

# Lake Tahoe Aspen Education



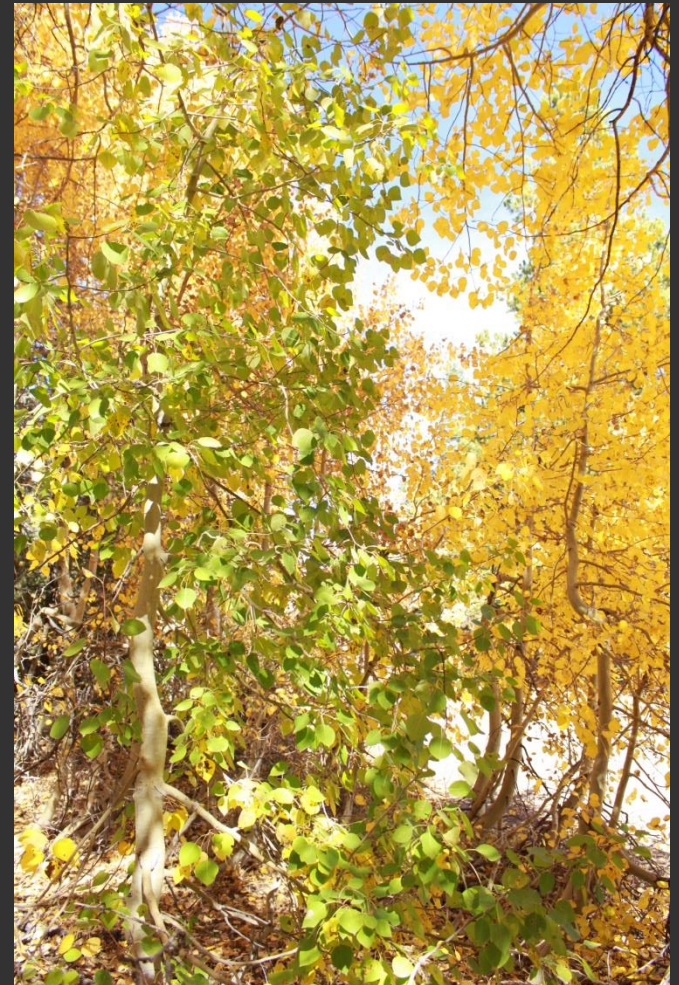
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Engaging Communities to  
understand Aspen Restoration

# Interpretation and Education

- ❑ Interpretive Guided Hikes and talks
- ❑ School Programs
- ❑ Educator Workshops
- ❑ Stewardship Programs
- ❑ Special Events



# Interpretation vs. Conservation Education

- ❑ Interpretive programs are typically one-time programs for a non-captive audience. Programs must be engaging to retain people's interest. Audience is generally mixed ages – adults and children.
- ❑ Conservation education programs are delivered to a specific grade and are held in a classroom or outdoors. Students are a captive audience because they are required to be there. Programs should link to what the children are already learning in class.

# Interpretive Guided Hikes

Key components (EROT)

