



T.R.E.E.

Terrific Resources for Environmental Education

Terrific Resources for Environmental Education (T.R.E.E.), is a consortium of agencies that provide outdoor and environmental education opportunities in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties. It was formed in 1999 by Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District and the Environmental Education Council of Ohio. TREE continues under this leadership to coordinate efforts to bring environmental education to schools, youth groups, educators and the general public throughout Central Ohio. This consortium shares ideas, information, and resources among members and collaborates on youth presentations, educator workshops, family programs and more to meet this goal.



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Established in 1999
 Over 25 years
 and still going strong!



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Agency and Website	Contact Information	Counties	Resources	
Alley Park – Lancaster Parks and Recreation www.lancasterparks.com	Trina Thornton alleyparkoe@yahoo.com 740-681-5025	Fairfield		
Arabidopsis Biological Resource Center & Center for Applied Plant Sciences https://abrc.osu.edu/	Courtney Price price.1217@osu.edu 614-292-8208	Franklin & Others		
Bring the Farm to You www.bringthefarmtoyou.com	Christa Hein info@bringthefarmtoyou.com 614-560-5583	All of Ohio		Bring program to your camp
Brown Family Environmental Center bfec.kenyon.edu	Noelle Jordan jordan2@kenyon.edu 740-427-5052	Knox & Others		
Center of Science and Industry www.cosi.org	Lauren Sudimak lsudimack@cosi.org 614-228-2674	Franklin & Others		
City of Dublin Nature Education https://dublinohiousa.gov/nature/	Barbara Ray bray@dublin.oh.us	Franklin		Central OH Wildlife Wildlife Conflict Consulting
Columbus Zoo and Aquarium www.columbuszoo.org	Columbus Zoo Education Office educlass@columbuszoo.org 614-645-3488	Franklin & Others		
Dawes Arboretum www.dawesarb.org	Nancy Gregory education@dawesarb.org	Licking & Others		
Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District www.soilandwater.co.delaware.oh.us	Erin Fisher efisher@co.delaware.oh.us 740-368-1921	Delaware		

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Environmental Education Council of Ohio http://www.eeco-online.org/	Brenda Metcalf brendasmetcalf@aol.com	State-wide		Career info and speakers
Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens https://www.fpconservatory.org/	Jenny Pope jpope@fpconservatory.org 614-715-8026	Franklin & others		
Franklin County Pollinator Pathway https://www.franklinpollinatorpathway.org/	Carolyn Watkins franklinpollinator@gmail.com	Franklin		Information upon request
Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District https://www.franklinswcd.org/	Linda Pettit lpettit@franklinswcd.org 614-486-9613 ext.115	Franklin		Provide station for summer camp Roots lessons
Future City Competition https://futurecity.org/ohio	Holly Tucker Holly.tucker@epa.ohio.gov	State-wide		Professional Mentoring
Grange Insurance Audubon Center https://grange.audubon.org/	Anne Scott Anne.scott@audubon.org 614-545-5481	Franklin		Conservation Workdays
Highland Youth Garden https://www.highlandyouthgarden.org/	Nande Gilbert nande@highlandyouthgarden.org 614-747-3210	Franklin	Hilltop Schools	Youth Garden Blog
Keep Columbus Beautiful www.keepcolumbusbeautiful.org	Derek Wholihan dawholihan@columbus.gov 614-645-2421	Franklin		
Licking County Recycling Licking County - Recycling	Andrea Krava akrava@lickingcounty.gov 740-670-5125	Licking		
Licking Soil and Water Conservation District www.lickingSWCD.com	Deirdre Wetmore deidrewetmore@lickingswcd.com 740-670-5333	Licking		
Metro Parks www.metroparks.net	Jill Snyder snyder@metroparks.net	Franklin & Others		

