

Project Learning Tree Facilitator's Training held at UC Blodgett Research Forest May 5 & 6, 2017.

A total of 23 participants attended all or part of the two day workshop at UC Blodgett Research Forest in Georgetown CA. Participants included teachers from Novato, and with Black Oak Mine School District in Georgetown, interpreters at Chico Creek Nature Center, the US Forest Service at Lake Tahoe, and UC research facilities including the Sierra Foothills Research and Extension Center and Blodgett Forest. Ten new PLT facilitators were trained.

The first day was a PLT educators workshop focusing on fire ecology, which included a field trip with stops at a prescribed burn at Blodgett and in the King fire. Participants participated in PLT activities and practiced presenting PLT activities themselves. A preview of the new FireWorks curriculum for the Sierra Nevada was held in the evening. The next day focused on PLT facilitation and included a tour of prescribed fire research sites at Blodgett.



Figure 1. Joy Barney leads participants through PLT Activity 'Tree Factory'



Figure 2. Ariel Thomson talks to participants about the fire and management history at Blodgett Research Forest

Participant evaluations about the workshop were overwhelmingly positive. They all strongly agreed that facilitators were knowledgeable about content and demonstrated respect for all, while the workshop setting was conducive to learning (although it was somewhat hard for some to get to). All agreed that the workshop was fun, engaging, met their needs and that they learned a lot by participating and doing PLT activities. 69% plan to use PLT activities with students within the next three months. 84% agreed they would like to participate in additional PLT professional development activities.

Participant comments:

- *I have been a facilitator for many years. I learn something new every time! This workshop renewed my enthusiasm for this amazing curriculum!*
- *Today planted seeds for me!*

Workshop evaluation results for May 5 & 6, 2017 Project Learning Tree workshop Blodgett, N = 13

