

A classroom science presentation for pre-school through sixth grade students

**Talk About Trees**

**The Program**

This free program, aimed at pre-school through sixth grade students, gives an overview of forest ecology, management practices, and forest products use.

Trained facilitators bring to the classroom a presentation and hands-on activities which promote learning.

The theme of the presentation focuses on the biological processes of trees and forests.

Topics discussed include:

- tree identification
- photosynthesis
- benefits of trees
- forest management
- renewability
- structure of a tree
- conservation

“The students gained new insights into the amazing contributions that trees make on our lives – every class should have this experience!”

– *Portland educator*

**The Goals**

to encourage awareness and appreciation for the value of trees and forests in our daily lives; and



to encourage an understanding about the protection, management and conservation of the renewable forest.



**The Results**

“This was a nice addition to our science curriculum. I wouldn’t have the time to give these details to my students.”

– *La Grande educator*

Comments like this one, and the many thank you letters we received from students, testify to the success of **Talk About Trees**, and to the facilitators who are enthusiastic about the program and the education of children.

Yes, I would like to know more about **Talk About Trees**.

Yes, I would like to refer a classroom teacher to hold a **Talk About Trees** presentation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Referring: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher’s Name)

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

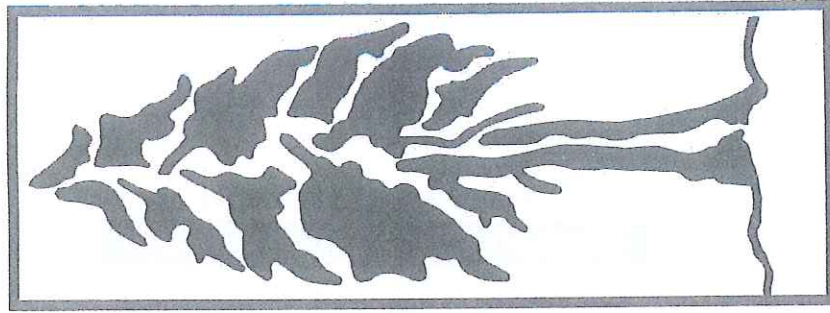
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I am a  New Member  Renewing Member

Yes! I would like a personal contact

*I would like to help with the following:*

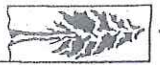
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\$30.00 \* Annual Membership  
 July 1 - June 30, Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation  
 (tax deductible)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

\* 25% of your membership fee goes towards *Talk About Trees*

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OWIT—please mail this form to address above.



*Mission Statement: to create awareness and appreciation for the value of trees, and to encourage an understanding about the protection, management, and conservation of the renewable forest.*

**FOUNDED IN 1978, OREGON WOMEN IN TIMBER (OWIT)** is a state-wide, non-profit educational organization of volunteers who are dedicated to sustained yields of multiple-use forests. OWIT's purpose is to inform people of the importance of such forests to our economy and our environment. We strive to make consumers aware of just how important trees and wood products are in their lives, and how all of us rely on the success of producers.

**OWIT is also a member of FEDERATED WOMEN IN TIMBER (FWIT).** FWIT is a network of similar organizations in several other states such as Alaska, California, Washington, Idaho, Wisconsin, and many more. As FWIT members, we combine our efforts and information to address National Forest Issues. Every spring, representatives from each state make a trip to Washington D.C. to educate government officials on environmental issues and how their decisions affect people, industry and the environment.

**ACTIVITIES**

OWIT's activities vary from chapter to chapter and are too numerous to mention in detail. Following are some of our main activities to give you a general idea of what we are up to:

**SCHOOL PROGRAMS:** Today's children will decide the future of the Forest Products Industry. Educating children is OWIT's main goal. One way this goal is achieved is through our *TALK ABOUT TREES* educational program (see back).

**CIVIC EVENTS, FAIRS AND PARADES:** look for Coni-Fir, our popular lady in a tree costume. Coni-Fir participates in as many public activities as time will allow. OWIT strives to reach as many people as possible with booths, parade floats and Coni-Fir. OWIT believes that education should also be fun!

**MEDIA COVERAGE:** Whenever possible, OWIT uses articles in newspapers, magazines, miscellaneous publications and radio to educate the public about current issues relating to the Forest Products Industry. Maybe you have seen or heard of us recently!

**HELP OREGON WOMEN IN TIMBER!** OWIT is always in need of fresh ideas and more volunteers. Your involvement can be great or small depending on your interest and time. Please consider volunteering, or just join OWIT to stay informed on current issues and OWIT activities. You'll receive a regular OWIT newsletter that keeps members up to date. Your financial support will also be greatly appreciated and used directly towards the achievement of OWIT goals. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact OWIT by indicating interest and mailing the form on the left.

- We Value:** Our communities, learning from and teaching others, and friendships gained through our involvement.
- Our Purpose:** Champion the forest products community through education.
- Our Goal:** Increase annual education contacts to at least 150,000 students each year.