

EE Resources: Summer 2016

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Color the World!

(resource for PreK-8's "Web of Life," "Trees as Habitats," "The Forest of S.T. Shrew," "Habitat Pen Pals," "Charting Diversity," "Schoolyard Safari," and more)

Coloringnature.org offers more than 500 realistically illustrated [coloring pages](#) that can be downloaded and printed for use in preK-8 classrooms. Choose from categories such as amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds, insects, animal homes, biomes and habitats, and trees. Consider pairing the pages with PLT activities as diagrams, models, or assessment tools.

21 Endangered Species Art Project Ideas for Elementary Kids

Project Learning Tree has several activities for teachers to do with their students that focus on endangered species. [Incorporating art into your lesson plans about endangered species](#) is another great way to engage kids on this subject.

Planet Money Makes a T-Shirt

(resource for PreK-8's "Resource Go Round," "A Few of My Favorite Things," "Make Your Own Paper" and more)

Join National Public Radio's Planet Money team as they follow the manufacturing of a T-Shirt around the world — from the farms where the cotton is grown to the factories where the shirts are sewn together. This story is told in a 5-chapter story of video clips: <http://apps.npr.org/tshirt/#/title>

Think Green Infographic

(resource for PreK-8's "Forest Consequences," "Loving it Too Much," and "I'd Like to Visit a Place Where..." and Focus on Forests' "Tough Choices" and "Words to Live By")

Produced by the EPA, this [Think Green Infographic](#) is a great way to get your students thinking through simple, thought-provoking questions — Do You Really Need It?, How "Green" Is It?, Can You Reuse It?, and Can You Buy It Used? The graphic provides tips and action steps middle and high schoolers can take to reduce their impact on the environment and promote conservation.

Sustainability in Schools Simulation Game

(resource for PLT's GreenSchools and GreenWorks! programs)

Looking for ways to bring sustainability projects to your school? Use [the Sustainability in Schools Game](#) with your middle and high school students to explore the cost-benefits. The game includes 45 cards covering a range of sustainability projects that could be implemented in your own school, along with video instructions and critical thinking questions to get your students thinking.

GreenSchools Investigations

(resource for PLT's GreenSchools program)

Project Learning Tree has created a new Adult Leader Guide and updated its GreenSchools Investigations based on feedback from students, teachers, administrators, and other school staff over the past 8 years. [Download now for free.](#)

School Gardens Fact Sheet

(resource for PreK-8's "Pass the Plants, Please" and "Plant a Tree," as well as PLT's GreenSchools and GreenWorks! programs)

This USDA resource titled [School Gardens: Using Gardens to Grow Healthy Habits in Cafeterias, Classrooms, and Communities](#) provides a brief overview of the benefits and educational uses of school gardens. It includes links to successful school garden programs and tips for planning, staffing, funding, and maintaining a school garden.

How Would You Manage The Forest?

(resource for PreK-8's "A Forest of Many Uses," "Forest Consequences," and "Who Works in this Forest," as well as Focus on Forest's "Monitoring Forest Health" and "Who Owns America's Forests")

Help your students understand the delicate balance between human activity, climate change, and forest animals. This [Minnesota Star Tribune article](#) discusses the decline of the moose population. It includes a [simple activity for students](#) to explore the complex relationship among different animals and their forest ecosystems. Can you manage the forest for the benefit of one species? Get your students to answer this question for themselves as they learn how animals are connected to each other and the place they live.

More Than Just Parks

(resource for PreK-8's "Forest Consequences," "Loving it Too Much," and "I'd Like to Visit a Place Where..." and Focus on Forests' "Tough Choices" and "Words to Live By")

More Than Just Parks have released their eighth national parks short film—[Grand Teton 8K](#). Explore Jackson Hole Valley and the foothills of the Teton Mountain Range, a land dominated by towering peaks, apex predators, and majestic beauty. To see more National Park films, visit [More Than Just Parks](#).

Geoscience Career Videos

(resource for PreK-8's "Field, Forest, and Stream," "Watch on Wetlands" and "People, Places, Things," as well as Focus on Forests' "Forest to Faucet")

The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) has put together [two new videos](#) that highlight potential paths for high school students interested in a geoscience career. The first includes interviews with college students and professionals who discuss their field work, lab work, and passion for becoming an environmentalist. The second video titled Groundwater is Cool provides important facts, figures, and profound statistics about the world's groundwater use and thus the need for groundwater professionals.