Enjoyable  
Relevant  
Organized  
Thematic



# Interpretive Key Components



Make  
fun  
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Use  
visit



# Interpretive Key Components



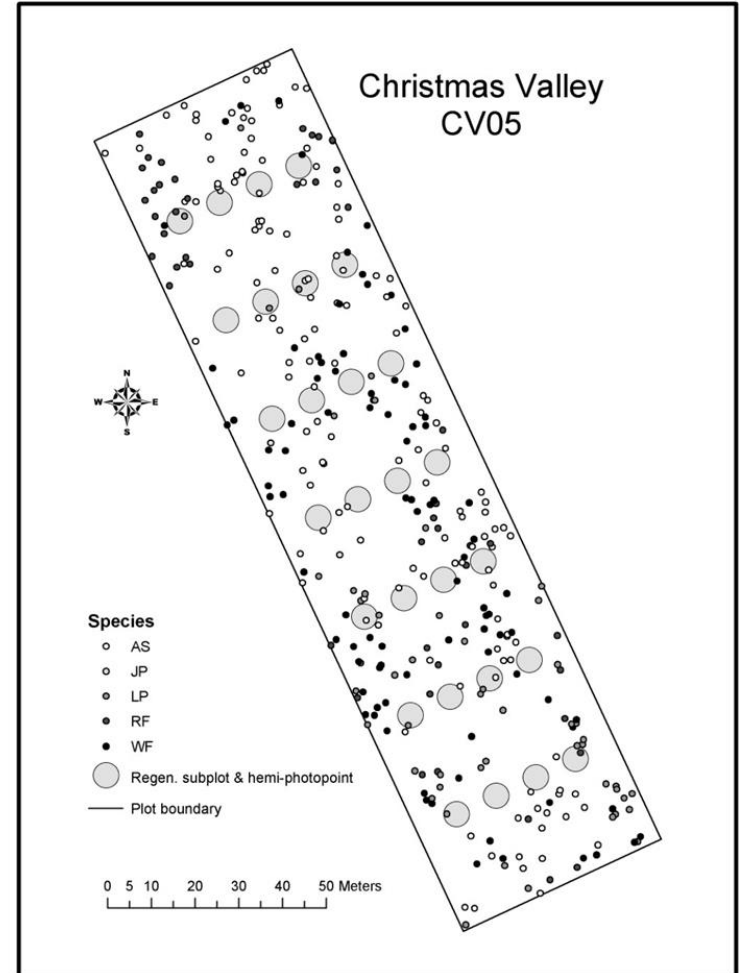
E=Enjoyable

Use visual aids,  
especially if what  
you are talking  
about cannot be  
seen at the  
moment

# Interpretive Key Components

R=Relevant

Why should the audience care?





# Interpretive Key Components

O=Organized

Have a structure, just like a theme paper.  
Use 5 or fewer key points.  
Start and end on time. Tell audience  
what to expect.



# Interpretive Key Components

T=Thematic

A strong theme statement is a complete sentence and ancient, the one message you want your audience to remember. *immense and "in danger."*

# Conservation Education

Grade-level specific

For Kindergarteners, use  
action oriented activities



# Conservation Education

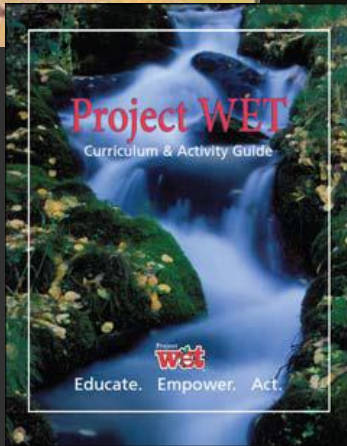
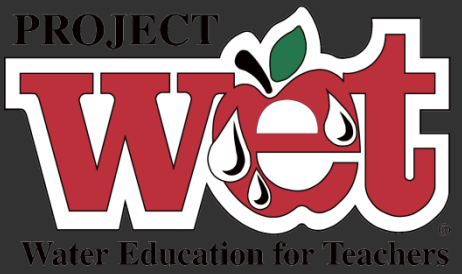
Grade-level  
specific

Teach more  
advanced  
subjects to  
older  
students,  
including  
teaching  
younger  
students.



# Conservation Education

Educator workshops



# Stewardship

Environmental stewardship refers to responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices. Participants learn through “doing”.



# Stewardship

5<sup>th</sup> grade students learn collect data at the Baldwin Swale and learn about the Taylor Tallac Restoration project



# Stewardship and Special Events

Students present their findings at a booth at the Native Species Festival

3rd Annual  
**Wild Tahoe**  
weekend  
native species festival  
SUN june 3 at Taylor Creek  
10am - 4pm visitor Center

TROUT RELEASE  
guided NATURE walks  
CHILDREN'S FOREST kick-off  
LIVE MUSIC & stewardship activities  
NATIVE SPECIES PARADE  
CORKY the BAT LADY



For weekend schedule of events  
Taylor Creek Visitor Center





# Stewardship

The Generation Green of Lake Tahoe program provides volunteer opportunities and summer employment for high school students, creating a life-long connection to the land.



# Stewardship

Generation Green summer employees and volunteers collected burn pile monitoring data in the summer of 2014



# Results?



Creation of Community that  
is connected to the land



and a commitment to take care  
of it for the next generation

# Thank you!

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“The Great Spirit teaches us we must teach our children how to care for the earth so it is there for future generations.” -Unknown



