ENGAGING THE ONLINE LEARNER THROUGH OUTDOOR FIELD EXPERIENCES
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PLT HYBRID TRAINING
Project Learning Tree training first offered to online students 2012 during SFA campus visit days
3 hours face-to-face
3 hours online via Hike Through the PK-8 Environmental Activity Guide

Bugs, Butterflies, Bees & Blossoms
Began in 1998 on SFA campus
5 Day Outdoor Science Education Event
3,200 Area Students K-2, Teachers, & Parents

ONLINE TEACHER CANDIDATES
Arlington
Batson
Caddo Mills
Chester
Cleburne
Cypress
Dayton
DeBerry
Georgetown
Greenville
Hemphill
Houston
Huntington
Keller
Lufkin
Marshall
Shelbyville
Waxahachie

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
SFA Mast Arboretum
Pinewoods Beekeepers Association
Keep Nacogdoches Beautiful
Texas Forest Service

REFLECTION
End of Day Focus Groups
Describe today.
What did you notice?
How did you modify?
Think about your pedagogy.
Tell me about your learning.

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING
Online Methods Course ● Teams of Two
5E Lesson Plans ● Modified PLT Curriculum

IMPLEMENTATION
Teaching
Learning
Growing

Teacher Candidate Comments
“...opportunity to put what we’ve learned into practice and receive feedback...”
“...invaluable hands-on experience and first-hand knowledge...”
“Through BBBBB I realized how much students love to be a part of the lesson.”
“I learned I am a very capable teacher.”