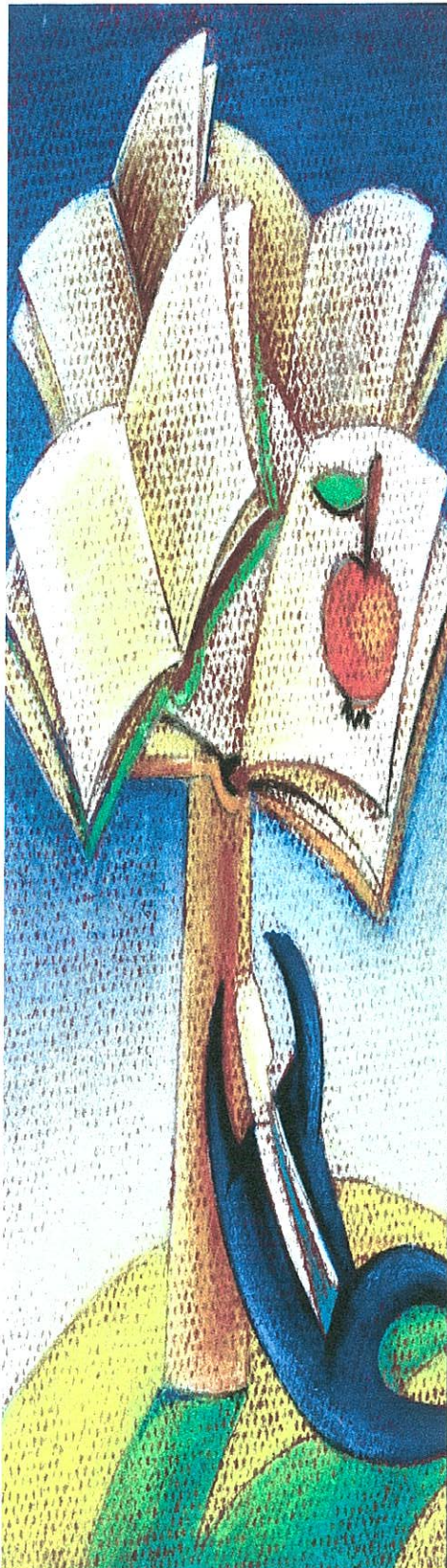


Sample Survey



What Keeps You Inside?

1) Last year, did your class ever ...

- read or write outdoors?
- measure outdoors?
- do a lesson or activity in an Outdoor Classroom?
- plant a garden?
- observe wildlife, soils, habitats, plants, rocks, etc.?
- walk outdoors?

2) What keeps you from doing more outdoor ed activities?

- safety concerns (fire ants, snakes, poison ivy, ticks, losing kids)
- classroom management concerns
- extra-curricular / not relevant / not as important as other subjects
- not enough time or enough time in a block
- don't have lesson plans, supplies for relevant activities
- no one to help with set-up, clean up
- no restroom nearby
- no tables, seating or other needed facility
- have to stop lesson activity if a child needs to go in
- overgrown areas, weeds, disrepair
- unfamiliar / limited background or training in outdoor ed
- other (Specify: _____)

3) How often do you do hands-on science activities with your class (indoors or out)? Please circle one:

Never Seldom Occasionally Usually Almost always

4) What limits your doing hands-on activities with your class?

- Too messy; too much prep and clean-up
- Too time-consuming / quicker to do a demo
- Student behavior / concern about class getting out of control
- Lack or cost of supplies
- Not necessary
- Do not have time it takes to find, develop good activities
- Unfamiliar territory / little training in this area
- Other: _____

5) When you do labs and hands-on investigations with students, are they generally conducted before or after related subject matter is covered in class? _____

6) Prioritize the following possible environmental projects/expenditures, with #1 being the most important:

- Prepare gardens for student use
- Blaze trails; make walkways
- Build outdoor classroom or learning stations
- Plant trees for shade or to restore wildlife habitat
- Add a water feature (pond, bog, etc.)
- Create field study kits, each with lesson and supplies
- Offer teacher training in environmental ed or hands-on science
- Other: _____

7) What is the one biggest thing that would enable you to teach more hands-on lessons, outdoors: _____