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Welcome to PLT-Ohio's TREE-rific
Newsletter!

This edition of PLT's TREE-rific
Resources serves to keep you
informed on seasonal events and
various environmental education
opportunities to use in association
with the PLT curriculum.

If you have any additional TREE-rific
opportunities to share, or if you
would like more information about
future educational and professional
development workshops that PLT has
to offer, please do not hesitate to
contact our PLT-Ohio office. Also be
sure to check out the [PLT-Ohio](#)
webpage for more PLT resources!



Tree-rific Resources



Resources for Educators

- [Hands-On Activities to Explore the Many Uses of Trees](#)

Explore the many benefits and uses of trees with your students to show them the important roles trees play in the environment.

- [Natural Inquirer: Citizen Science Edition](#)

The Natural Enquirer produces a variety of science education materials for PreK through 12th grade. The newest edition highlights citizen science and how people across the globe contribute to environmental research. Download or order a copy at the hyperlink above.

- [Treemendous Science! E-Unit for K-2 is Now Available](#)

Project Learning Tree E-Units are online units of instruction designed to be easy for teachers to access and use. With the Treemendous Science! E-unit for grades K-2, students explore and collect tree data to develop understandings about how trees grow, the roles trees play in ecosystems, and the ways in which trees and humans interact. For more details follow the hyperlink above.



News and Noteworthy

[KidsGardening Invites Applicants for 2018 School Garden Packages](#)

Deadline: December 8, 2017

KidsGardening awards Youth Garden Grants to schools, nonprofits, and youth programs to support youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. Twenty programs will receive award packages valued between \$600 and \$1,600 to assist in establishing or expanding a garden program. Follow the hyperlink for program guidelines and application instructions.

[OEEF 2018 Environmental Education Project Grants](#)

Letter of Intent Deadline: January 9th

Completed Application Deadline: January 16th

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund is accepting grant proposals from schools, universities, nature centers, and government units to implement projects increasing awareness of environmental issues. Mini grants from \$500-\$5,000 and general grants up to \$50,000 will be awarded. Click the hyperlink to view the grant guidelines, 2018 funding priorities, and past funded projects.

[Ohio Student Wildlife Research Symposium](#)

Proposal Deadline: January 18th

High school teachers and students conducting research on wildlife and habitats are encouraged to submit proposals and present their work at the 2nd Annual Ohio Student Wildlife Research Symposium. The event sponsored by the Environmental Education Council of Ohio and Ohio Division of Wildlife will be held on April 12th at Maumee Bay State Park.

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[NEA Foundation Learning and Leadership Grants](#)

The NEA Foundation is a public charity of the National Education Association. The Learning and Leadership grants program provides support to public school teachers, public education support professionals and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education through grants to individuals to fund participation in high-quality professional development. Applicants must be NEA members to qualify for \$2000 individual grants.

Be Sure to Log In & Register at www.plt.org for access to:

- [GreenSchools Investigations](#) for young children and older students. Available online, ready to use, FREE for everyone!
- PLT's FREE secondary module **Southeast Forests and Climate Change** with 14 experiential activities on the [PINEMAP/PLT site](#)
- [Environmental Education Resources and PLT Activity Support](#)

Congratulations to the newest Ohio PLT facilitators!

Metroparks Toledo provided Oak Openings Preserve Lodge for PLT's most recent leadership training on October 25th and 26th. It was a terrific professional development experience for all.

Susan Muenzer, Metroparks Toledo
Becca O'Neill, Stark SWCD
Cory Ollie, Whitehall Parks and Recreation
Devon Smith, Metroparks Toledo
Anna Smith, Preble SWCD
Angela Yeager, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
Sandra Collins, Toledo Metroparks volunteer
Rachel Hoverman, OSU Vanwert Co. Extension
Steph Miller, Ohio Division of Forestry
Ashlee Decker, The Nature Conservancy
Jamie Forbush, Toledo Public Schools
Jennifer Elsworth, Metroparks Toledo
Patti Donnellan, Cleveland Metroparks & Lorain County Metro Parks
Katherine Cromwell, Metroparks Toledo
Rebecca Breidenbach, Metroparks Toledo
Wendy Baker, Grover Hill Elementary
Stephanie Condon, Metroparks Toledo
Jake Willing, Metroparks Toledo
Amanda Howard, Non-formal Educator
Alissa Barwinski, Metroparks Toledo
Kelly Milewski, Metroparks Toledo
Patty Toneff, Woodlawn Arboretum

Interested in having a PLT workshop in your part of Ohio? These and other PLT-trained volunteer facilitators can be contacted and help set up a local workshop for you.