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Ohio Canid Center www.ohiocanidcenter.com	Rachel Lauren ohiocandicenter@gmail.com	Franklin & Others	Offsite programming and wildlife interaction
Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Forestry https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/forestry	Heather Sheets plt@dnr.ohio.gov	State-wide	Project Learning Tree Resources for Educators
ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves/Scenic Rivers Scenic Rivers Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ohiodnr.gov)	Heather Doherty Heather.doherty@dnr.ohio.gov	State-wide	Resources for Educators
ODNR Division of Wildlife http://wildohio.gov	Abby Ditomassi Abby.ditomassi@dnr.ohio.gov Jen Dennison jen.dennison@dnr.ohio.gov	State-wide	Project WILD Resources for Educators
Ohio EPA, Office of EE Environmental Education Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	Dennis Clement Dennis.cement@epa.ohio.gov Heather Lauer Heather.lauer@epa.ohio.gov	State-wide	Project WET Career Information Grants
Ohio Energy Project https://ohioenergy.org	Sue Tenney stenney@ohioenergy.org 614-785-1717	Franklin & Others	
OH Nature Education https://www.ohionature.org/	Manon VanSchoyck mvs@ohionature.org (740) 967-8320	Licking & Others	
Ohio River Foundation www.ohioriverfdn.org	Melinda Voss mvoss@ohioriverfdn.org	Franklin & Others	
Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab https://ohioseagrant.osu.edu	Erin Monaco Monaco.25@osu.edu	Franklin & Others	

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Ohio Wildlife Center www.ohiowildlifecenter.org	Education Team educationteam@ohiowildlifecenter.org	Delaware & others	Virtual programs	
PAST Foundation www.pastfoundation.org	Andrew Bruening abruening@pastfoundation.org 614-340-1208	Franklin & Others		
Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District www.pickawayswcd.org	Katerina Sharp katerina-sharp@pickawayswcd.org 740-477-1693	Pickaway		
Preservation Parks of Delaware County www.preservationparks.com	Casey Smith csmith@preservationparks.com 740-524-8600 ext 103	Delaware		
Procter Camp and Conference Center www.proctercenter.org	Heather Bangerter hbangerter@proctercenter.org 740-206-2036	Madison & Others		
Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) https://swaco.org	Kim Chapman Kim.chapman@swaco.org 614-871-5100	Franklin		
The Wilds https://thewilds.columbuszoo.org/	Danielle Ross Danielle.ross@columbuszoo.org	Muskingum & Others		
The Works The Works (attheworks.org)	Kim Reding KmReding@attheworks.org	Licking & Others		



Programs and Services Offered by T.R.E.E. Organizations

The organizations within TREE offer a variety of resources to assist educators in reaching the Ohio science standards, providing interactive opportunities for their students and supporting their lessons with research and resources. The TREE organizations all offer hands-on opportunities for youth groups, homeschooling parents and the general public.

Field Trips

Field trips can include exploring the organization's facility in small groups, having a guided tour as a classroom or youth group, or learning about a particular topic in a special setting.



Classroom Presentations

Programs brought to your site and presented to an individual class or as a group assembly, engaging students to enhance understanding of an environmental topic or concept.



Loan Kits and Models

Suitcases or tubs containing models, puppets, books, posters activities and other resources on a topic are available for loan, as are interactive models to demonstrate certain properties or concepts.



Educator Workshops

Locally developed, as well as nationally/internationally known standard-aligned curriculum projects, such as:



Project Learning Tree (PLT), Project Wild, Project WET (Water Education Today) and Healthy Water Healthy People.

Summer Camp Opportunities

Many TREE organizations offer summer day camp opportunities. Others provide guest speakers for a day camp sponsored by another group or organization.



Onsite Programming

Many TREE members have facilities where you can bring your class or youth group to experience what they have to offer.

On-site programs at their site are presented for classes, homeschooler or scout groups.



Community/Family Events

TREE organizations collaborate to provide activities and displays for families to enjoy learning together on environmental holidays and other special events.



Overnight Options

Groups can have an overnight experience at the organization's location with special after-hours activities.

Internship Opportunities

High School and College Internships are available to gain experience working with professionals in environmental fields. These may be paid or unpaid and are often seasonal.



Online Resources

Many TREE partners have created on-line resources and activities, as well as video recordings on a variety of topics. Some also have an opportunity for live on-line presentations.



Others

Ranging from technical expertise, career professionals to speak with your students, grant opportunities and more.



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