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

Online Community
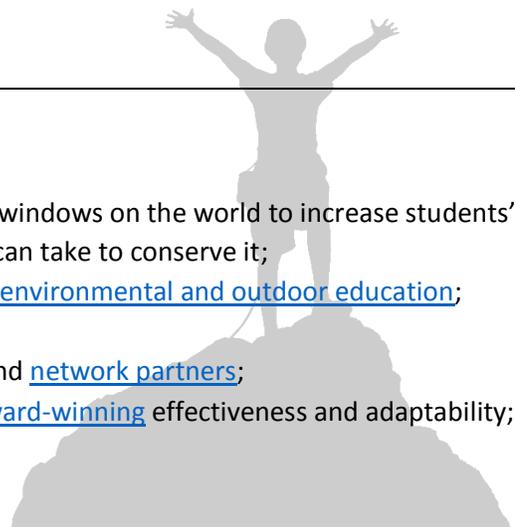Click on the links at the top left of the page to connect directly to the online community and:
- Like PLT on Facebook,
- Follow PLT on Pinterest,
- Follow PLT on Twitter, and
- Subscribe to the PLT YouTube channel.

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;

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.

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.
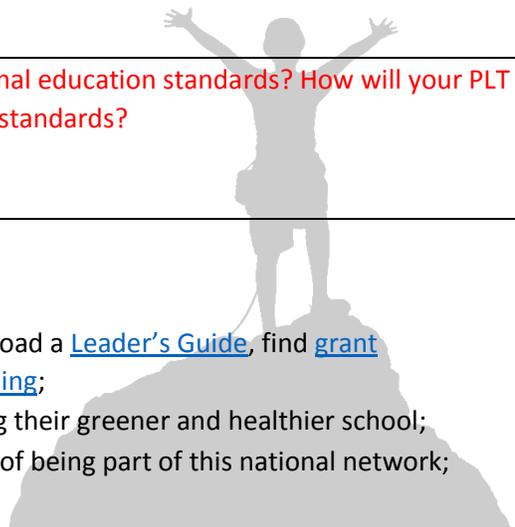
Curriculum

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.

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://coloradoplt.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 8th 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?