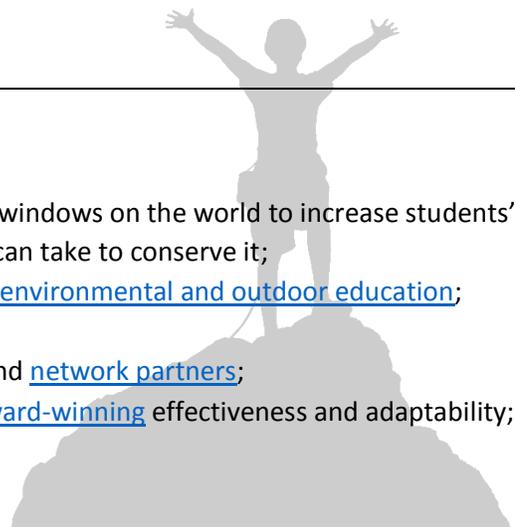
- Like PLT on [Facebook](#),
- Follow PLT on [Pinterest](#),
- Follow PLT on [Twitter](#), and
- Subscribe to the PLT [YouTube](#) channel.

Did you join PLT on one or more of these social networks? Which outlet do you use most effectively in your work?

## About Us

Click on the drop-down items to:

- [Learn more](#) about how PLT uses trees and forests as windows on the world to increase students' understanding of the environment and actions they can take to conserve it;
- Break the “indoor habit” and explore the [benefits of environmental and outdoor education](#);
- Explore and [support](#) PLT's [mission and history](#);
- Meet and [contact](#) PLT's national [leadership & staff](#) and [network partners](#);
- See the [research & evaluation](#) documenting PLT's [award-winning](#) effectiveness and adaptability;



Why is environmental education important to you?

## News & Stories

Click on the drop-down items to:

- Read the latest [news](#) from PLT,
- Subscribe for [email updates](#) via *The Branch* newsletter,
- Read [teacher stories](#).

What news item or story really sparked your interest? How can you apply these resources to your work?

## Trainings

Click on the drop-down items to:

- Learn about the different types of [PLT trainings](#) available and their [guiding principles](#),
- Register for an [in-person or online training](#),
- Learn about the types of programming offered in [in-person](#) and [online](#) sessions,
- Explore [frequently asked questions](#), and
- Find PLT [leaders and workshop offerings in your state](#) in your state.

What additional training opportunities are you interested in? What financial and programmatic support is available to you as an educator to pursue these opportunities? Who is your state PLT Coordinator?

## Curriculum

Click on the drop-down items to:

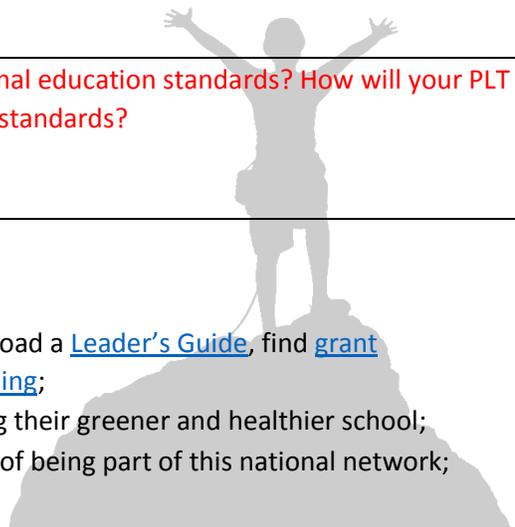
- Explore the [award-winning and multi-disciplinary](#) PLT [curriculum offerings](#),
- View samples of [student activities](#) and lesson plans,
- Confirm alignment of PLT activities to national, state, and other [education standards](#), and
- [Purchase](#) course materials.

What is your biggest challenge in meeting state and/or national education standards? How will your PLT training and PLT curricula and activities help you meet these standards?

## Green Schools

Click on the drop-down items to:

- [Learn more](#) about the GreenSchools program, download a [Leader's Guide](#), find [grant opportunities](#) to support your work, or [attend a training](#);
- [Engage and empower](#) your STEM students in creating their greener and healthier school;
- [Become a GreenSchool](#) and learn about the benefits of being part of this national network;



- Download [student investigations](#), which make learning fun and tackle issues such as water quality, waste & recycling, energy, and more; and
- Explore resources tailored to [early childhood education](#).

Log in! Did you try to access one of the student investigations? What are some of the benefits of becoming a PLT GreenSchool? Are you ready to become a GreenSchool and access these resources?

## Resources

Click on the drop-down items to:

- [Connect](#) with your [State Coordinator](#), explore [tools & strategies](#), and [apply for grants](#);
- Find useful [tips & ideas](#) for running effective PLT courses, teaching outdoors, greening schools, and making learning fun; and
- Find [free activities for families](#) around the house, in the back yard, and in local parks!

What are two requirements for applying for a national PLT grant?

Find PLT resources at home: <http://coloradopl.org/>



## Colorado State Forest Service

Click on the CSFS logo in the upper left of the homepage to:

- Explore the agency's [five-year strategic plan](#);
- Search for [grant opportunities](#);
- Learn about the [Emerald Ash Borer](#), other forest health threats, and [utilization opportunities](#);
- Read the latest forestry news; and
- Find upcoming events of interest.

Which of the CSFS strategic goals most resonate with you? Do you know how to protect your home and your community from wildfire?



## Our Programs & Staff

Click on these menu item to learn more about:

- Programs and resources for [Early childhood](#), [Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade](#), [Secondary school](#), [Energy & Society](#), and [GreenSchools](#) educators;
- [Who to contact](#) for more information;

What is “Environmental Learning Multiplied”? How does this relate to your work?

## Resources for Environmental Educators & Links

Click on these menu items to learn about:

- [Related training](#) modules and videos;
- Posters, infographics, and templates;
- Maps and apps;
- Grant opportunities, and [more!](#)

Did you find a book or a video that piqued your interest? Why? How might you use this resource?

## News

Click on this menu item to stay on top of CO PLT [in the news](#), including:

- Colorado Department of Education & Colorado Shines (Qualistar) approval,
- New [federal legislation](#) supporting environmental education,
- [Online workshops](#), and more.

Were you familiar with fixes to No Child Left Behind before visiting this page? Did you learn something new?

## Workshops & Curricula for Educators & Facilitators

Visit these pages to:

- Learn about [professional development opportunities](#) in Colorado,
- Join the [CO PLT mailing list](#),
- Find out how to [become a CO PLT workshop facilitator](#),
- Explore the [PLT curriculum](#) “how to think, not what to think” philosophy,
- Share this [“hike the PLT website”](#) resource with others.

Log in! Did you try to access the facilitator resources? After completing an educator workshop you can start training to become a facilitator and lead your own trainings. How might this experience expand your career?

