



Volunteers

Teaching Children:

A Guide for Establishing VINE Ecology Education Programs Kit



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SUBJECTS

Science

VINE (Volunteer-led Investigations of Neighborhood Ecology) is a program which allows adult volunteers to lead school groups on brief explorations of urban ecology. The materials provide volunteers with activities to engage students in hands-on investigations of animal and plant life in their own school-yard or local area. Simple instructions are given for a variety of explorations, many of which are drawn from *OBIS*, *Project Learning Tree*, or other well-known collections. The guide also provides concrete information for teachers, parents or others interested in setting up a program, such as fund raising, selecting a steering committee, establishing a budget, and conducting evaluation. One of the videotapes contains step-by-step information for volunteers in how to lead groups of children through experiences. The kit consists of a text (Guide), two videotapes, five *OBIS* investigations, and 30 small magnifying glasses for use in the investigations.

Grade Level	3-4
Length	1 kit w/ guide & videotapes
Date Published	1995

What the REVIEWERS Said!

Other Considerations
Strengths Noted

Both videos show ethnically diverse student populations and a variety of volunteers. The activities are strong on teaching awareness of the natural world, but not all activities have goals or objectives, and they are not coordinated in a conceptual framework. The materials are clear, well-organized, and are well suited to instructing volunteers who have little experience with youth or with the environment. The activities are hands-on, very learner centered, and are designed to "spark interest" in the students.