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## **Applications are being Accepted Statewide for the Teachers' Conservation Institute**

Lufkin, Texas - - Applications are being taken for the 2012 Teachers' Conservation Institute. Sponsored by Texas Forestry Association, the Teachers' Conservation Institute (TCI) is a week-long summer workshop which uses the forest as a theme for environmental education. Activities are led by foresters, educators, natural resource conservationists and industry professionals.

TCI meets the requirements of Professional Development Appraisal System. Teachers are eligible for 45 hours of SBEC credit, and 45 hours of TEEAC credit.

All materials presented at TCI are correlated to TEKS and teaching strategies utilized are research-based and proven to improve students' achievement. TCI is field-based and provides opportunities for inquiry investigation. TCI provides teachers with activities to meet requirement that 40% of science be taught in lab setting or field as stated by law and all activities are interdisciplinary. In addition, teachers receive certification in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD.

This year marks the 23rd year of TCI. Sessions will be held July 1-6, and August 5-10, 2012. Registration is \$150 and includes all teaching materials and instruction, food, lodging and transportation during the workshop. Participants are responsible for travel to and from the Piney Woods Conservation Center near Broadus, Texas ([www.sfasu.edu/forestry/pwcc](http://www.sfasu.edu/forestry/pwcc)). For more information or to register for TCI, call (936) 632-TREE or email [tfa@texasforestry.org](mailto:tfa@texasforestry.org).

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