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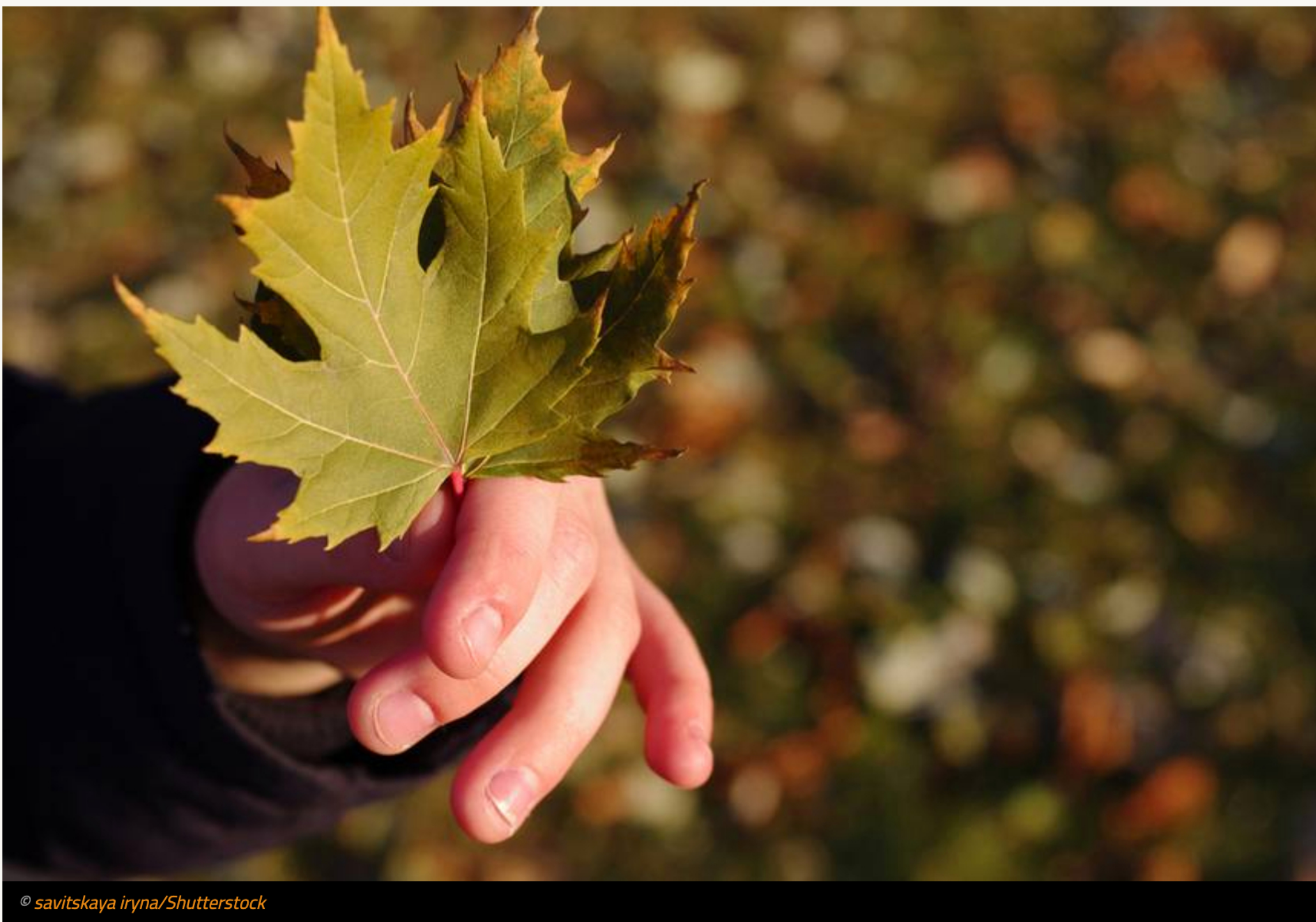
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# Connecting kids to nature: Latest free activity downloads from Project Learning Tree



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Does your family PLT? Project Learning Tree (PLT) is an award-winning environmental education program for children and teens in all grades, using trees and forests as a launching pad for understanding complex environmental issues.

PLT develops learning materials and makes them available to both classroom educators and parents on a regular basis. All lessons are designed to be practical, hands-on and fun, with indoor and outdoor components.

PLT is an initiative of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. SFI is a sustainability leader that provides supply chain assurances, delivers conservation leadership, and supports environmental education and community engagement.

Take a look at PLT's [latest activities for families](#). They incorporate free smart phone apps and free i-Tree online tools developed by the U.S. Forest Service and its partners.

1. **Name That Tree:** Use a smart phone app to take a photo of a leaf, identify its species, and learn about its common uses, products and benefits.
2. **What's the Value of That Tree?:** Determine the monetary value of a given tree with an online calculator. Criteria include the value of the carbon dioxide the tree stores, the rain it intercepts to reduce flooding, the air pollution it absorbs, and the energy it saves.
3. **What Tree Should I Plant?:** Planting trees around your home brings environmental benefits such as temperature reduction and energy conservation. Use an online tool to identify the best tree species for your location based on the level of benefits it provides.
4. **Reduce Your Utility Costs:** Create a quick sketch of your yard and upload it to a design tool that recommends the best spots for planting for energy savings.

Visit PLT for [more family learning activities](#), most of which are also available in Spanish. There are more than 40 fun, easy-to-do activities to choose from that can be done simply by investigating your own backyard, exploring a nearby park, or taking a walk down your city street, as well as some others to try while on a walk in the forest.

To learn more about SFI, sustainable forestry, and youth education opportunities, visit <http://www.sfiprogram.org/>.



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