

Pre-/Post-Conference Activity Ideas for Educators

The following ideas are designed to help you develop some activities for your students that will take the career focus beyond the day of Taking the Road Less Traveled (TRLT). They are in no way required; we simply received several requests for such activities.

Develop an assignment in which students use the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>) to investigate several careers.

Work with the guidance counselor at your school to have students complete a career inventory such as Discover. A guidance counselor could also help your students learn about Holland codes and how they apply to career choice and satisfaction.

Have the students journal about their experience at TRLT and the sessions they attend. This information could be reported back to other classmates.

After the conference have the students report back to a younger grade some basic information about what they did and what they learned at TRLT.

Have the students work in a team to submit an article to the school newspaper; this article could describe TRLT itself and/or more information about the importance of career exploration.

Work with the chamber of commerce or similar organization to identify companies/professionals within the community whose work requires a background in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. These individuals might be open to being interviewed and/or being shadowed.