## **Forestry Education**

- Trained more than 600 participants in Project Learning Tree (PLT)
- Value of time donated to the state by PLT facilitators and other volunteers: \$8,420
- Conducted 1 PLT facilitator retreat and trained 5 new/returning facilitators
- Conducted two Advanced PLT Workshops
  - Tree Identification for Becoming an Outdoor Woman
  - Forestry Tour
- Presentation on wildland fire to Hendricks County Master Gardeners.
- Served as a national PLT mentor to assist Wisconsin with Model Program Initiative; participated in PLT Mentor Training
- Participated in Forest Inventory Growth (FIG) plot training in Maine
- Coordinated and conducted 2007 National FFA Forestry Career Development Event
- Served as co-chair of Forestry's State Fair exhibit and conducted two sessions (Roving Naturalist: Tree ID; Make and Take a Tree Stick); also assisted in staffing Forestry exhibit and Invaders in the Heartland exhibit
- Served as educator for Summer Institute River School and Arrowhead RC&D River School.
- Assisted with Tipton County Farm Bureau Ag Day
- Assisted with MC Axe Fire Prevention Day, Martinsville Schools
- Served on Indiana Tree Farm Committee Outdoor Lab Judging Team
- Completed General and Forestry Pesticide Applicator Certification training through Purdue University and the Office of the State Chemist
- Assisted District Foresters and/or Indiana Demonstration Forest landowners in planning, publicizing and/or conducting 10 Demonstration Forest events involving 180 participants; signed 3 new Demonstration Forests into the program
- Completed and submitted all applications and reports for the Natural Resource Conservation Education federal grant program administered by the U.S. Forest Service
- The Montane Virtual Forest CD was mass produced and flyers circulated and pre-orders are being accepted; began work on the Temperate Rainforest, the last in the Virtual Forest software series.
- Division website maintenance: Nearly 100 work tickets were submitted and completed, totaling more than 150 changes to our website
- Served on the planning committee and developed the tree identification course for the National FFA Convention's Forestry Career Development Event.
- Served as Co-chair for the Division's State Fair effort and worked 3 days at the event.
- Serving as Co-chair for the planning of the 2008 Environmental Education Symposium.
- Coordinated Division's Arbor Day effort which involved 31 events throughout the state
- Serving on DNR Outreach Committee.

- Assisted in the development of a Strategic Plan for the NREC
- Assisted the NREC staff in planning and conducting the following workshops:
  - Environmental Arts Sampler conducted March 8 in Indianapolis
  - The Families Step Outside training conducted April 21 in Indianapolis
  - Advanced PLT Forestry Tour conducted June 14 in Ferdinand
  - NREC middle school sampler conducted October 12 in Valparaiso
  - NREC sampler for SWCD employees conducted November 29 in Charlestown
- Representation and/or Presentations at Conferences
  - Project Underground training
  - Division of Forestry Annual Meeting
  - Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Assoc.
  - Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc.
  - o Indiana Society of American Foresters Winter Meeting
  - Arizona Fire Academy (S-403 Advanced Information Officer)
  - o International PLT Coordinators' Conference
  - Living Lands & Waters Workshop
  - Midwest Fire Academy (I-300 Intermediate ICS; L-280 Followship to Leadership)
  - o Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Assoc. Annual Meeting
  - Environmental Education Assoc. of Indiana Annual Conference
  - o North American Association of Environmental Education Annual Conference