

Florida PLT

Annual Summary 2023



Message from the Coordinator

As we wrap up 2023 and reflect on the past year, I am grateful to be part of the University of Florida School of Forest, Fisheries, and Geomatics Sciences, and Florida PLT. After more 25 years as a PLT Facilitator, I feel privileged to coordinate the Florida PLT program and to work alongside a wonderful Steering Committee, facilitators, educators, and colleagues.

In the year ahead, I look forward to working with you as we bring forest and environmental education and professional development experiences to more educators, and ultimately Florida's youth. Thank you!

Elise Cassie
Coordinator, Florida PLT

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By the Numbers

500+

Educators Trained

30+

Trainings Throughout Florida

7

University & School Collaborations

1,000+

Facebook Followers

7,000+

Website Pageviews

2,300+

Unique Website Users



2023 FL PLT Facilitator Retreat Climate, Careers, & Connections to Green Spaces

- 🌳 **38 facilitators** and potential facilitators attended
- 🌳 **Boardwalk hike, interpretive center, and animal sanctuary** tours & early bird adventures with Nature's Classroom staff
- 🌳 **"My Green Future"** activity experience from the Explore Your Environment K-8 Activity Guide with Marney Richards
- 🌳 **"Stepping Through Climate Science"** activity experience from the Southeastern Forests and Climate Change Guide with Janet Schnauss and Trini Johannesen
- 🌳 **"Community, Climate, and Urban Forests"** presentation by Dr. Mysha Clarke, UF/SFFGS
- 🌳 Product creation session and activity rotation featuring **"Carbon on the Move"** and **"Field, Forest, and Stream"**



Florida Urban Forestry Council: 2023 FL PLT Partner of the Year
Emily Blum: 2023 FL PLT Facilitator of the Year
Katrina Roddenberry: 2023 FL PLT Educator of the Year
Robert Raze: 2023 Bill Kleinhans Spirit of Florida PLT

What Educators Said in 2023



"The greatest value of this PD training is it provided exciting, hands-on STEM activities to implement with my students."

"What stood out to me about the Project Learning Tree experience was not only the activities we engaged in, but the materials we were able to take away."

"I feel very confident in teaching serious issues to children in fun ways."

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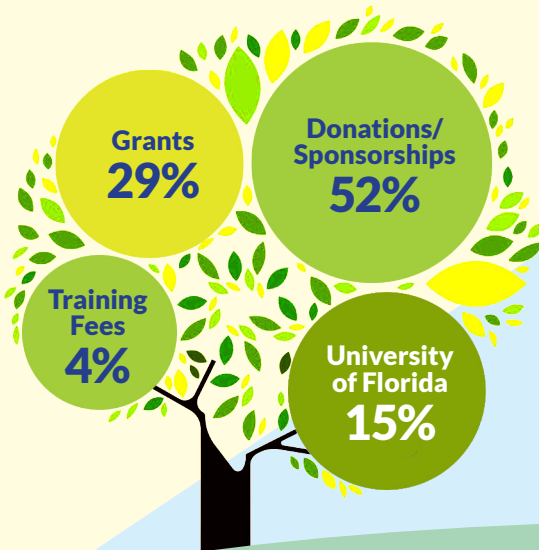
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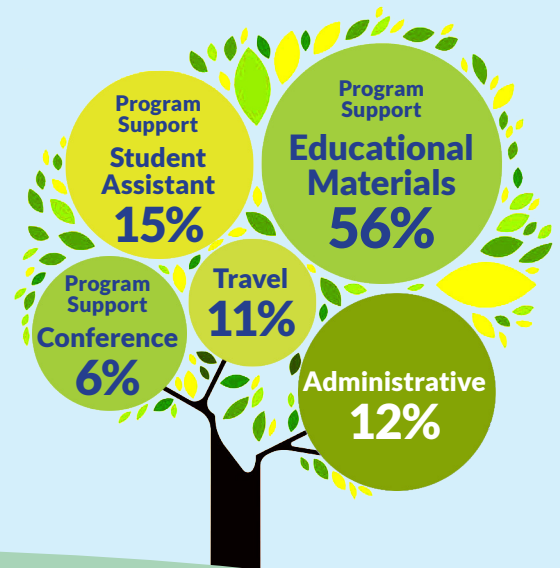
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Income

**2023
Budget Summary**

Expenses