



# Forestry Institute for Teachers

## California's Forest Classroom

Learn about the state's forests in an immersive **week-long professional learning program**. At FIT, cohorts of educators work alongside natural resource professionals and credentialed instructors to explore the complexities of stewarding our forest ecosystems for current and future generations.

FIT's Natural Resource and Education teams weave environmental education curriculum with field-learning experiences that are relevant to participants' daily lives. Educators ultimately leave FIT empowered to share their learning in ways that enhance and support their current teaching practice.



## 30+ Years of Enhancing Educator Environmental Literacy



FIT cultivates a unique connection to forests through systems thinking and critical engagement with the people, places, and concepts that connect California's rural and urban communities.



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## 2024 Session Dates

Session	Location	Date
El Dorado	Georgetown	June 16-22
Tuolumne	Sonora	June 23-29
Shasta	Shingletown	June 30-July 6
Humboldt	Arcata	July 14-20

*Early Bird registration closes January 2024*

## Participants Receive

- ◆ Certification in **Project Learning Tree (PLT)** & **Project Water Education Today (WET)** environmental education curricula
- ◆ **Interdisciplinary** learning aligned with state teaching standards and frameworks
- ◆ Skills, materials and pedagogical support to translate program learning into the classroom
- ◆ Eligibility for **3 CEUs** upon program completion
- ◆ Eligibility for **\$300** stipend upon implementation of a curriculum project during next school year
- ◆ Eligibility to participate in future FIT professional learning and teacher-leader opportunities

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## Who Can Attend FIT?

PreK-12 educators of all subject matters and teaching settings (formal and nonformal) are encouraged to participate. Consider attending with colleagues from your school site or district to enhance your experience. Returning FIT graduates are welcome to apply - priority is given to those that have completed approved Curriculum Projects. See FIT website for more details.

## Experiential & Place-Based Professional Learning

Sessions leverage local experts, phenomena, and grade-level appropriate pedagogy to explore current forest issues. Work alongside peers and professionals through hands-on constructivist activities to discover connections between the forest and classroom.

FIT's community of practice equips educators with resources, opportunities and experts that support project implementation and professional learning. Be prepared for an intense week of learning, hard work and fun outdoors!



*"I'm excited to engage students in meaningful forest discussions and open young minds to alternative points of view."*

*- 2023 El Dorado Participant*

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*"I take the forest and what I know about nature for granted! I look forward to helping teach people about how to appreciate, respect and conserve forest resources."*

*- 2023 Shasta Participant*

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