



project WET

WATER EDUCATION TODAY



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- Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)...
- Transitioning to new logo...Water Education Today

is an international, interdisciplinary, water education program for formal and non-formal educators.











Workshop Objectives

- Increase Participants knowledge and understanding about Project WET
 - Participating in Activities
 - Exploring Guides and Resources

- Examine participants' role as a Project WET Facilitator
 - Peer Teaching
 - Exploring different teaching and learning styles
 - Learn how to Plan a Workshop



Objectives Continued...

- Continue to Build the Project WET Support System and Network
- Increase our Knowledge and Understanding of Water Related Topics and Issues and the Importance of Water in our Daily Lives
- Identify Water Related
 Resource People, Programs,
 and Materials (e.g., OEEF,
 EECO Career Ambassador
- Explore Strategies for Implementing Project WET by Understanding how to Work Effectively with:
 - Teachers and Schools
 - Youth Organizations



Teaching About Environmental Issues in Your Workshops

- •Environmental issues are inherently "sticky." Why?
 - People differ on a number of levels including:
 - Motivation
 - Personal Impact and Experiences
 - Knowledge of the Issue
 - Other reasons?
- Be accommodating to all opinions in your workshops.
- BUT don't get drawn into a debate that takes over the workshop.
- Try to get to know your audience BEFORE the workshop, i.e. interest surveys, personal conversations when registering, backgrounds, etc.
- Stick to the GOALS and OBJECTIVES of your WORKSHOP
 - No tangents, rants or subjections of strong personal opinions onto your audience. Save for conversations after the workshop.

Interdisciplinary and Supplemental





Who uses Project WET?

Classroom teachers, public/private schools

Museum, nature and science center instructors

Resource agency educators

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Youth Organization Leaders

Preschool and daycare teachers

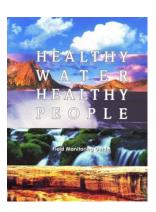
Local, state and National park rangers and interpreters University
Professors/
PreService



What do state Project WET programs offer to educators?

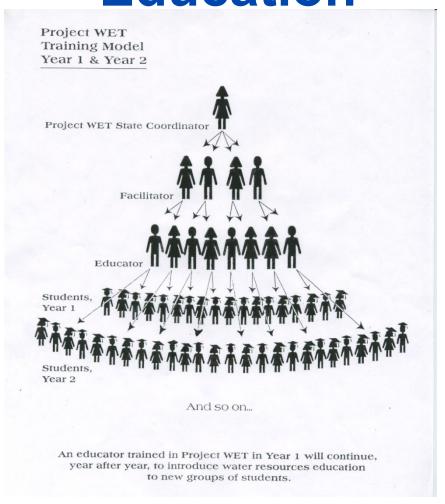
- Workshops
- Advanced workshops on:
 - ground water
 - water conservation
 - wetlands
 - water quality
 - human health
- Water Festivals
- Workshop assistance
- College/local building credit
- HWHP to Teach Level 1 QDC







A Highly Effective Delivery Network for Information and Education





Facilitators are...

- Teachers
- Volunteers
- Parents
- Park and Nature Center Employees
- Water Resource Professionals (SWCD's)
- People with a commitment to water education





Project WET - Ohio

- Ohio Water Education Program (OWEP)
 - OWEP Collaborators
 - Ohio Environmental Protection Agency



Ohio Department of Agriculture



Water Management Association of Ohio



Ohio Water Resources Center





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