

Special Edition March 2005

This PLTree Line Special Edition brings to you exciting events occurring that I could not wait until April's issue to announce.

Thanks for all your support,
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1. Florida Educator Receives National Award

The American Forest Foundation and National Project Learning Tree have selected Florida educator, Leon Mays, to receive one of five National Outstanding Educators of the Year awards. Leon teaches Environmental Science at A.D. Harris High in Panama City. Leon will be recognized this summer at the PLT International Coordinator's Conference in Welches, Oregon. As part of his award he will also participate in the World Forestry Center's Summer International Educator's Institute in Portland, Oregon this July. Congratulations Leon!

2. Florida PLT Award Nominations

Here's your chance to recognize an individual or organization for their efforts in promoting and enhancing environmental education. Nominate an educator, facilitator, or business partner of the year for the Annual Florida PLT Awards. Visit Award Nominations to download nomination forms.

3. PLT GreenWorks! Grants

GreenWorks! offers educators the opportunity to apply for grants ranging from \$50 to \$1000 to implement community action and service-learning projects. Funding from the Bureau of Land Management will allow PLT to give additional grants of \$500 to \$2,000 for wildfire management/education projects. Across the country, PLT trained educators teaching in both formal and non-formal settings are eligible to apply for and receive GreenWorks! grants. Deadline for the Spring is May 6. Visit http://65.109.144.97/cms/pages/21_22_21.html to download an application and list of requirements.

4. Division of Forestry's Teacher's Tour

The Division of Forestry is still accepting applications for their Annual Forestry Teacher's Tour. Discover first hand where products you use every day come from. Learn about environmental

issues and how foresters work to meet the needs of the community and the environment. Participate in hands-on activities from the Project Learning Tree Activity Guide that will assist you in connecting what you see and learn in the field with the curricula in the classroom. Best of all this event is FREE!

5. National Environmental Education Week: April 10 – 16, 2005

National Environmental Education Week will take place April 10 – 16, 2005 and will be the single largest environmental education event in the U.S. It is a full week of educational preparedness for Earth Day and will involve some 400,000 educators and 15 million students.

6. Tree Fact #3

It has been estimated that one cord of 100 percent hardwood* will yield one of these approximate quantities of products:

1,000-2,000 pounds of paper (depending on the process)

942 100-page, hard-cover books

61,370 No. 10 business envelopes

4,384,000 commemorative-sized postage stamps

460,000 personal checks

1,200 copies of National Geographic

2,700 copies of an average daily newspaper

* A cord of wood is approximately 8 feet wide, 4 feet deep, and 4 feet high. A cord of air-dried, dense hardwood (oak, hickory, etc.) weighs roughly 2 tons, about 15-20 percent of which is water.

Source: A Tree for Each American, American Forest & Paper Association, Washington, DC.