



Florida PLTree Line Newsletter

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Florida PLT Workshops and News

2009 PLT Extravaganza! November 5-6.

REGISTRATION EXTENDED UNTIL OCT 21 This is the PLT conference to attend! **Jeff Doran, Executive Vice President, Florida Forestry Association will be our keynote speaker on Friday.** Thanks to our sponsors and supporters, your cost is unbelievably low. \$25.00 is the cost for both workshops, a PLT Facilitator's handbook, a children's literature book of choice, conference materials, Thursday night lodging, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Thursday and breakfast and lunch on Friday! Join us at the beautiful Withlacoochee State Forest, Brooksville, FL. For those traveling long distances, you may check in the night before on Wednesday Nov. 4th. [Click to view the conference registration form and draft program](#)

PLT Extravaganza Sponsors:

**Florida Sustainable Forest Initiative
Implementation Committee,
Rayonier Foundation, America
Forest Foundation**

Supporters: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Division of Forestry, International Paper, Packaging Corp. of America, Plum Creek Timber Co, St John's River Water Management District, UF School of Forest Resources and Conservation, USDA Forest Service, National Forests in Florida, and U.S. Wildlife Service, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

The ***Facilitator's Training Workshop*** is scheduled from 10:00 – 5:00 on Thursday, Nov. 5th. Thursday evening activities are scheduled.

The ***PLT Professional Development Workshop*** is on Friday, Nov 6th, from 8:30 – 4:30.

**PLT Educator
Workshops: Register
Now!**

**Check the PLT Calendar
of Events for the latest
workshop listings**

Oct 17 (Saturday) Prek-8 Educator's Workshop

Location: Tallahassee Museum

[Workshop details & registration](#) contact Jennifer Golden or Julie Dickey at jdickey@tallahasseeemuseum.org or 850-575-8684 ext 126

Registration & materials: \$15.00 Checks paid to the order of the University of Florida collected at workshop site

Oct 24 (Saturday) PreK-8 Educator's Workshop

Location: St. Paul Lutheran School

Registration : Contact Deb Wagner at dwagner@stpaullakeland.org or 863-644-7710

Registration & materials: \$15.00 Checks paid to the order of the University of Florida collected at workshop site

Thanks to our PLT Workshop sponsors:
Cremer Wood, Inc., St. Paul Lutheran PTA, Miller Elementary, Florida Sustainable Forest Initiative Implementation Committee, Leon County Extension, School District of Hillsborough County, and the City of Marathon, Land Steward Div.

Jan 30 (Saturday) PreK-8 Teacher workshop

Location: Austin Cary Memorial Forest, Gainesville

Audience: Pre-service teachers, classroom teachers, nature center staff, homeschoolers, 4-H agents and leaders, anyone interested in working with youth

Registration: Contact Jenny Seitz at cohenenviron@yahoo.com

Registration & materials: \$15.00 Checks paid to the order of the University of Florida collected at workshop site

Bring your own lunch

Feb.13 (Saturday) Focus on Forests - Secondary (grades 9-12)

Location: Greynolds Park, North Miami

Workshop registration: Contact Marcia Bisnett seleef@webtv.net 305-322-6273

Registration and Materials: free

Participant limit = 33

March 6 (Saturday) Focus on Risk - Secondary (grades 9-12)

Location: Greynolds Park, North Miami

Workshop registration: Contact Marcia Bisnett seleef@webtv.net 305-322-6273

Registration and Materials: free

Participant limit = 36

April 10 (Saturday) Focus on Solid Waste- Secondary (grades 9-12)

Location: Greynolds Park, North Miami

Workshop registration: Contact Marcia Bisnett seleef@webtv.net 305-322-6273

Registration and Materials: free

Participant limit = 14

Welcome our new PLT School and EE Center!

