



TEXAS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

TEACHERS' CONSERVATION INSTITUTE 2011

What is TCI?

The Teachers' Conservation Institute is a weeklong workshop, which uses the forest to teach environmental education. Activities are led by foresters, educators, natural resource conservationists and industry professionals.

This interdisciplinary workshop focuses on the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the state that comes through scientific stewardship of its natural resources. Sessions take place indoors, in the forest, on the lake, and in manufacturing facilities.

Why TCI?

Teachers will be certified in Project WILD and Project Learning Tree (PLT). Both award-winning environmental education curricula provide over 80 hands-on interdisciplinary activities and are correlated to TEKS and national standards in science, language arts, math and social studies.

In addition, teachers may be eligible for the following professional development credit:

- 45 hours of State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) Continuing Professional Education.
- 45 hours of Texas Environmental Education Advisory Committee (TEEAC) Credit.
- Gifted and Talented Continuing Professional Development hours as determined by their district's G/T Coordinator.

Who should attend TCI?

- teachers of any subject (PreK-12)
- education administrators
- youth program leaders
- environmental educators
- science coordinators
- librarians



What activities are offered?

- Project Learning Tree
- Project WILD
- Field Trips to observe:

- ❖ Forest, nursery and seed orchard
- ❖ Logging operation
- ❖ Sawmill
- ❖ Tree Farm
- ❖ Texas Forestry Museum

- Evening natural history programs
- Nature walks
- Tree and leaf identification



Testimonials from TCI Graduates

Great workshops! Terrific people! (Humble)
I have grown as an educator and as an individual this week. (Katy)

This was very beneficial for me and my students. (Longview)

This was a week full of information and activities. (Dallas)

The information and knowledge I received will certainly help me in my lesson planning for my fifth grade science and social studies classes. (Stamford)

What are the accommodations?

TCI is held at Stephen F. Austin State University's **Piney Woods Conservation Center (PWCC)**, which is located in Broadus, Texas. Situated on a remote peninsula at Sam Rayburn Reservoir, the PWCC is surrounded by towering southern pines of the Angelina National Forest. The facility is 60 miles east of Lufkin and Nacogdoches. Modern facilities overlook a six-acre pond.



Recreational activities include fishing, swimming, and canoeing, as well as hiking on scenic nature trails. Participants will be housed in rustic, air-conditioned, dormitory-style suites.

How much does it cost?

Registration per person, including **all teaching materials and instruction, food, lodging, and transportation during** the workshop is \$150. Transportation to and from the PWCC is the responsibility of the individual.

Application

EXTENDED DEADLINE!! Complete and return this form with your \$150 registration fee to the Texas Forestry Association prior to **June 15, 2011**. Participants will be sent maps and workshop information. The registration fee will be refunded if sessions are full. **Registration fees will not be refunded for cancellations received after May 15.** Due to the remote locations of some field trips bathroom facilities may be primitive or non-existent.

(Please print or type)

Name: _____
Nickname: _____
Home Address: _____
Home Telephone: (____) _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
School/Org.: _____
Grade: _____
Work Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Work Telephone: (____) _____
e-mail: _____

(Where you can be reached when school is out)

___ Session #1 June 26 - July 1, 2011

___ Session #2 July 10 - 15, 2011

Registration fee enclosed.

Shirt size: S M L XL other _____

Please rate session preference as 1st or 2nd. Each session is limited to thirty participants. Selection will be made on a "first come, first served" basis.

Mail to:

The Texas Forestry Association
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Lufkin, TX 75902-1488
Questions: 936/632-TREE or
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Sponsors & Awards

Who sponsors TCI?

TCI is coordinated by the Texas Forestry Association (TFA), an organization representing forest landowners, forest industry, conservationists and others concerned with Texas' forests. TFA's goal for TCI is to educate young Texans about our state's natural resources by providing information for teachers.

TCI's principal sponsors are the Texas Forestry Association, Murphy-Payne Charitable Trust, TRE Foundation, and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. Corporate sponsors include Campbell Timberlands Management; Crosby Resource Management; Georgia-Pacific, LLC; Hancock Forest Management; Jenkins Forestry Resources, Mead Westvaco; Montgomery/Harris Co. Forest Landowners' Association; Norbord Texas (Nacogdoches) Inc.; Resource Management Service, LLC; Sustainable Forestry Initiative; Temple-Inland, Texas Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters of America; and Texas SuperTree Nursery-Arborgen, LLC.

In 1991, TCI was awarded national recognition by the Associations Advance America awards program for being an innovative, educational program. In 2008, TCI received recognition as a finalist in the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards.

Texas Forestry Association

The Texas Forestry Association, headquartered in Lufkin, is one of the oldest environmental organizations in Texas. Founded in 1914, it is a non-governmental, non-profit, state-wide, privately supported membership organization.

The association's membership consists of over 3,200 professional foresters, tree farmers, forest industry employees, logging contractors, timberland owners, civic and conservation groups, and other persons interested in forestry. TFA promotes the economic development and scientific management of Texas' forest resources.

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