



Project Learning Tree & Arkansas Champion Trees

Project Learning Tree (PLT) is an environmental education program that presents a balanced approach to teaching our children about our forests, forestry, and the environment. It uses the forest as a "window" into the natural world, helping young people gain an awareness and knowledge of the world around them, as well as their place within it.

PLT is a source of interdisciplinary instructional activities and provides workshops and certified in-service and professional development programs for teachers, foresters, park and nature center staff, and youth group leaders. PLT works in the city and the country, whether there is a forest or a single tree. It helps prepare students to make wise decisions about conservation practices and resource use.

Information in *Arkansas Champion Trees: An Artist's Journey* will enrich PLT workshops through December 2014, including optional tours at nearby venues, conversations with the featured artist, and classroom sets of art posters based on exhibit content. Rob Beadel, Director of Forestry Education of the Arkansas Forestry Association, schedules and coordinates facilitators for Project Learning Tree workshops. To find out when the next PLT workshop is offered near you, visit the Arkansas Forestry Association website, <http://arkforests.org/projectlearningtree.html>, or contact Rob at rbeadel@arkforests.org, office: 501.374.2441.

Project Learning Tree workshops and training meet Arkansas State Curriculum Correlations and provides bibliographies for grades K – 8th that may be downloaded in pdf form from the website. Participants receive a ready-to-use PLT guide free of charge and have the opportunity to plan ways in which the guide and resource materials may be used in the classroom. A complimentary subscription to PLT's newsletter, the *Branch*, is also included that is filled with teaching ideas and activities to refresh annual PLT emphases.

With PLT, students learn how to think, but not what to think, about our complex environment. They discover how subjects and skills taught in classroom relate to the world around them, including Arkansas's own champion trees. They develop skills in creative problem solving, critical thinking, evaluation, and research while having fun with provided activities.

CHECK OUT PROJECT LEARNING TREE TODAY!