



Aquatic Project

WILD:

Education Activity Guide



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Cost: Distributed in training workshop which is free or requires a minimal charge.

SUBJECTS

Fine Arts
Health
Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies

Aquatic Project WILD is a part of the *Project WILD* series focusing specifically on water issues, aquatic life forms, and habitats. It is based on the premise that young people and their teachers have a vested interest in learning about the earth as home for people and wildlife, and addresses the need for human beings to develop as responsible members of the ecosystem.

The forty interdisciplinary activities in this guide are arranged in seven sections by themes, which include awareness and appreciation, ecological principles, issues and actions.

They consist of simulations, games, explorations, experiments and fieldtrips. Activities are designed to be integrated into existing curricula or study units. Illustrated with photographs, drawings, diagrams and masters for handouts and worksheets. Appendices include a glossary, index, metric conversion chart, conceptual framework, and suggestions for field trips, interviewing, and field ethics.

Grade Level
K-12

Length
242 pages

Date Published
revised in 2002

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“These exercises employ simple ideas, yet they are inexpensive and fun to do.”

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Addresses controversial issues with role playing, simulations and critiques of printed material.	Only two activities under “People, Culture & Wildlife”.
	Depth	Includes a detailed conceptual framework. Local to global concepts are addressed in the activities.	Context and links to ‘big picture’ could be more clearly explained.
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Lists skills for each activity. Most activities develop creative thinking skills.	Provides no opportunities for long-term studies or monitoring.
	Action Orientation	Encourages learners to reflect on actions and consequences. Includes a list of environmental organizations. Emphasizes personal responsibility.	Provides few examples of successful environmental interventions or opportunities for “real world” actions (as opposed to simulations).
	Instructional Soundness	Activities build on previous knowledge. Encourages use of a variety of instructional methods and settings. Goals and objectives are defined in terms of learner outcomes.	
	Usability	Workshops are available to provide additional support for teachers. Provides suggestions for inexpensive materials and methods.	Could benefit from more graphs and charts.

“Sign up for the workshop. It is well worth 6+ hours of time to get this resource.”

“A great tool for teachers both inside and outside the classroom.”