

About BRIT

BRIT is located in Fort Worth and is a global institute for the conservation and preservation of botanical heritage through education, research, scientific publications, and collections. BRIT Education recognizes the importance of fostering in children a sense of wonder about the natural world. We are committed to empowering teachers with the skills, processes and content to take their students outdoors for meaningful exploratory learning experiences.

Professional development at BRIT models a student-centered, inquiry-based, collaborative approach to learning. Workshops are interdisciplinary and lead teachers through hands-on activities, incorporate methods for teaching in the field, and promote collegial sharing. We encourage you to bring your learning journal or field notebook with you to use in the workshops.

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Outdoor Inquiries®
First Hand Learning, Inc. Workshop
The Botanical Research Institute of Texas



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Outdoor Inquiries® for K-8 Teachers a First Hand Learning, Inc. Workshop

"The physical environment in and around the school can be used as a living laboratory for the study of natural phenomena. Whether the school is located in a densely populated urban area, a sprawling suburb, a small town, or a rural area, the environment can and should be used as a resource for science study."

National Science Education
Standards, National Academy of
Sciences, 1996



Thursday, June 26, 2008; 8:30 am—4:00 pm

BRIT Education
Firehouse No. 5
503 Bryan Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76104

Outdoor Inquiries®

Schedule and Registration for June 26, 2008

Registration opens May 15 and closes June 20

Payment must accompany registration to guarantee your place.

At every stage of development children need direct contact with nature for healthy physical, emotional, intellectual, and ethical maturation. How can we provide this in schools where contact with nature is indirect or vicarious? Through open-ended inquiry we can find wilderness as well as opportunity for scientific investigation in any schoolyard, vacant lot, or local park.

Come to our temporary, very urban environment to engage in close observation, journal keeping, data collection, data-base development, and formulation of investigable questions as you prepare yourself to engage your K-8 students in these same processes of scientific inquiry in your most accessible outdoor setting. As a feature of the collaboration with First Hand Learning, Inc. supported by a National Science Foundation grant, each participant will receive:

- A copy of the book, *Outdoor Inquires: Taking Science Investigations Outside the Classroom*,
- A First Hand Learning Field Journal, and
- A field toolkit of collecting and measuring tools

A continental breakfast and lunch are provided courtesy of BRIT.

Teachers will earn 6 CPE hours for attending. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants.

8:00—8:30	Gather; enjoy the continental breakfast
8:30—8:45	Opening
8:45—11:30	Outdoor Inquiries®
11:30—12:15	Lunch (provided to all participants)
12:15—3:15	Outdoor Inquiries®
3:15—4:00	Reflections; evaluations

Registration

Register by completing the attached form and send it along with your \$45 workshop fee by fax to 817-332-4112 or mail to BRIT at 500 E. 4th Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102, or register online at www.brit.org/education and click on "Outdoor Inquiries Summer Workshop".

- Registration with full payment must be in by 5:00 pm June 20.
- Cancellations must be made prior to the June 20 registration deadline to receive a full refund.
- Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email with details regarding what to bring and driving directions.



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Please use a black pen and print clearly

Name _____ Phone _____

School Name _____ District _____ Grade Level _____

Summer Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

My \$45 workshop fee is enclosed.

Amt. Enclosed \$ _____
Method of Payment: Check
 Visa MasterCard

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

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