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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

Louisiana's 11th Environmental Awareness Student Art & Language Arts Contest

Theme

Louisiana's Natural Resources: What's Important to You?"

All submissions must be postmarked by: FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

Winners only will be notified via e-mail no later than Wednesday, May 15th. The list of winners for all categories will be posted on the LEEC [website](#).

Entry Categories

- Group 1: Contestant ages 5-7
- Group 2: Contestant ages 8-10
- Group 3: Contestant ages 11-13
- Group 4: Contestant ages 14-18

Prizes awarded in each category:

- First Place: \$200
- Second Place: \$100
- Third Place: \$75

**YOUR
WINNING
ENTRY
COULD BE
FEATURED
HERE!**



Winning entries will be published in our 2014 calendar!

All winners will be honored at a reception to be held at the Governor's Mansion in June.

The **official entry form and release**, including full contest details and guidelines, can be downloaded from our [website](#). The entry form **MUST** accompany the entry and **MUST** be signed by the contestant and parent or guardian. Entries that do not comply with contest rules will be disqualified.

For more information, contact Juliet Raffray, jraffray@wlf.la.gov.

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WEBINARS

The Bugs That Won't Go Away: Your role in Delusional Infestation

Wednesday, March 27, 2013 11:00 am EDT (GMT-04:00)

A person suffering from delusional infestation (DI) has a fixed belief that his or her skin and body is infested by pathogens, despite lack of evidence. Sometimes the supposed infestation includes the close environment. The condition is also known as delusional parasitosis and Ekbom's syndrome. Dealing with DI can be time consuming, frustrating, and unproductive. Often, the sufferer bounces between pest management professionals, entomologists, and dermatologists looking for confirmation. Attend this webinar to learn about DI and your role in managing these cases from two leading experts on DI. Topics covered on this webinar will include understanding the delusion, diagnosis, differentiating actual arthropod infestations from delusional infestations, and the role of the non-psychiatrist.

- Dr. Nancy Hinkle is the Extension Veterinary Entomologist for the University of Georgia. In her career, Dr. Hinkle has dealt with over a thousand DI cases. She presents at entomological conferences on the topic of extension's role in DI.
- Dr. Peter Lepping is a Consultant Psychiatrist & Visiting Professor at Glyndwr University in Wrexham, Wales. Dr. Lepping has years of clinical experience and his 2009 [Clinical Microbiological Reviews paper](#) is one of the most complete sources of background information on the topic.

[Register Now](#) Can't join us on the 27th? Register to receive an e-mail when the recording is posted to [StopPests.org](#).

OneNOAA Science Seminars

All seminars are open to the public (unless otherwise indicated) and offer limited remote access on a first come first served basis. Please check the [OneNOAA Science Seminars](#) web page for the most updated seminar information. For questions about the OneNOAA Science Seminars please contact Hernan Garcia, Hernan.Garcia@noaa.gov.

[Climate Communication: Tools and Tips](#)

March 27, 2013; 12:00-12:30 EST; Online Access Only

[A New Local Climate Analysis Tool](#)

March 27, 2013; 14:00-15:00 EST; NOAA HQ [SSMC-2](#) Room 14316

[Molecular Chemistry of Atmospheric Aerosols and Their Environmental Impacts](#)

March 27, 2013; 15:30-16:30 MST; NOAA ESRL CSD seminar room (2A305) David Skaggs Research Center (Boulder, CO)

["The Coast" is Complicated: A Model to Consistently Describe the Nation's Coastal Population](#)

March 27, 2013; 12:00-13:00 EST; NOAA HQ [SSMC-4](#), Room 8150

[Climate Change, Uncertainty and Communication](#)

March 27, 2013; 12:00-13:00 EST; Remote access only

[Heat Stress Reduces Labor Capacity Under Climate Warming](#)

March 28, 2013; 12:00-13:00 EST; NOAA HQ [SSMC-3](#) Library

[Fish with Chips: Acoustic Transmitters Reveal How Far Coral Reef Fishes Really Move](#)

April 3, 2013; 12:00-13:00 EST; NOAA HQ [SSMC-4](#) Room 8150

[Environmental Variability in Acidification Stress, and Mechanisms for Biological Response](#)

April 4, 2013; 11:00-12:00 PST; NOAA [NWFSC Auditorium](#) (Seattle, WA 98112)

