

SAMPLE EMAIL for Forests & Trees

Dear [teacher name]:

We will be applying to be **teen teachers** in the TRY Forests & Trees program. TRY stands for Teens Reaching Youth and it is a **teen-led environmental education program** designed to teach environmental literacy and responsibility to younger youth.

As part of our application we are required to identify two classrooms that are willing to have us teach the TRY lessons between January 1 – May 26, 2023. **We are hoping that you would allow us to teach your students!**

Let us tell you a little bit about the TRY Forests & Trees program. The lessons are geared for students in **grades 2-4** and investigates the basic concepts of forest & tree stewardship. There are 6 lessons, each approximately 1 hour. All lessons are hands-on, engaging and fun!

The six lessons, aligned with Next Generation Science Standards as well as support the Common Core Standards, are:

- Why Are Trees Important!
 - *Students will understand that humans value forests for their aesthetic, cultural, ecological, economic, educational and recreational benefits.*
- What Makes a Tree a Tree?
 - *Students will learn the three main parts of the tree and discover the life stages of trees.*
- What Do Trees Need?
 - *Students learn the basic needs that trees need to survive.*
- Vermont Trees
 - *Students learn basics on how to identify trees. In addition, students will learn 5 Vermont tree species, based on leaf identification.*
- We Can Be Forest Stewards!
 - *Students learn what it means to be a forest steward.*
- Tree Jeopardy
 - *Students will review key concepts from lessons 1-5.*

Can we set up a time to discuss this further? Our application is due no later than November 7, 2022 so we would need a commitment from you before that date.

Thank you for your consideration!

[Your names and contact information]