



A Forest for Every Classroom

Workshop Topics and Dates

Service Learning
Thursday, November 13, 2014
Marathon Venture Academy, Marathon City

Discover how service learning can be used to engage your students and connect them to their human and natural community.

Winter Ecology & Tree Identification
Friday & Saturday February 13 & 14, 2015
Treehaven Field Station, Tomahawk

Strap on some snowshoes and learn how to integrate winter ecology and tree identification into your class curriculum. Optional graduate credit - \$424.47

Citizen Science
Thursday, March 5, 2015
Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha

Learn about school friendly projects that engage students in authentic scientific inquiry at all grade levels and across disciplines.

Climate Change
May 8, 2015, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland

Increase your ability to use place-based climate change evidence and scientific research to increase students' climate literacy.

What is A Forest For Every Classroom?

A Forest for Every Classroom (FFEC) is a professional development series for educators, which provides the inspiration, knowledge, and skills required to transform classroom teaching into effective and exciting place-based education. At the heart of the FFEC program is the belief that students who are immersed in the interdisciplinary study of their own place are more eager to learn and be involved in the stewardship of their natural and human communities.

What is place-based education?

Place-based education is the process of using the local community and environment as a starting point to teach concepts in science, mathematics, reading, social studies, and other subjects. Emphasizing hands-on, real world learning experiences, this approach to education increases academic achievement, helps students develop stronger ties to their community, enhances student appreciation for the natural world, and creates a heightened commitment to serving as active contributing citizens. (David Sobel, *Standing Strong in My Rightful Place*, 2003)

What is expected of participants?

You may join us for one or more of the workshops. Each workshop will be a complete learning experience, with no assumption of prior knowledge or experience.

Participants are encouraged, but not required, to come as part of a school team. Consider including teachers, administrators, and community partners on your team. Maximum team size is 5 people.

Workshops are 1 day and held during the week, *with the exception of the Winter Ecology workshop* which is scheduled for 2 days, Friday and Saturday. We expect that you will commit to spend the entire scheduled time with us. \$100 for substitute reimbursement is available for up to 15 people per workshop.

To be eligible for the implementation mini-grant, you must submit a proposal summary outlining the project you intend to use the grant for. Mini-grants are available for each workshop. (Up to 15 people.)



To register go to:

www.leafprogram.org
(Professional Development Calendar)

Cost for each 1 day workshop: \$15

Cost for 2 day workshop: \$30

We have a limited number of:

\$100 substitute reimbursement

\$200 mini-grant to implement school project

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