[Monitoring Daily Coral Photo-Efficiency and Effects of Heat Stress from Space: The Algorithm and the Multi-National Project to Develop it](#)

April 5, 2013; 14:00-15:00 EST; NOAA HQ [SSMC-4](#) Room 11153

SCHOLARSHIPS

2013-2014 NBMBA Atlanta Chapter Scholarship Program

The NBMBA Atlanta Chapter believes an investment in the education of our youth is an investment in our future. The Atlanta Chapter has historically awarded more than \$20,000 in scholarships annually. The Scholarship Program promotes the NBMBA mission of identifying and increasing the pool of African-American talent for business, public, private, and non-profit sectors. Visit them online for full scholarship requirements today!

Application Deadline: May 15th 11pm EST*

[CLICK HERE](#) for Undergraduate Scholarship Information

[CLICK HERE](#) for Master's Scholarship Information

[CLICK HERE](#) for Doctoral Scholarship Information

EVENTS

LDWF and New Orleans City Park Present 66th Annual Big Bass Rodeo

The LA Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries is once again teaming with New Orleans City Park for their 66th annual Big Bass Rodeo and Fishtival on **Saturday, April 6** at the Casino Building. Registration begins at 6 a.m. Entry fees are only \$10 for adults (13 & older) and \$5 for kids (12 & younger). Please provide your own rod, reel, and bait. The free Fishtival begins at 9 a.m. Numerous demonstrations, exhibits, and outdoor activities will be available for youth and adults including a youth casting contest, free casting lessons, and a 1,000 gallon freshwater aquarium provided by LDWF. Visit www.neworleanscitypark.com/bigbass for details, online registration, registration forms, rules, regulations and a fishing map. For more information, visit: www.wlf.la.gov on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ldwffb or on Twitter @LDWF.

Audubon Zoo's Zoo-To-Do Events

Zoo-To-Do for Kids on **Friday, April 26, 2013** is New Orleans's premier benefit event for children of all ages where Audubon Zoo is transformed into a magical play land. Live entertainment, face painters, musical performances, sports and cheerleading clinics, strolling performers, arcade games, inflatables, crafts, and a video game center. Ticket purchase includes complimentary food and beverages to delight every palate. **Whitney Zoo-To-Do**, Audubon Zoo's signature fundraising event will be held on **Friday, May 3, 2013**. Come out to the wildest party in town! Live Entertainment by *BJÖRN Again!*, sample the best of what New Orleans has to offer, make a bid on one or more of these great prizes and/or take a chance on winning a brand new Lexus! Only 1,000 raffle tickets will be sold. Tickets are limited. No tickets will be sold at the door the night of the event. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: www.auduboninstitute.org

Save The Date! EnvironMentors Poster Session and Awards Ceremony

The 3rd annual LSU EnvironMentors Poster Presentation and Awards Ceremony will be **Monday, April 29th** from 4-6 pm in the LSU Energy, Coast, and Environment building rotunda on Nicholson Extension. The LSU EnvironMentors students will showcase their research posters and the science fair winners will be announced. A reception honoring the students' and their mentors' dedication and hard work this year will follow. For more information on LSU EnvironMentors: email lsu.environmentors@gmail.com or visit www.sce.lsu.edu/environmentors or facebook.com/LSU.EnvironMentors

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities Seeks Summer Interns

EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC), which manages [EPA's Smart Growth program](#), is seeking interns for summer 2013. Interns will have the opportunity to contribute to cutting-edge research, support technical assistance efforts in states and communities, develop tools, and gain insight into environmental policymaking and planning. Interns may assist with research and writing of briefing papers, reports, and presentations; document review; communications activities; and/or analytical and logistical tasks. Applicants should submit a brief cover letter (not to exceed one page), current resume, and writing sample (no longer than five pages) to Adhir Kackar at kackar.adhir@epa.gov. Applications Deadline: **April 19, 2013. Interns must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program to apply.** All internships will be housed in US EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC. Internships will be unpaid (although a subsidy is offered to offset commute costs), and moving/relocation costs will not be provided. Applicants are invited to select one or both for consideration. OSC is seeking candidates that possess superior oral and written communication skills; are quick learners; demonstrate strong analytic skills in reviewing and collecting information; and work well in a fluid, dynamic environment. Knowledge of sustainable development/smart growth and/or land use/environmental planning issues is highly desired.

