

## **Rob Beadel**

Since February 2008, Rob Beadel has been the Director of Forestry Education for the Arkansas Forestry Association Education Foundation where he serves as the state coordinator for Project Learning Tree (PLT).

As part of his job responsibilities, Rob travels the entire state training formal and non-formal educators in the international environmental education curriculum Project Learning Tree (PLT). This interdisciplinary curriculum program provides educators with the tools and information necessary to teach about our environment and natural resources. Rob also conducts seminars for forest landowners providing information on a variety of topics pertinent to forest landowners and the timber industry in Arkansas. Rob also presents activities and programs for youth on the topics of forest ecology and the importance of Arkansas's forestlands to our environment and our economy.

Rob serves on several environmental education boards and workgroups including the Arkansas Environmental Education Association board of directors where he has served two terms as the Board President, Arkansas Envirothon board member, and Arkansas's Environmental Literacy Plan workgroup. He also serves at the national level on the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Affiliate Steering Committee and also on the Education Operating Committee for the National PLT office.

Rob graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Arkansas Tech University in 1995. He has previously worked for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the U of A Cooperative Extension Service where he taught environmental education and outdoor recreation at the Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale.

Rob grew up amongst the cornfields and farmlands of rural Iowa where he developed an interest in hunting, fishing and conservation. He relocated to Arkansas in 1991 to attend college and now resides in Benton.