



HALLOWEEN STEAM, CAMPFIRES AND POETRY

Get



inspiration from nature this Halloween with themed bookmarks, campfire advice, and lesson ideas around science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

PLT has partnered with Your True Nature (YTN) to share *Advice from Nature* poetry with teachers and students. Explore **YTN's Halloween collection** for a variety of seasonal fun and

inspirational messages!

Halloween STEAM

Halloween is a perfect time for students to learn about personification. Poetry can encourage this idea by inviting children to imagine what advice a creature in nature might have to say to them. Understanding that creatures are living things with their own unique experiences and perspectives offers youth and adults alike opportunities to connect with the world around us—and become inspired to both respect and protect it.

Some YTN Halloween-themed connections to activities from PLT's **PreK-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide** include:

- PLT's Activity 23—The Fallen Log + Advice from a **Spider**
- PLT Activity 22—Trees as Habitats + Advice from an **Owl**
- PLT's Activity 16—Pass the Plants Please + Advice from a **Pumpkin**
- PLT's Activity 81—Living with Fire + Advice from a **Campfire**



You could also pair **PLT's 15 Spooky STEM Challenges for Halloween** with Advice from a **Spider** (*Make good connections*), Advice from a **Bat** (*Trust in your senses*), or Advice from a **Pumpkin**. (*Think big!*).

Consider embracing STEAM and embed a bit of art into your nature and Halloween poetry.

Campfires “Bring People Together”

A campfire can be a perfect opportunity to get inspired and creative through storytelling. Consider hosting one this Halloween to “Spark new ideas” and “Kindle strong friendships.”

You can pair YTN's **Advice from a Campfire** with PLT's **Living with Fire** lesson (Activity 81 from the PreK-8 Environmental Education



Activity Guide) to teach students the three elements a fire needs to burn and how an understanding of this “fire triangle” can be used to both prevent and manage wildfires. Use **this lesson’s online STEM strategies** to further extend connections to science, technology, engineering, and math.

Before enjoying any campfire activity, remember to **ensure your surroundings are fire safe!**

Poetic Treats

YTN’s **Advice from Halloween bookmark set** could be the perfect sugar-free treat for your classroom celebration this year! Check out their entire collection: Dog, Owl, Sasquatch, Jack-O-Lantern, Moon, and Bat.

Visit our partner page to explore all of YTN’s Advice from Nature products as well as a variety of free resources, including lessons for specific topics and grade levels, correlations to PLT activities, and printable handouts for PLT workshop facilitators.

We hope you’ll find some inspiring messages to share with your students this year. Try a bit of Advice from a Bat: *Get a Grip* and *Trust in Your Senses!*

Happy Halloween!

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Develop Youth's Life Skills with PLT and 4-H

This crosswalk quickly shows which PLT activities support youth development goals and 4-H Life Skills that are organized around the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

Environmental Education Resources

Every month we carefully select new educational apps, videos, interactive websites, books, careers information, and teacher-generated materials that support PLT lessons.

STEM: Tree Lifecycle

Engage students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) as they learn about a tree's lifecycle.