Sustainable Communities Intern: Assist with research and writing of briefing papers, reports, and presentations; document review; and/or analytical and logistical tasks. Topics could include financing for sustainable infrastructure investments; green building and sustainable design; mapping and metrics to determine the location efficiency for development; local and regional economic development; project financing for transit-oriented development; quantification of the environmental and economic benefits of sustainable development and smart growth; rural sustainable development approaches; and/or climate mitigation and adaptation. The intern will work directly with OSC staff and in some cases colleagues and counterparts throughout EPA and other federal agencies.

Communications Intern: Assist with a wide variety of communications projects. These could include updating or developing content for new pages on the OSC website; assisting with research, writing, and editing of reports and case studies; assisting in outreach to colleges and universities; developing press releases; and advising on social media. The intern may also support communications activities for the [HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities](#). In addition to the skills listed above, the intern should have demonstrated and specialized experience/education in communications efforts.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cypress Planting

Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF) is hosting cypress planting in the Caernarvon Delta area on Saturday, **March 23rd** from 10am-3pm. Candidates looking to get involved in an adventurous physical hands-on restoration project contact Eva in LPBF's coastal department or call (985) 634-4243.

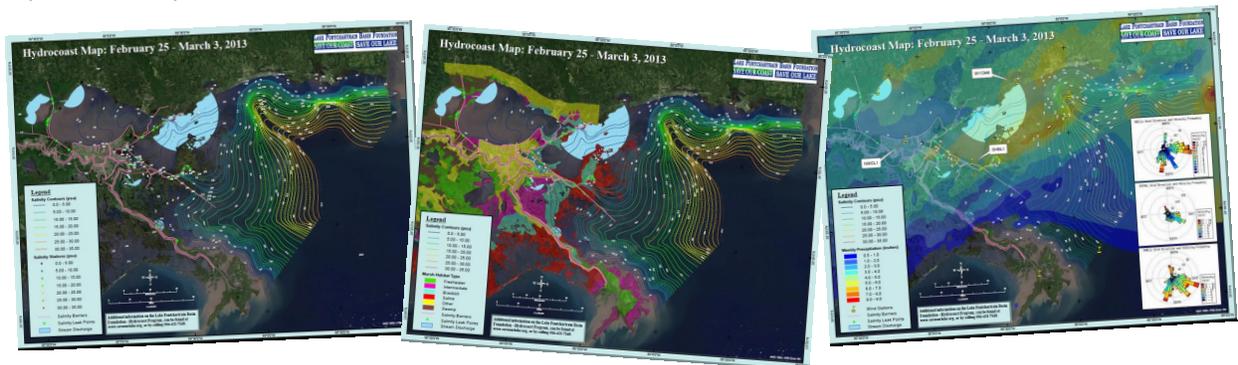
RESOURCES

Project Noah

Project Noah is an award-winning software platform designed to help people reconnect with the natural world. Backed by National Geographic, Project Noah is mobilizing a new generation of nature explorers and helping people from around the world appreciate their local wildlife. Their ultimate goal is to build the go-to platform for documenting all the world's organisms, and through doing this hope to develop an effective way to measure Mother Nature's pulse. By developing tools to help the mobile masses share their encounters with nature, they are building a powerful force for crowdsourcing ecological data collection and an important educational tool for wildlife awareness and preservation. www.projectnoah.org

LPBF Announces the Release of Hydrocoast Maps

The Hydrocoast program collects a number of environmentally dynamic datasets in an effort to monitor the condition (salinity component) of the basin's estuaries. Wind, rain, tides and freshwater influx from streams and diversions are variables that cause salinity fluctuation, and play a vital role in the health of the basin's estuaries. The Hydrocoast program monitors these variables over a seven day period and produces bi-monthly map products showing the movement of water and salinity across the basin (using field data, MODIS, satellite imagery, precipitation data, wind data and permanent monitoring stations in the basin such as USGS buoys, Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS), etc.). As a tool, these map products can be used for scientific discussion, restoration planning between state and federal agencies, and by the commercial and recreational fishery community. The Hydrocoast maps for the week of February 25th to March 3rd show a trend of overall freshening of the basin resulting from significant rainfall for this period. For more information on the Hydrocoast maps visit the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation [website](#).



Find out about wetland outreach activities including symposiums, conferences, meetings, educational opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and related support material at the **Louisiana Unified Coastal Community Calendar** at <http://lacoast.gov/calendar/>

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