

Plan: How can I help prepare students and myself for a great day of learning?

The **Eco-Jobs at Forest Valley** program is designed to enrich student understanding of Eco Literacy* by bringing the Grade 3 Social Studies (People and Environments: Living and Working in Ontario) Curriculum to life through a hands-on, learning experience at Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre.

*Understanding how to support sustainable interactions between human and natural systems

Curriculum Connections:

- [Social Studies 1-6, History and Geography 7 and 8 \(pp. 90-93\)](#)
- [Science and Technology 1-8, Understanding Life Systems, Growth and Changes in Plants \(pp. 70-72\)](#)
- [Science and Technology 1-8, Understanding Earth and Space Systems, Soils in the Environment \(pp. 79-81\)](#)

Some guiding questions to support effective field trip planning:

- Why did you choose our **Eco-Jobs at Forest Valley** Program?
- How does it integrate into your classroom program?
 - Is the field trip going to act as a “minds on” engagement where students formulate questions for inquiry?
 - Is the field trip an opportunity for students to gather evidence for an inquiry already in progress?
 - Is the field trip a culminating experience for students to apply their learning?

Possible Pre-Trip Experiences:

- begin a Know, Wonder, Learn (KWL) chart about jobs that take care of the environment to bring with you to Forest Valley
- take a community walk to look for evidence of people engaged in jobs related to the environment
- do a survey to find out what types of jobs are most common among the families represented in your class
- as a class, identify an environmental challenge that impacts your immediate community and research who might help you solve that problem (e.g. garbage in a local ravine or park, not enough trees or wildlife in your playground)
- ask your Eco Schools committee for help and/or consult <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools/home.aspx>
- make a map of the trees on your school property

TDSB Web Resources (note, these may only be accessible through a TDSB computer):

- [MediaNet](#) (Library & Learning Resources: Grade 3 Living and Working in Ontario)
- [TDSB's Virtual Library](#)