# THE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

**Badge Program** 

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## **DNR: Project Learning Tree**

Project Learning
Tree (PLT) is an
environmental
education program
for kids from
preschool through
grade 12. It is from
the American Forest
Foundation.

### DNR: PROJECT LEARNING TREE

#### **Steps**

#### 1. Project Learning Tree (PLT).

www.plt.org

Project Learning Tree is designed to get kids outside. The purpose is to teach kids HOW to think about the environment. Explore the Web site to learn more.

#### 2. GreenWorks!

www.plt.org/greenworks

GreenWorks! provides the framework for service learning in cooperation with businesses, non-profits, etc. Review the guidelines and brainstorm ways you can incorporate PLT activities / service into your current programming.

#### 3. GreenSchools!

www.plt.org/greenschools

GreenSchools! encourages positive environmental action of schools and communities. Review this program and decide if you want to reduce your school's ecological footprint. These activities can be incorporated into normal school days. How much can you do to help the environment?

#### 4. Try an activity.

Free activities are available online. Try one or more to see how the program works. Is this something you can use with your youth troop / group?

#### 5. Take a PLT workshop.

Search for your state coordinator and / or events to find out when workshops are being offered. Sign up and take one.

#### 6. Earth and Sky radio show.

earthsky.org

Earth and Sky is a daily radio show that highlights a range of environmental topics. Go to the Earth and Sky Web site and look through some of their offerings. Do a tutorial if you are interested in this resource.

#### 7. Focus on forests.

www.plt.org/focus-on-forests

Exploring Environmental Issues: Focus on Forests module is now available. Learn about forestry. Explore the links and resources to find activities you can use with your youth.

#### 8. Look through the curriculum.

Review the curriculum to find other items not specifically called out in the steps of this badge program. Are there more areas you're interested in learning about? If so, find out more.



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#### 9. Additional resources of PLT activities.

www.plt.org/curriculum

Under "Curriculum", explore the additional activity resources for both PreK-8 and Secondary.

#### 10. Incorporating PLT with Girl Scouts.

www.plt.org/correlations-for-girl-scouts

PLT has activities that work with all levels of Girl Scouts. Look through their provided lists to see what activities you can incorporate into your Girl Scout activities.

#### 11. Incorporating PLT with Boy Scouts.

www.plt.org/correlations-for-boy-scouts

Look through activities to find out how to incorporate PLT activities with Boy Scout activities.

#### 12. Create an activity box.

Create an activity box based on the program / youth you work with to introduce adults to Project Learning Tree. Include instructions on how the activity works and where adults can get their own materials if they are interested in learning more.

#### 13. Environmental education.

connect.plt.org/app/render/go.aspx?xsl=tp\_community.xslt

PLT provides even more educational support. Check out their site where they encourage others to share their PLT materials.

#### 14. Become a trainer or coordinator.

Find out what you need to do to become a trainer / coordinator for Project Learning Tree.

#### 15. Explore ways to share PLT.

Find ways to share Project Learning Tree with others beyond the steps above.

#### **Sites to Explore**

All links are provided within the steps above.

Check out larajla's Enrichment Project to start your own adventure.