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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC NEWS

SYMPOSIUM AND CONTEST THEME ANNOUNCED

The themes of the 2014 Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium and the Environmental Awareness Student Art & Language Arts Contest will be "Watersheds: from My Back Yard to the Ocean."

The Commission's selection highlights the significance of Louisiana's varied and numerous watersheds, and the importance of using land wisely in order to protect our valuable aquatic resources.

LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

LDWF HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS SALVINIA CONTROL MEASURES ON LAKE BISTINEAU

The agency will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 26 at 6 p.m. at the Doyline High School Cafeteria, 376 College St., to consider two proposed control measures: timber removal and modification of the Lake Bistineau control structure.

The primary topic of discussion will be the report prepared by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Staff, available [here](#), that analyzes the proposed measures.

LDWF File Photo



Giant Salvinia Mat

ONLINE DATABASE PROVIDES LATEST GULF OF MEXICO SOCIO-ECONOMIC VALUE INFORMATION

The Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Service Valuation Database (GecoServ) has improved its database interface, and now provides more information about the monetary and non-monetary value contributed by recreational, commercial and industrial activities, as well as the impacts of natural processes in the Gulf of Mexico. Explore the database at <http://www.gecoserv.org/>.

NATIVE MARSH GRASS CONTRACT AWARDED BY CPRA

Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) has awarded a contract to Resource Environmental Solutions ERS Nursery in Pointe Aux Chenes to supply over 13,000 native marsh grasses as part of the long-term effort to restore Louisiana's fragile coastal wetlands. Planting begins in October of 2013 along the restored shoreline acres of Bay Jimmy in Plaquemines Parish. Visit the CPRA website at <http://coastal.louisiana.gov/>.

WORKSHOPS

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION WORKSHOPS IN FL, MS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

The Grand Bay, Weeks Bay, and Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserves are holding two Principles of Ecological Restoration workshops in November. The 3-day classes are taught by Andre Clewell, an international leader on the subject. Students will learn the principles of ecological restoration including how to restore specific coastal habitats. Special emphasis will be placed on habitats that are characteristic of the northern Gulf coast.

For the complete class flyer, click the link below.

http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/simplenews/37025-leec-weekly-eneews/eco_rest_registration2013.pdf

LDWF ANNOUNCES SERIES OF WETLAND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Technical Services Section, along with partners, will present Wetland Management Workshops at two locations in Louisiana's Red River Valley Region. The target audience for these events will be landowners managing shallow water impoundments for waterfowl and wetland birds.

Dates and times for workshops can be found at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/news/37028>

CONFERENCES

MISSISSIPPI ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE CONFERENCE NOV 1-2

Formal and informal educators are invited to join the MEEA in Biloxi, MS for this educational conference. It will feature presentations in support of this year's Envirothon's Current Issue, Sustainable Local Agriculture, as well as other environmental education topics. CEUs are available for a fee in addition to the registration fee. See the event flyer [here](#).

LSTA SCIENCE INSTITUTE OCT 31-NOV 2 IN BATON ROUGE

The LSTA New Frontier Next Generation Science Standards Professional Development Institute is for all PK-16+ teachers of science, principals, supervisors, non-formal educators, and professional developers. This three-day event is designed to provide science educators and leaders the knowledge, skills, and instructional tools to effectively address the science learning needs of their students.

For more information, visit <http://lsta.info/conference.html> or download the event flyer at <http://lsta.info/2013Flyer.pdf>.

LOUISIANA'S NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY EVENTS HELD STATEWIDE SEPT 28

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is celebrating National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD) on September 28th.

NHFD is a national event celebrated by all 50 states on the fourth Saturday in September. It was created in 1972 when Congress passed two bills establishing a specific day to celebrate the conservation contributions of our nation's hunters and anglers. Forty years later, the events are still going strong.

Visit the event website at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/nhfd2013> for more information.

CLASSROOM RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

EPA RELEASES NEW CLIMATE SCIENCE LESSONS PLANS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS CLASSROOMS

EPA has released seven new lesson plans about climate change developed specifically for middle school students. The lesson plans and related classroom activities are tailored to meet the National Science Learning Standards. Find the lesson plans at <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/resources/lesson-plans.html> .

CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

The St. Helena Soil and Water Conservation District recently announced that their 2013 Conservation Poster Contest is open for submissions.

The theme of this year's contest, which features five categories — **K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12** — is "Where Does Your Water Shed?" Local judging will occur on October 17, 2013, and entries will be accepted no later than 2 p.m. on October 16, 2013. For more information, contact Cecilia Spiess at (985) 748-8751, Extension 101 or cecilia.spiess@la.nacdn.net .

Find the full press release for the contest [here](#) .

WORLD WATER MONITORING CHALLENGE

The World Water Monitoring Challenge is an international education and outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by engaging citizens to conduct basic monitoring of their local water bodies. Find out how your class can participate at <http://www.monitorwater.org/> .

LOUISIANA SEA GRANT VIDEO DEMONSTRATES DELTA FORMATION

From the video: "Since the beginning of human civilization, people have settled along rivers and on the fertile deltas created by them. The sediment carried and deposited by mighty rushing waters creates land rich in nutrients and ideal for crops and livestock. Where there are uninhibited rivers, there is new, rich land, and where such resources abound there are people." This 4-minute video is available to stream at <http://youtu.be/tGHAO15hROs> or to download at <http://lamer.lsu.edu/wetlands.htm> .

TRACKIN' TRASH PROJECT

Louisiana STEM Girls Collaborative Project, Missouri Girls Collaborative STEM Initiative and partners announce the Trackin' Trash GIS Pilot Project. The project will focus on watersheds in Louisiana and Missouri. Participating programs will work alongside peer groups to collect data, record data using the NGCP ArcGIS organizational account and software, and analyze the data.

For more information, visit <http://www.ngcproject.org/esri> .

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