

## Environmental Education Programs

### Project Wild and Project Wild Aquatic

Developed by the Council for Environmental Education, Project WILD materials are not available for direct purchase but are included in training sessions for educators. Training sessions are available upon request with a list of 15 or more interested educators. Training sessions usually cover curriculum for multiple projects. Iowa DNR is the Project WILD hosting agency for the Iowa; information concerning workshops and online courses are available through the DNR website. Workshops are available for renewal or graduate credit. Visit the Iowa DNR website for details.

**Project WILD** links students and wildlife through its mission to provide wildlife-based conservation and environmental education that fosters responsible actions toward wildlife and related natural resources. General information, and some student activity guides, are available on the national website.



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

**Project WILD Aquatic K-12 Curriculum and Activity Guide** emphasizes aquatic wildlife and aquatic ecosystems. It is organized in topic units and is based on the Project WILD conceptual framework. Because these activities are designed for integration into existing courses of study, instructors may use one or many Project WILD Aquatic activities. The entire set of activities may serve quite effectively as the basis for a course of study.

<http://www.projectwild.org/ProjectWILDK-12AquaticCurriculumandActivityGuide.htm>

### Project Learning Tree

Sponsored by the American Forest Foundation, Project Learning Tree uses the forest as a "window" on the world to increase students' understanding of our environment; stimulate students' critical 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. The Iowa DNR coordinates PLT activities for the state. <http://www.plt.org/>.

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**Flying WILD** introduces middle school students to bird conservation through classroom activities and school bird festivals. Flying WILD also supports educators by providing standards-based opportunities to engage students in real-world learning, helping them understand the importance of migratory birds and their conservation. Curriculum materials are included with the training. [www.flyingwild.org](http://www.flyingwild.org)



**WET in the City** is an urban environmental education focusing on water resources. The program provides an opportunity for young people to participate in engaging, hands-on activities that creatively explore the science of water, its cultural context, and the complex issues surrounding its management and stewardship. Materials are available through a 6-hour training session. [www.wetcity.org](http://www.wetcity.org)

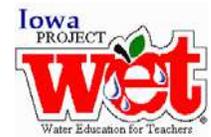


**Team WET Schools** is a companion program to WET in the City that engages middle school students in water stewardship projects benefiting their campuses and local neighborhoods. Materials are available through a 6-hour training session.

<http://www.wetcity.org/TeamWETSchools/index.htm>

### **Additional Environmental Programs**

**Project WET, Iowa.** Educate. Empower. Act. The mission of Project WET is to reach children, parents, educators, and communities of the world with water education. Join in educating children about the most precious resource on the planet — water. Activities in the Project WET Curriculum and Activity Guide and many of its other popular educator guides, including WOW! Wonders of Wetlands and Healthy Water, Healthy People, are provided to educators through workshops, which follow a train-the-trainer model. Project WET, Iowa information is available through Iowa Academy of Science. <http://www.uni.edu/~iowawet/iowawet.html>



**Project Bluestem: A Prairie and Savanna Curriculum.** Developed by Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, Project Bluestem is a prairie and savanna curriculum for K-12 grade teachers. The Project Bluestem CD-ROM is now available from the Friends of the Prairie Learning Center through the Prairie Point Bookstore for \$25. When you purchase the CD containing 20 activities you also get a copy of the new plant wheel. <http://www.tallgrass.org/activities.html>

**Wisconsin River Academy** is an outdoor, environmental, experiential secondary charter school located in Stevens Point, Wisconsin that works to aid students in developing an understanding and appreciation of how the river affects the community and how the community affects the river. The website includes the academy curriculum including objectives, activities, assessment and educational standard correlations. A valuable resource for ideas! <http://www.wisconsinriveracademy.org/>



**Leopold Education Project.** Pheasants Forever's Land Ethic Curriculum to promote responsible decision making regarding our impact on ecosystems. Essays from Aldo Leopold's book, A Sand County Almanac, are used as a springboard for meaningful environmental education through hands-on exploration and observation. The lessons do not advocate particular positions on value-sensitive issues such as hunting, using wetlands, or applying pesticides and herbicides, but rather encourage the development of personal land ethics. LEP offers training workshops for educators (\$20) as well as public programs. [www.lep.org](http://www.lep.org)

**Arthur Carhart Wilderness & Land Ethic Curriculum.** Created to develop an awareness of the wilderness resource and its significance to our culture and society. The curriculum is designed for use in urban classrooms and many lessons can be completed with our without field settings. Available for K-8<sup>th</sup> and High School classrooms, and features lessons encompassing wilderness history, concepts, management, and ethics; sensory experiences; personal values; wildlife and ecology; and backcountry skills. Curriculum available for free download from the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center; some materials may need to be obtained: <http://carhart.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=curriculum>.