- **Riversink Elementary in Crawford for earning their PLT School designation! Julia Parker is the PLT school coordinator.** The school will be putting on a PLT week November 16-20. This is the third PLT School in Wakulla County. Riversink Elementary joins Medart and Shadeville Elementary Schools. Wakulla County facilitators' rock!
- **Green Cay Nature Center in Boynton Beach for receiving its PLT EE Center designation! Pamela Murfey is the PLT center coordinator.** We are excited to add another PLT EE Center in the southeastern part of the state. Green Cay Nature Center joins the Environmental Center at Miami-Dade County.

Congratulations! PLT School Learning Gate Elementary for winning a 2009 Governor's Serve to Preserve: Green Schools Award!

Congratulations to facilitator **Patti Girard** and the entire Learning Gate Elementary School family! Information about the award and award winners can be viewed at

http://www.myfloridaclimate.com/green_schools_award



Opportunities/ Grants/Contests

NEA Foundation Expands Grants Program to Include Green Initiatives in the Classroom Deadline: October 15, 2009 The NEA Foundation offers grants and programs that support educators' efforts to close the achievement gaps, increase classroom innovations, salute excellence in education, and provide professional development. Now projects that integrate green-related topics and experiences in the classroom are part of new grant funding made possible by unprecedented financial commitments from Nickelodeon and Staples Foundation for Learning. <http://www.neafoundation.org/>

Drop-by-Drop: You Make A Difference! Mini-grant Program Accepting Applications. Since 2001 the Lake County Water Authority has awarded over \$286,000.00 in grant money to community groups and private and public school teachers. This grant program was developed to encourage local educators and community groups to promote water resource education and awareness. Grant money has been used to purchase microscopes, purchase aquatic vegetation, create educational signs, purchase water test kits, aquatic nets, aquifer models, and fund field trips to Trout Lake Nature Center. The Water Authority is now seeking applications for the 2009-10 grant cycle. For details and application forms, please visit www.lcwa.org or call 343-3777, ext. 0. **Grant deadline is 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2009.**

Seeds for Education Grant. For years Wild Ones members and chapters have worked with schools and nature centers to plant and maintain natural landscapes. In 1996, the Wild Ones Board of Directors started the Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund to further foster such projects. Project goals should focus on the enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and volunteers in all phases of development and increase the educational value of the site. **Proposals are due November 15, 2009** [Seeds for Education Grant http://www.for-wild.org/sfecvr.html](http://www.for-wild.org/sfecvr.html)

Movement towards National Educational Standards. A group of experts and educators has released a draft of its proposed [national education standards](#) for students in English and math. The broad curriculum guidelines are expected to get more specific in 2010, when grade-by-grade standards will be outlined. For now, the proposal includes an expectation that students will be able to solve systems of equations and real-world problems using math and develop writing skills based on tone and topic. [The Washington Post](#) (9/22), [Education Week \(premium article access compliments of EdWeek.org\)](#) (9/21) The panel is seeking input on the current draft version. **Comments are due October 21.**

The President's Environmental Youth Awards Application Deadline: December 31, 2009 Since 1971, EPA has sponsored the [President's Environmental Youth Awards](#) (PEYA). The program recognizes young people across America for projects which demonstrate their commitment to the environment. Young people in all 50 states and the U.S. territories are invited to participate in the program. Projects submitted in the past have covered a wide range of subject areas including recycling programs in schools and communities; construction of nature preserves; major tree planting programs; videos, skits, and newsletters created by students that focused on environmental issues; and environmental science projects. To be eligible to compete, a student or students, sponsored by an adult, must submit to their local EPA regional office evidence of a completed project as defined in the PEYA application, as well as a [completed application](#).

Educational Resources

Website: The Climate Change Wildlife and Wildlands Toolkit

<http://www.globalchange.gov/resources/educators/toolkit> Great image gallery. Developed by US Bureau of Land Management, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration, US National Park Service.

Environmental programs for schools. Doris Anne Holman is an artist and author who conducts environmental education programs for schools. Information can be viewed at <http://dorisanne.com>

*Share your ideas
and success! Please
send information
to Nancy Peterson
at njp@ufl.edu*

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