

Trees For Tomorrow
Environmental Education Center®

Teaching
**sustainable
natural resource
use and
management**

Trees For Tomorrow is an accredited residential environmental center located in Eagle River, Wisconsin that has been educating people for over 75 years about natural resources and their continued importance to our survival. Our professional teaching staff are experts at using the outdoors as a classroom and combining hands-on activities that inspire student enthusiasm for sustainable forest stewardship.

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Our Story

Sustaining **the world we live in through the** science of nature

Trees For Tomorrow began education programs for high school students and teachers in 1945 and soon after moved permanently to its current campus in Eagle River, Wisconsin. Through forward thinking of our board members and corporate sponsors, school programs became the primary focus of the organization and continues today.

Whether it was through tree planting, land management plans, education programs for teachers and students, or programs for community members, Trees For Tomorrow's mission of promoting sustainable management of natural resources has continued for almost 80 years. Today's outdoor learning experiences place people in direct contact with the natural resources that support human needs and teach knowledge and skills leading to responsible lifestyle choices. As demand for natural resources increases, this environmental education is even more critical.

From teaching about sustainable natural resource management and introductions to careers in natural resources, to exploring the history and science

of nature behind the planet we live on, Trees For Tomorrow's professional educators empower people of all ages to become responsible stewards of our natural world.

Every year Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) educates approximately 10,000 people about sustainable use of our natural resources through hands-on experiences. Approximately 6,000 of those students are K12 school-aged children and teachers from the Great Lakes states.

Our K12 school programs focus on the interconnectivity of forests, wildlife, soils, water and energy including the role we all have in determining the health of our environment. We also offer a variety of outdoor experiences, year round, for all ages and skill levels.

In an era when people are increasingly indoors and alienated from their natural surroundings, TFT is re-introducing students of all ages to the outdoors and showing them how important our natural resources are to the world in which we all live.

Our Mission

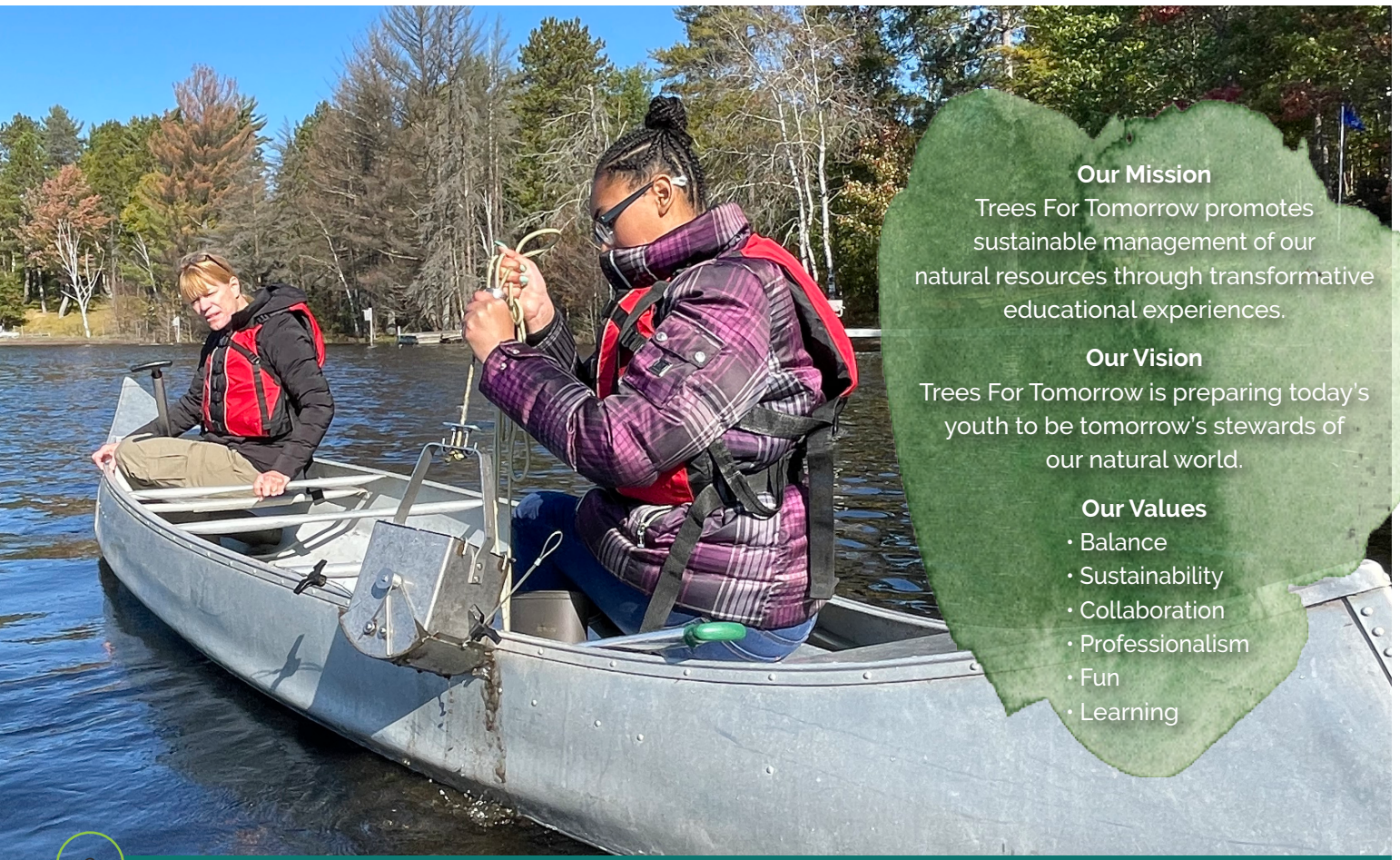
Trees For Tomorrow promotes sustainable management of our natural resources through transformative educational experiences.

