



Connecting~

Educators with Oregon's Forests, Wildlife, Water, and Land

Welcome to "Connecting~" A newsletter for facilitators of the Oregon Natural Resources Education Program (ONREP). This monthly newsletter focuses on information, opportunities, and ideas that will help you stay connected. Each issue will highlight a program facilitator, a recent ONREP project or workshop, resources, tips and tools, and upcoming workshop information. We hope you find ideas you can use in workshops or to further your professional development as well as a tool for staying connected. Please submit newsletter ideas to: leeann.mikkelson@oregonstate.edu

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"The 'doing' is the best part of a PLT workshop."

~Astoria Educator

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FACILITATOR HIGHLIGHT- RICK ZENN



*Rick pondering
Facilitator Training October 2008*

Rick is currently the Senior Fellow for the World Forestry Center where he oversees the many aspects of community and teacher education. He was awarded the Mary Rellegert Forestry Education Award in 2007, and accepted the Project Learning Tree Gold Star Award in 2008 on behalf of the World Forestry Center for being an outstanding supporter of the Project Learning Tree mission. He serves on the ONREP advisory board and is an active ONREP facilitator in the Metro area. He is also a member of the National PLT Education Operating Committee.

Submitted by LeeAnn Mikkelson, Susan Sahnaw, and Norie Dimeo-Ediger

Global Connections: Forests of the World

In February ONREP offered *Discover Global Connections: Forests of the World* at the World Forestry Center for high school educators. The twenty six educators who attended the workshop found the topic interesting and the curriculum to be a valuable tool.

Forests of the World provides formal and non-formal educators with a series of activities to help students and educators gain an increased understanding and appreciation of the diversity of world forest

environments, with an emphasis on the human interaction with and dependence on those environments. The module activities provide students with opportunities to apply scientific processes and higher order thinking skills while investigating world forestry issues and conducting service learning projects.



Curriculum description provided by Project Learning Tree:

<http://www.plt.org/>

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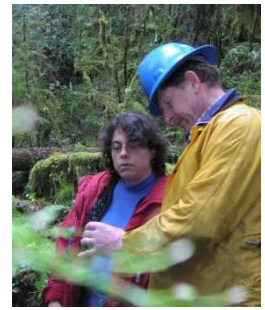
And it's main partners:

- Project Learning Tree
- Project WILD
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest

Upcoming Opportunities

April ONREP Workshops:

- Ecological Odyssey: Life at Clay Pit Pond 4/1/10. 4th-8th grade focus, Astoria, Facilitators: Glenn Ahrens and Will George
- Inquiring Minds Want to Know. 4/13/10. High school focus, Sherwood. Facilitators: Susan Sahnaw and Norie Dimeo-Ediger.
- Focus on Fire and Forest Ecology. 4/15/10. Klamath Falls, Facilitators: Susan Honea and Anne Maloney



Tips and Tools:

I am amazed at how being calm yourself can really calm a rowdy group without much extra effort. It's always good to work with other people because there is so much to learn.

Submitted by Sarah Dunham
Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

Did You Know?

Did you know that Oregon Natural Resources Education Program sets their workshop calendar in May for the upcoming year? Educators have requested that we post the upcoming year's workshop calendar to plan ahead for their professional development. We will start planning next year's workshops for July 1st, 2010-June 30th, 2011 in May 2010 and try to get the basic information posted by June 15th. This year all proposals for workshops offered between July 1st, 2010-June 30, 2011 are due no later than **April 15th, 2010**. This information will help us ensure a schedule of workshops that are located strategically around the state and offer a variety of grade level specific topics.

You will find the proposal Request form in the Facilitator Corner of the ONREP website. If you do not submit a proposal we cannot consider your idea for inclusion on the master schedule. Please fill out the proposals as completely as possible and feel free to call LeeAnn (541-737-9121) if you would like to talk about your ideas.

The March Challenge Question:

Name PLT's 5 major themes in the PreK-8 Activity Guide (Find the answer in April's *Connecting*~)

Answer to last month's (Volume 1, Issue 5) challenge question:

How many links are provided for Teachers & Learners on the Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Program website? 9

MISC.

Look what can happen!

It all started with a phone call three years ago from ONREP facilitator, Sonia Thomas. She asked a simple question, can we work with Camp Fire USA Mt. Hood Council to train their staff? Sonia has been involved with staff training ever since. ONREP worked with Camp Fire USA Mt. Hood Council to submit a GreenWorks! Grant, to the National PLT office, and was awarded the grant. As part of the grant ONREP helped plan a Community Tree Planting event that involved 162 volunteers, ages 2-beyond engaged in Project Learning Tree activities and planting trees. Phase 2 of the grant project will be a follow-up training with Campfire USA Mt. Hood Council staff. Together we are providing meaningful context to staff, student mentors and young campers. ONREP would like to thank Sue Baker and Sonia Thomas for their volunteer hours.

Submitted by LeeAnn Mikkelsen & Susan Sahnaw

