

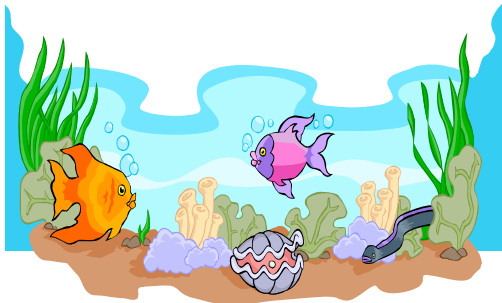
This brochure was designed with you in mind. Inside you will find everything you need to know about:

### **Project Learning Tree**

- What is PLT
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Please keep this information and talk to your child about PLT week.

Allowing them to share their thoughts encourages communication with you the parent.



Volunteering is a great way to get involved in your child's education. It is a wonderful way to show them you are interested in learning also.

I am interested in volunteering my time to help with PLT Activities

Please sign and include your phone number if you are available to help.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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**Wonders**



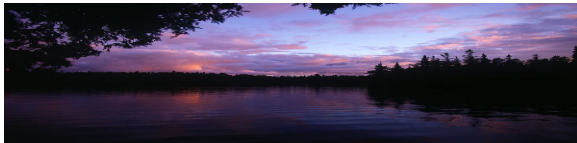
**A Parent's Guide**

**To:**

**Project Learning  
Tree**

## What is Project Learning Tree?

Project Learning Tree (PLT) is an environmental education program that focuses on teaching students about their environment and how to care for it. PLT enables teachers to bring the environment into the classrooms. Activities planned for students are geared for each grade level and cover the Sunshine State Standards. Educators use PLT to teach both natural and man-made environments.



## How long has PLT been around?

PLT has been around for 30 years helping teachers bring valuable educational activities into their classrooms. PLT provides professional development programs for educators and service learning opportunities to incorporate community involvement.

Want to learn more?

Visit: <http://www.plt.org>



## Our Theme

Each school year, a PLT Committee of teachers chooses a theme that focuses on a particular area of environmental education. This year our theme is **Wakulla's Water Wonders**. Teachers create thematic units of study that incorporate environmental education

across the curriculum. Students participate in hands-on-learning allowing them to make informed decisions about the environment in which they live. Students also participate in many activities incorporating art and music into learning in order to reach every learning style.

## Interesting Websites to Visit

<http://www.plt.org>

<http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/ccs/Backyard.html>

<http://www.globalforestscience.org/>

<http://www.epa.gov/kids/>

<http://www.floridamarine.org>

<http://www.biobooks.org>

<http://pbskids.org/backyardjungle/>

<http://www.treesacrossamerica.net/>

## Academic Focus

Grade level concepts are taught that deal with the particular theme chosen for the year. Many Sunshine State Standards are covered across the curriculum while students participate in PLT week.

Here are some examples for this year:

- ✚ Language Arts  
(Creative Writing/Vocabulary)

- ✚ Science  
(Pollution/Water Cycle/  
the Environment)
- ✚ Social Studies  
(Map Skills / Bodies of Water)
- ✚ Math  
(Measurement / Estimation)
- ✚ Reading – (Informative Books  
on the Environment)



## How You Can Help

- Visit the Public Library with your child to find books of environmental interests.
- Take a trip to the FSU Marine Lab
- Model environmental practices that are safe for our world.
  - ✓ Recycling
  - ✓ Conserving Water
  - ✓ Conserving Energy
- Create a backyard wildlife conservation area find out how at:  
<http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/ccs/Backyard.html>
- Share your ideas with others
- Plant a tree in your child's name

