1. **Educational Goals for the Course:**
   - Project Learning Tree (PLT) is award-winning environmental education. Class participants will experience activities designed to help them explore nature with early learners—ages 3-6. They will leave this class with the new PLT guide: “Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood” and accompanying music CD.

2. **Instructional Learning Objectives: Day care providers will:**
   - Address benefits, barriers, and strategies for teaching environmental education.
   - Increase their instructional skills in teaching environmental content in both indoor and outdoor venues.
   - Use PLT activities to explore nature using their five senses, examine the growth and seasonal changes in trees and forests, and discuss ideas to integrate these learning experiences to young children.
   - Embrace these instructional methods: take students outside often; involve and use all senses; begin with simple experiences; let students use their imaginations; provide choices; emphasize experiences over facts; integrate music, movement, art and literature; keep children actively involved; and engage parents to continue these learning activities at home.

3. **Course Requirements:**
   - Prior to class, participants will complete a survey. Participants will rate their level of experience and comfort with learning about nature with early learners; provide information about the level of students with whom they work, and provide concerns or questions they have about incorporating environmental experiences into their program.
   - Participants will conduct a PLT activity with early childhood learners and write a reflection paper about the experience.
   - Participants will incorporate information and materials from the class into their childcare plans.
   - Participants will attend and participate in class discussions and activities.

4. **Dates, Times and Location of Proposed Course:**
   (1 Semester Credit Equals 15 Professor Contact Hours plus an additional 30 Hours outside Work)
   4:00 - 9:00pm, April 16, 2010 and 8:00am - 5:00pm, April 17, 2010. Idaho Falls, ID

5. **Due Dates for Completion of Course Requirements:** March 20, 2010


7. **Evaluation Procedure:** Pass/Fail