



TEACHERS GONE WILD

Professional Development in Outdoor Education 1-day Field Experience

Teachers Gone Wild (TGW) engages middle and high school teachers with the natural world through a series of outdoor education lessons and activities to enrich the classroom experience and connect students with local natural systems. TGW focuses on outdoor education theory, strategies, techniques, and resources for educators of multiple academic disciplines. Knowing what and how to teach in an outdoor classroom builds confidence, enthusiasm, and understanding and helps teachers deliver transformative learning experiences. Additionally, time in nature can significantly build social connections between student peers, and students and their teachers. **TGW is a 1-day, workshop (9.0 hrs) professional development. No workshop fees are required.** TGW PD is made possible through financial support from the USFS, Coronado National Forest.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Orientation: Intro to Ironwood Tree Experience, education resources and opportunities
- Becoming Native: Explore the eco-history of Florida Canyon, Coronado National Forest
- Citizen Science: Link school campuses and wild spaces through science
- Integrated Curriculums: Strengthening the education experience
- Natural Teams: Plan outdoor education experiences that inspire and inform
- Presentations and Next Steps: Practice, share, evaluate.

Workshop

Day/Date: Saturday, November 21, 2019. Depart 8AM return 5:30PM.

Meeting Time (Tucson): Teachers who live/work in Tucson, meet at the Ironwood Tree Experience (ITE), Urban Field Station at 8AM. *ITE provides transportation due to workshop location and limited parking.

Location: We will visit in the US Forest Service's Florida Station, a historical research station located in the beautiful Santa Rita Mountains, near Madera Canyon. Built in the early 1900's, yet recently renovated, this rustic facility include dorm style rooms with bunkbeds, indoor restrooms, hot showers, a common kitchen area, and meeting rooms, plus miles of nature trails.

How to prepare: Please eat a hearty breakfast. Wear outdoor footwear, comfortable and loose clothing, hat, water bottle, and a daypack for carrying items for a short nature walk. ITE provides lunch. Please share dietary restrictions via email.