

**INTRODUCTION**  
**SOCIETY OF WOOD SCIENCE**  
**AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**TEACHING UNIT 2**

**SWST**

**Welcome** to the Society of Wood Science and Technology's second teaching unit. This unit is intended for classroom use in high school science classes to introduce the properties of wood. Teaching Unit 1 which consists of three slide sets: "Made in the USA from Wood", "Structure of Wood", and "Wood Identification" should be completed prior to this unit.

The following items are included in this unit:

- 1) Slide Set No. 1 is entitled "**Properties of Wood**". This set of 69 slides gives background information on the physical and mechanical properties of wood. It provides a basis for further study of wood properties and characteristics, and it prepares students for the activities included in Slide Set No. 2.
- 2) Slide Set No. 2 is entitled "**Activities**". In this set of 6 activities, the properties of wood from Slide Set No. 1 are examined through experiments and hands-on activities.

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