

Professional Development Course Syllabus

Sponsor/Instructor is required to submit all class registrations within one week of the start date.

Course Number: EDSC 5241 (Sec. 01)

Sponsor ID: **214284**

Course Title: **Focus on Literature with WILD, WET and PLT**

Instructor: Michelle Youngquist Continuing Education Credit(s): **1** Total Cost for Credit: **\$60.00**

NOTE: Continuing Education courses are designed for professional development and do not normally count toward an academic degree.

1. Educational Goals for the Course:

- Educators will gain knowledge and tools to use literature in conjunction with proven education activities from three of the world's premier environmental education programs—Project WILD, Project WET and Project Learning Tree. Each activity covers multiple disciplines, and thus is a very efficient way to inform students in multiple standards. Educators will also make a plan to incorporate what they've learned into their classroom environments.

2. Instructional Learning Objectives – *Participants will:*

(What will participants learn and put into practice as a result of completing this process?)

- Describe the similarities between the strategies for learning to read and those for learning science.
- Identify children's literature to fit with any lesson in the activity guides of Project WILD, Project WET and Project Learning Tree.
- Discuss specific children's literature connections for two activities in each program: Project WILD, Project WET and Project Learning Tree.
- Plan a unit incorporating children's literature and activities from Project WILD, Project WET and/or Project Learning Tree.
- Correlate their unit with the school district's curriculum and Idaho Achievement Standards.

3. Course Requirements - *Participants will:*

In Class:

- Attend all class sessions
- Participate in class activities.

Out of Class:

- Complete pre- and post-class assignments. (See Instructional Learning Objectives)
- Submit to Michelle Youngquist at plt@idahoforests.org

4. Dates, Times and Location of Proposed Course:

(1 Semester Credit Equals 15 Professor Contact Hours plus an additional 30 Hours outside Work)

December 4, 2009; Friday; 4:00pm - 9:30pm; December 5, 2009; Saturday; 8:00am - 5:00pm; Fruitland, ID.

Participants will also complete an additional 30 hours of outside course work to equal the necessary 45 hours for a one-credit course.

5. Due Date for Completion of Course Requirements: December 20, 2009

6. Learning Resources and Required Text:

Project WILD, K-12 Curriculum and Activity Guide

Council for Environmental Education 2000, 1992, 1985, 1983.

Project WET Curriculum and Activity Guide

The Watercourse; Council for Environmental Education 1996, 1995.

Project Learning Tree Environmental Education PreK-8 Activity Guide; American Forest Foundation 2006

7. Evaluation Procedure: Pass/Fail

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