



Florida Project Learning Tree

2018 Summary

Impacts

1,059,445 YOUTH REACHED with PLT's award-winning environmental education curriculum.

732 INDIVIDUALS TRAINED to use Project Learning Tree curriculum with their audiences.

52 WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED to provide hands-on experience to educators and receive PLT curriculum.



What Educators Say

[I] really like learning about these STEM activities by doing them. I plan to use this in my kindergarten class for a hands on science activity about habitats.

– Preservice Teacher

The hands on aspect of actually doing the activities and lessons so that I could gain a better understanding or how to implement in the classroom. It was great and the facilitator is FABULOUS! – Northboro Elementary School Teacher

I can get 6-8 graders excited about environmental issues! – Middle School Teacher

The greatest value of the workshop was our facilitator modeled and provided us with a wonderful resource for science topics and ways to integrate it with other curricular activities...she showed us how engaging (the activities) are. – Pelican Island Elementary School Teacher

The greatest value of the workshop was how to develop interactive standard based activities that students will enjoy. – Brevard County Teacher

The greatest workshop value was the variety of activities and the flexibility to use outdoors for a learning experience. – Dade County Elementary School Teacher

Highlights

- ◇ Sixty-two educators attended the Florida PLT advanced professional development training "Your Urban Forest: Discover What's Inside" at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, November 2-4, 2018.



"Your Urban Forest: Discover What's Inside" participants.
Photo by Gina Stoney, Mad Men Marketing.

- ◇ PLT launched a new unit, "Teaching with i-Tree." This unit includes 3 hands-on activities that help middle and high school students discover and analyze the many ecosystem services that trees provide.



- ◇ PLT won the prestigious 2019 Teachers' Choice Award. This award recognized PLT's Energy in Ecosystems curriculum for grades 3-5. PLT was selected by a nationwide panel of teacher-judges who review materials that teachers need for their classroom.



Awards

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Kirsten Brazier, First Grade Teacher, Crawfordville Elementary School

FACILITATOR OF THE YEAR

Susan Flak, Recycling Education and Marketing Coordinator,
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Elise Cassie, Assistant Coordinator, Florida PLT

2018 NATIONAL PLT LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION AWARD

Robin Will, Supervisory Refuge Ranger, St. Marks National Wildlife
Refuge, Florida PLT Steering Committee Chair



From left: Robert Raze, Vice-Chair, Florida PLT Steering Committee; Sue Flak, Florida PLT 2018 Facilitator of the Year; Kirsten Brazier, Florida PLT 2018 Educator of the Year; Elise Cassie, 2018 Bill Kleinhans Spirit of Florida PLT Award recipient; Kim Sartor, accepting the award for Phillip Allen, Florida PLT 2018 Partner of the Year; and Robin Will, Chair, Florida PLT Steering Committee.

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