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Project Learning Tree - Ohio

TREE-rific Resources

Happy Autumn!

Autumn is in full swing and we hope you are enjoying these cooler days and beautiful autumn foliage!

Whether you are spending the season picking apples, carving pumpkins, or watching football, please take the time to check out this edition of PLT's TREE-rific Resources.

The purpose of this communication is to keep you updated on the latest environmental and conservation education resources and support materials to enhance your use of the PLT curriculum.

If you have any TREE-ific resources or upcoming environmental education/professional development workshops to share, please contact the PLT-Ohio office so we can share them with others

Also, be sure to check out the updated PLT-Ohio website: http://ohiodnr.com/forestry/Home/education/ProjectLearningTree/tabid/5116/Default.aspx for more resources!

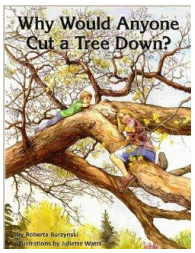
Autumn Overlook, Hocking Hills, Ohio

PLT News:

PLT Board Chair Wayne Lashbrook of Chillicothe was recently honored for his long-time forestry leadership with a tree planted in his name at the Ohio Division of Forestry's Forest of Honor at Zaleski State Forest. Congratulations to Wayne!

Latest PLT TREE-ific Resources:

PreK-8:



- "Why would anyone cut a tree down?" - Children's book that explains the life cycles of trees and how they are a renewable resource. Talks about planting trees as well as the various uses for wood from cut trees. Books are available upon request. Limited supply. Only 1 per person.
- Natural Inquirer – a middle school level science education journal – features free downloadable PDFs of past editions, including "The World's Forests," "Wildland Fire," "Urban Forests," and "Ecosystem Services." http://www.naturalinquirer.org/all-issues.html

Focus on Forests & Forests of the World:

- Weekly videos of the progress of Autumn's color transformation in Ohio. www.fallcolor.ohiodrn.gov
- Video – Why do autumn leaves change color? http://www.scientificamerican.com/video.cfm?id=why-do-autumn-leaves-change-color-2013-10-03
- Website features a collection of links to photos, videos, and information about the fall foliage in each state so students can see autumn transformation in other types of forests and ecosystems. http://home.epix.net/~captclint/fall.html
- Ohio Tree Index – Ohio DNR, Division of Forestry. http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/5361/Default.aspx

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Upcoming Environmental Education Workshops:

PLT PreK-12 Regional Workshop Series- An opportunity to get a look at Ohio's forest issues. Each workshop within the series is unique with local agencies and field experts partnering. Special price of only $10.00 per person includes all workshop materials, PLT guide/modules, a light lunch & beverages. Optional Ashland University grad credit available for those who qualify and attend 2 or more regional workshops. Only 3 regional workshops left:

Conservation of Soil & Water Resources: (November 2, 2013, 8:30am-4pm @ Miller Conservation Farm- 5670 E. Adams Township Road 138 Tiffin, OH 44883) Hear from local experts at Seneca Soil & Water Conservation District while touring farming conservation practices at the historic Miller Conservation Farm. Please register by 10/28/13.

Sustainable Forest Management on All Forest Lands: (November 15, 2013, 8:30am-4pm @ Buzzard's Roost Nature Preserve Chillicothe, OH) Learn about sustainable practices being used in Ohio's forests and hear from expert guest speakers on the effects of forest uses and seeking sustainability in our local forests. Please register by 11/11/13.

Public Benefits from Ohio's Forests: (November 19, 2013, 9am-4:30pm @ Glen Helen Ecology Institute – 405 Cory St. Yellow Springs, OH 45387) Discover why "We All Need Trees" and how various forest organisms rely on "Trees as Habitats." Please register by 11/11/13.

To register, see attached registration form, or call/e-mail the PLT office.