Our Vision

Trees For Tomorrow is preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's stewards of our natural world.

Our Values

- Balance
- Sustainability
- Collaboration
- Professionalism
- Fun
- Learning



Message from the Executive Director

By far, I was not the first nor last student at Trees For Tomorrow to have a life-changing experience.

On a cold winter morning in 1995, I stepped into a big van with my science teacher and 11 of my classmates for a trek from Milwaukee suburbs to northern Wisconsin for a weekend adventure at a place called Trees For Tomorrow.

I had no idea what sort of life-changing experience I was about to have. Over those next few days, I cross-country skied and snowshoed for the first time. I learned about an animal called a fisher that I had never heard about. I experienced snow depth that I never knew was possible in Wisconsin. And I was so inspired by the passionate Trees For Tomorrow educators that I finally made my decision to pursue a career in environmental education.

Fast forward almost 30 years later and I am now the executive director of Trees For Tomorrow and have lived in Eagle River for almost 25 years!

I am most proud of the work that has gone into Trees For Tomorrow's school programs. We have updated customized curriculum that is based on the science of natural resource management, a campus that supports multi-day educational experiences, and a team of professional staff that includes environmental science educators.

Located in the heart of Wisconsin's northern forests, we are able to make connections to the learning students are getting in the formal classroom with the real natural world. Students become scientists at Trees For Tomorrow – making predictions, collecting data, and answering questions all while exploring lakes, wetlands, forests, and fields. Our meaningful goal is to provide science-based information and experiences so our students have a better understanding of what it takes to manage our natural resources.



Every dollar raised is 12 more minutes a student will spend outside exploring nature and learning about sustainable use of our natural resources.

Individual and corporate funds help us achieve our mission and allow opportunities for under-served populations to benefit from a Trees For Tomorrow experience. Those committed to environmental education find Trees For Tomorrow to be an effective and efficient way to express their support. Each corporate donation received translates into increased services, programming and outreach to students, and allows Trees For Tomorrow to continue as a leading environmental education center.

Individual donations and corporate memberships provide year-round benefits of recognition and greater public awareness of commitment to sustainable natural resource management and environmental education. Your support of Trees For Tomorrow reflects your commitment to better serve your community and future generations.

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Cheryl Todea is Trees For Tomorrow's 10th Executive Director, is a program alumna, and has served in many roles with the organization including intern, educator, operations manager, and executive director.

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Our Programs

SCHOOL OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

**Of all the paths you take in life, make sure
a few of them are dirt.**

~John Muir

Visiting K12 schools stay on TFT's campus for one-day, overnight, or multi-night outdoor learning experiences. Students stay in furnished dormitories, eat meals in our dining hall and prep for field studies in the Education Hall.

Throughout the program, students participate in outdoor learning experiences in Northwoods forests and waterways focusing on topics such as forestry, wildlife, water quality, geology and natural resource use. These activities demonstrate how natural resources can be sustained through proper management.



Elementary

We introduce young minds to the wonders of the natural world and build their understanding of the basic topics that are the foundation of future learning.



Middle School

We take the Trees For Tomorrow experience a step further with hands-on learning through experimentation and observation in the outdoor classrooms of woods and water.



High School

We foster higher-level thinking in all of our courses, utilizing students' experiences and teaching how it can apply to potential career choices.



Guided outdoor learning and recreational activities for all ages are available year round

TFT invites members of the community to our campus throughout the year for a variety of programs for all ages. We can also customize any of our programs to meet the specific needs of any group.

Community Education

EARLY LEARNING



- KinderWild Camp: for preschoolers
- Nature PlayScape: outdoor natural playground
- KinderSEEK Weekly summer camp

YOUTH & FAMILY



- Special events and workshops
- Summer Programs (June-Aug.)
 - KinderS.E.E.K. for ages 3-5
 - Jr. S.E.E.K. for kids ages 4-8
 - S.E.E.K. for ages 8-12
 - Family Nature for all ages

ADULTS



- Sustainable Living Institute
- Nature Adventures
- Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser
- Road Scholars



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