

# Trail of Trees

## Fact Sheet

The Trail of Trees is a unique environmental education program. Tim Womick's inspirational performance is designed to entertain and educate people of all ages about the importance of trees and their value to communities, our environment, and our own individual potential. Tim interacts with the audience and relays the importance of trees in everyday life and encourages everyone to care for trees and recognize their role as earth stewards. Tim gets his message across in a humorous and insightful manner, using props that range from an African drum and tree seeds, to a dictionary and squirt bottle. The program is concluded with a ceremonial tree planting whenever possible.

### Objectives

Participants will learn...

- The value and role of trees in their community and world
- The functions of various tree parts
- Everyone can make a difference in establishing a healthy and sustainable future through knowledge, action, and working together
- Proper tree planting and care, as well as ways to reduce the environmental stress facing trees today
- About career options in forestry, conservation, and the forest product industry



"I can make a difference! You can make a difference!  
We can make a difference!"



Tree Research & Education Endowment Fund

The TREE Fund was established in 1975 to identify and fund projects and programs that advance the knowledge in the fields of arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees and the environment. Since its inception, the TREE Fund has awarded more than 400 research grants to aid, stimulate and encourage scientific studies of trees.

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### About Tim Womick

Often referred to as a “modern day Johnny Appleseed,” Tim Womick has inspired people of all ages and diverse backgrounds to plant thousands of trees around the world. Trees were not always Tim’s passion, but they’ve become his fuel in a life that’s lived in every moment.

It began while visiting the Joyce Kilmer National Forest in the mountains of North Carolina around Earth Day in 1990. Tim came across the poem “Trees” written by Kilmer, which was etched in brass, deep in a grove of elder trees. The magnificent beauty that surrounded Tim in that forest changed him forever, “I had just finished making a difference in my own life and decided it was time to run and leave a Trail of Trees.”

A marathon runner and distance cyclist, Tim often bikes or runs for tree-related events. Tim’s boundless energy propels him across the country and the globe planting trees, sharing his infectious enthusiasm and challenging everyone he meets to join in and “make a difference!”



“Trees need people! People need trees!” sings Tim Womick at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Tim Womick and Treeture® Professor Arbor E. Tum greet children at a tree planting in Chicago.

The whimsical Treeture® characters, created by Judith H. Blau, often accompany Tim Womick on his tours delighting audiences of all ages. Treetures® help Tim relay scientific concepts behind the growth and functions of trees. To learn more about the Treetures®, visit their website at:

[www.treetures.com](http://www.treetures.com)