

Hike through Explore your Environment K-8 Guide



Introduction

1. What are the six key characteristics that high-quality environmental education materials like Project Learning Tree demonstrate. (found in the Introduction)
2. Where can you find the diagram and explanation of activity components? Name one or two and share with the group.
3. What support materials for Project Learning Tree are found online?

Activities

4. Find an activity in the Grades K-2 strand and share a Forest Fact.
5. Find an activity in the Grades 3-5 strand and share which Academic Standards are covered in the activity.
6. Find an activity that focuses on the topic of Energy.

Appendices

7. Where can you find Tips for Teaching Outdoors? Share one with the group.
8. Where can you find the 10 Stem Skills that PLT promotes? Share one with the group.
9. Where can you find information on how to connect students with forest careers? Name an activity that introduces students to different forest-related careers.

Bonus Question: Who is Montana's Project Learning Tree Coordinator? Which organization do they work for?

KEY to Hike through Explore your Environment K-8 Guide

1. Six characteristics, set by North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) include:
 - Fairness and Accuracy, Depth, Emphasis on Skills Building, Action Orientation, Instructional Soundness, Usability
2. Activity components diagram found on pg. 8; various answers
3. Pg. 10: online support materials include: Glossary, Student pages, Reading connections, Resources, and Standards alignment
4. See index at beginning of K-2 section, pg. 12; Color Red; Notice 3-5 variations listed as well
5. See index at beginning of 3-5 section, pg. 88; Color Green; Notice K-2 and 6-8 variations listed as well
6. See Topic index, pg. 424
7. Pg. 395, Appendix B
8. Ten STEM skills PLT promotes in Appendix E, pg. 400-401
9. Explore Forest Careers – pg. 412, Appendix J. My Green Future activity – pg. 132

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