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# Children Grow — Thanks to You!

## PLT 2009 Annual Report

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### Thank you from PLT Central

We want to applaud all educators, sponsors and partners who contributed to a very successful and productive year at PLT!

### Introducing...



### New PLT Schools and Environmental Education Center!

Welcome to our newest PLT schools, [Montessori School of Navarre](#) and [Riversink Elementary](#) in Crawford and our most recent PLT Environmental Education Center, [Green](#)

[Cay Nature Center](#) in Boynton Beach.



*GreenSchools!* is a program that allows both teachers and students to investigate environmental issues at their schools and engage with their community in service-learning projects. Six Florida PLT schools volunteered to pilot test the program and four were awarded service learning action project grants. For further information go to [http://plt.org/cms/pages/21\\_23\\_242.html](http://plt.org/cms/pages/21_23_242.html).



### PLT People make the Difference!

- ◆ **Trained 618 educators** at 24 workshops located throughout Florida.
- ◆ **Trained 33 new PLT facilitators** (Those who train PLT teachers).
- ◆ **Created 16 regional PLT facilitator teams**, partnering experienced facilitators with several newly trained facilitators. Each team will host a PLT Educator workshop in their area in 2010.
- ◆ **Over 1500 volunteer hours** were donated to Florida PLT Central. Thank you Steering Committee members, facilitators, guest speakers and office volunteers. This figure is only a fraction of the hours donated the Florida PLT program state-wide.

### PLT Outreach!

- ◆ Newly designed Florida **PLT sponsor packets**
- ◆ New **PLT floor displays**
- ◆ New **PLT thank you flyer** sent to donors
- ◆ Presented at **PLT International Conference**, "Florida *GreenSchools!* Investigation pilot study"
- ◆ **New CD** produced by national PLT, "Billy B Sings about Trees"



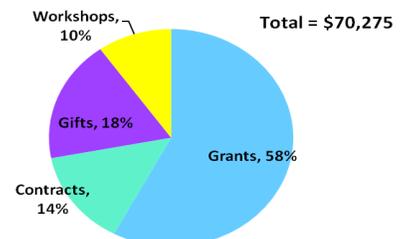
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*"GreenSchools! has helped me learn what I can do not only to help my school but to help my home and community. It was fun to do this with my friends and I know that I was making a difference."*  
 6<sup>th</sup> grade student



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### 2009 PLT Income Sources



## Thank you PLT Sponsors!

### \$5001 +

American Forest Foundation  
Florida Division of Forestry  
UF/IFAS School of Forest Resources and Conservation

### \$1000-\$5,000

Florida Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee  
Leon County Extension Office, UF/IFAS

### Workshop Sponsors- Up to \$1000

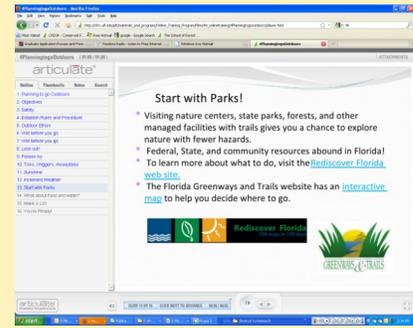
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US Fish and Wildlife Service  
St. Petersburg College

## Florida PLT Pilot Testing On-Line Training Program for 4-H Leaders

FPLT is once again on the cutting edge of program delivery. Working with 4-H, we are developing an on-line program for 4-H leaders to become certified PLT educators. Additional information will be available through your county 4-H agent.



**PLT uses the forest as a "window on the world" to increase youths' understanding of our complex environment, to stimulate critical and creative thinking, to develop the ability to make informed decisions on environmental issues, and to instill the confidence and commitment to take responsible action on behalf of the environment.**

## Celebrating Excellence

### PLT Educator of the Year: Debra Wagner

As an elementary school teacher Debra has shared her love of the land with her students and brought environmental distinction to St. Paul

Lutheran School by spearheading numerous award winning environmental and agricultural education projects such as the "Celebrate Creation" project. Congratulations Deb!

### PLT Facilitator of the Year: Chris Verlinde

In 2008, Chris facilitated 7 educator workshops in north Florida reaching 122 educators. Annually she co-facilitates a PLT workshop in the Pensacola College Forestry Conclave and a workshop for 4-H camp staff every other year. Chris is a great asset to PLT as a leader and mentor and ensures that PLT is included in programs at the Environmental Education Institute. Congratulations Chris!

### PLT Business Partner of the Year: Leon County Cooperative Extension Service

Extension Agents **Marcus Boston** and **Stan Rosenthal** secured a multi-year grant to facilitate 16 PLT Educator workshops for Pre-Service teachers, training 538 educators! Congratulations Marcus and Stan!

*PLT is now on Facebook!*  
<http://www.facebook.com/projectlearningtree?ref=ty>



PLT Outdoor Schoolyard Tree Planting Ceremony at Lake Butler Elementary.



PLT Educators attending the November Extravaganza workshops.

## Thank you PLT volunteers!

### Educators who held workshops or conducted PLT activities in 2009

Misty Alderman, Kirstin Anderson, Mary Bahr, Lynn Bishop, Sherrie Blackwelder, Shelia Bolin, Marcus Boston, John Brown, Heather Callahan Frebe, Katherine Carey, Elise Cassie, Arthur Clothier, Colan Coody, Theresa Dennis, Greg Driskell, Karen Farley, April Fredrick, Cheryl George, Patti Girard, Jennifer Golden, Aileen Graffe, Glen Harris, Sarah Hicks, Trina Hofreiter, Charlotte Hoover, Geetha Iyer, Karen Johnson-Folsom, Bill Kleinhans, Michelle Hunter, Jane Kriegbaum, Diana Kyle, Mae Funk Kiggins, John Lilly, Jennifer Loyd-Pain, , Joe MacKenzie, Lindsey McConnell, Neal McDonald, Nonie Maines, Brooke Mohr, Elizabeth Moore, Martha Monroe, David Moody, Mark Miller, Lori Nicholson, Annie Oxarart, Julia Parker, Summer Pitt, Robert Raze, Jr., Mike Renwick, Diana Rice, Jean Rogalsky, Stan Rosenthal, Summer Scarlatelli, Katie Schlotterbeck, Jean Schubert, Jenny Seitz, Shaun Steward, Amy Taylor, Eileen Tramontana, Sally Unser, Deb Wagner, Alison Waters, Karen Weitzel MacCabe, Robin Will, Karin Williamson and Kelliann Whitney.