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Attn: Grades 4 to 7 Educators,

Sierra Club BC would like to register your class for our latest program, "Going Wild!, Teaching about Wild Products from BC's Coastal Rainforests".

"Going Wild!" is an in-class education program that engages Grades 4 to 7 students in hands-on science activities about wild products or non-timber forest products of the coastal temperate rainforest. Students gain knowledge of wild products, ecosystem dynamics, stewardship of the forest, human relationships with nature, economy, consumption patterns, and entrepreneurship.

All students and teachers will develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of coastal First Nations' ecological knowledge and cultural awareness and will better understand the sustainable impact that creating and buying locally made products can have on ecosystems and local economies.

Like all of our Education Programs, the program involves class discussions, games, and hands-on activities with props. A detailed overview is included below for further information.

Our programs are free; however there is a suggested donation of \$50 per classroom. We do not turn away schools that are unable to make donations.

Thanks to the support of School District 61, teachers who register for the program will receive a free hardcopy of our "Going Wild!" Guidebook. The Guidebook is a book of Lesson Plans for Grades 4 to 7 about coastal ecosystems and local economies. It is curriculum tailored to help teachers continue facilitating learning on these topics and to provide tools to effectively weave between coastal temperate rainforest First Nations cultural knowledge and ecological lessons. The guidebook usually sells for \$25.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you and teaching your class the "Going Wild!" program!

Sincerely,  
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**Going Wild! Teaching about Wild Products from  
BC's Coastal Rainforests  
Grades 4 - 7**

**Background:**

This program is linked to an activity guidebook focused on wild products or non-timber forest products (NTFPs). The Guidebook, "Going Wild!, Teaching about Wild Products from BC's Coastal Rainforest" is a product of a partnership between Sierra Club BC and Coastal First Nations' Great Bear Initiative, an alliance of coastal First Nations. It was developed specifically for First Nations on the North Coast, Central Coast and Haida Gwaii and is now being used as an educational tool in the South Coast of Vancouver Island. This program will introduce activities from the Guidebook, with a focus on exploring wild products from an ecological, cultural, social, and economic perspective.

**Learning Outcomes:**

To learn about wild products created from BC's Coastal Temperate Rainforest

To learn about and be able to describe plant species types and uses in wild products of BC's Coastal Temperate Rainforest

To explore relationships between humans, plants, and ecosystems

To learn concepts of sustainability through studying the use of wild products

To better understand and respect traditional practices of local First Nations related to the use of wild products

To learn about some potential sustainable options for community economic development based on the use of wild products

**Theme:**

This program focuses on helping students to find a closer connection with their environment, and with plants that have been, and continue to be, important to their communities. The goal of this program to impart a sense of curiosity about the wild plants in our forests, and equally as important, the realization that people are making incomes from wild products, leading to a better quality of life, and looking after the environment at the same time.



**Activities:**

Students are asked to list products from the Coastal Temperate Rainforest regarding timber and then expand onto other resources available from the forest.

Linkages of the products are made to fun physical games that are played to emphasize the information students are learning.

Exploration of products made from materials from local forests

**Key Words:** Wild Products, Sustainable Harvest, Ecosystems

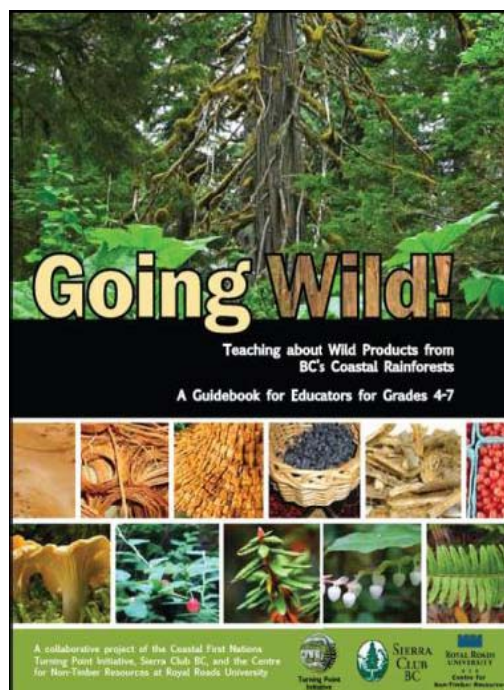
**Audience:** Grades 4 – 7

**Time:** 75 minutes in total

**Online Materials:**

The [Going Wild! Teaching about Wild Products from BC's Coastal Rainforest](http://www.sierraclub.bc.ca/education/news/going-wild-teaching-about-wild-products-from-bcs-coastal-rainforest) guidebook can also be found online for free at:

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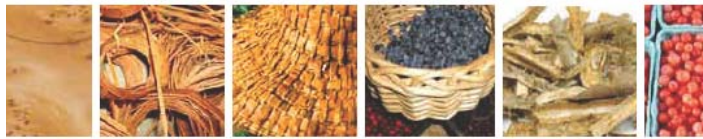
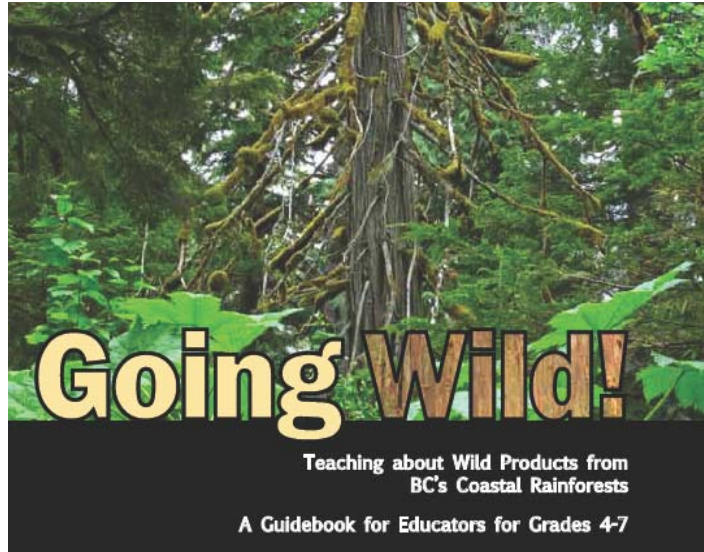




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# Going Wild!

Teaching about Wild Products from BC's Coastal Rainforests



A collaborative project of the Coastal First Nations Turning Point Initiative, Sierra Club BC, and the Centre for Non-Timber Resources at Royal Roads University



Going Wild!, is a **1.5 hour in-class program** about wild products from B.C.'s coastal rainforests for **Grades 4 to 7**.

Students will be introduced to local plant species, ecosystems, **wild products, First Nations traditional practices**, and economic development.

Teachers who register for the program will receive a **free Going Wild! Guidebook**, which links activities to BC curriculum.

There is no direct cost for the program, however we ask for a **suggested donation of \$50 per class** to help with program delivery costs. *Please let us know if this is not possible.*

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