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Project Learning Tree Training for Woodland Owners and Natural Resource Professionals

WOODSTOCK-Are you thinking about the future of our forests? Are you concerned that our youth are out of touch with nature and spend all their time indoors? Have you ever considered ways you could be involved with your local school or community to get more kids outdoors?

The Vermont Woodlands Association and VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation have partnered to offer a Project Learning Tree workshop. PLT grows stewardship one student at a time and has been for more than thirty-five years. Teachers across the country use this curriculum as a basis for natural resource education. Its mission is to: “use the forest as a window on the world to increase students’ understanding of our environment; stimulate students’ crucial and creative thinking; develop students’ ability to make informed decisions on environmental issues; and instill in students the commitment to take responsible action on behalf of the environment.” You have that window on the world! If you are interested in opening opportunities for education on your property, or want to learn how to share your knowledge with our youth using this curriculum, this workshop is for you!

The PLT workshop will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 9am to 3pm at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park’s Forest Center in Woodstock. The cost to attend is \$20, which includes lunch and all materials.

Completion of the workshop will certify you as a PLT leader and provide you with PLT’s PreK-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide and a “toolbox” of supplies and materials for activities.

As a PLT leader, you will be asked to put your newfound knowledge to work on Friday, October 19, 2012 as part of the national Walk in the Forest. Many teachers have already signed up to have their classes participate and are excited for the opportunity to join in this unique learning opportunity with land stewards such as yourself.

Visit www.vermontwoodlands.org for a registration or call 802-747-7900.

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