



Florida Kids Grow in Nature!

Project Learning Tree 2011 Annual Report



PLT Gets Kids Connected to Nature!

Here at Florida PLT we provide students with an hands-on and interactive learning environment that fosters student creativity, inquisitiveness and problem-solving skills— essential qualities in an increasingly complex world!

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

-Florida PLT Central

A PLT Workshop for Everybody!

PLT conducted **32 training workshops for 847 teachers in every region of Florida** this year in:

- ◆ Prek-8
- ◆ Early Childhood Experiences
- ◆ Forests of the World
- ◆ Places We Live
- ◆ WET, WILD and Woodsy
- ◆ Prek-8/ECE/Ag
- ◆ Greenschools!
- ◆ Facilitator Training



PLT Schools are a Success!

PLT welcomes **Wakulla Pre-K Learning Center**, the first pre-k school in Florida to earn this designation!

... and **Bonita Springs Charter School** who was also awarded a national PLT *Greenworks!* Grant to support a coastal clean up project.

Congratulations to **five Florida schools** who have earned **PLT National Greenschools! certifications.**

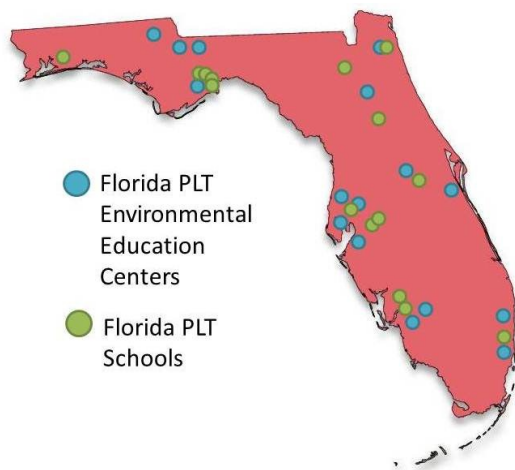
Florida PLT Goes to Washington D.C. and Hawaii!

St. Paul Lutheran School in Lakeland, FL created a **Florida Forestry Box** to celebrate the 2011 Year of the Forests. Students from the 4th grade presented the box to Florida State Representative McKeel, and the Florida Secretary of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, A. Putnam. The box was also selected to be on display in **Washington D.C. at the United Nations Year of Forests** event and at the **Society of American Foresters National Convention in Hawaii.**



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Florida PLT Reaches over 62,000 Students!

Educators trained in Florida during 2011 report that they will teach to over 62,000 students. The curriculum is interdisciplinary, easily incorporated into existing curricula, teaches critical thinking skills, responsible citizen action and gets students outdoors! Check out our interactive Google maps for [PLT Schools](#) and [EE Centers](#)!

Congratulations to our 2011 Florida PLT Award Recipients!

We would like to recognize **Martha Pierce**, Florida Facilitator of the Year, **Brooke Mohr**, Florida Educator of the Year and **International Paper Inc.**, Florida Business Partner of the Year. Your efforts and partnership makes Florida PLT a success! To learn more about our award winners go to sfrc.ufl.edu/plt/supporting_PLT/fl_plt_awards



Community Garden at Wakulla Pre-K Learning Center in Crawfordville, FL.

Florida PLT Goes International!

Nancy Peterson, Florida PLT Coordinator, presented a revised version of the PLT Forests of the World curriculum at a professional workshop for training pre-service conservation and biology teachers in **Suriname, South America**.

Deb Wagner, Steering Committee Member, presented PLT's Prek-8 curriculum to educators this year at a professional workshop in **Guatemala, Central America**.



Stay Connected!

[PLT's Branch Newsletter](#), a national e-newsletter with up-to-date information.

[National PLT Online Community](#), created just for PLT educators and facilitators.

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