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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC NEWS

QUICK LINK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM HOTEL REGISTRATION

The Shreveport Hilton has provided a convenient link for booking a room for the 17th Annual Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium. The symposium will be held February 21-22, 2014 at the Shreveport Convention Center. Visit <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium> to find out more about the symposium. Visit [Hilton's site](#) to book a room.

ART AND LANGUAGE ARTS CONTEST OPEN

Louisiana's 12th Environmental Awareness Student Art & Language Arts Contest is now open. This year's theme is "Watersheds From My Back Yard to the Ocean." Visit the contest website at <http://www.wlf.la.gov/artcontest>.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

NEW COASTAL ECOSYSTEM STUDY GROUP ANNOUNCED AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Florida State University recently announced an initiative to develop a multidisciplinary group studying the short - and long-term dynamics of coastal ecosystems, especially with respect to the interconnectivity among biotic and abiotic components of terrestrial and marine environments.

For more information visit http://www.research.fsu.edu/ecosystems_search/.

LPBF 24TH ANNUAL BEACH SWEEP WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Due to rain on September 21, the 24th Annual Beach Sweep Presented by Toyota has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 19th. Volunteers will help clean the areas that drain into the Pontchartrain Basin. To prevent it from washing into waterways, trash will be removed from lakefronts, bayous, canals and street curbs.

For more information, visit the [Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation website](#) or to sign up, contact Kati at (504) 836-2238 or kati@saveourlake.org.

ECOCHALLENGE ENCOURAGES YOU TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF

From their website, "The EcoChallenge is an opportunity to change your life for good. For two weeks, October 15-30, we challenge you to change one habit for Earth. "

The website details challenges from water conservation to energy efficiency and more, and offers to connect participants with one another to enrich the experience.

Find out more at <http://www.ecochallenge.org/>.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

DUKE OFFERS ONLINE MASTERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Duke Environmental Leadership Program is a two-year online Master of Environmental Management degree, with strategically integrated intensive on-campus visits. The program is designed for working, mid-career environmental professionals and features interdisciplinary and global themes, strategic approaches to environmental management, and effective leadership development.

Visit <http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/del/del-mem/delinfo/> for more information.

RESOURCES

DEMONSTRATE TO K-3 CLASS THAT SOIL CONTAINS WATER

Nutrients for Life Foundation has posted a simple but effective experiment intended to demonstrate to lower elementary students that soil contains water. In addition to teaching students to observe the process and develop hypotheses, the lesson also incorporates elements of the water cycle.

See the lesson at <http://nutrientsforlife.org/soil-contains-water-experiment> .

Nutrients for Life also provides a six-lesson soil science curriculum for elementary, or middle and high school students available at <http://nutrientsforlife.org/teachers/curriculum/lessonplans> .

LEAF ANTHOLOGY OF URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The LEAF Anthology of Urban Environmental Education is a collection of lessons and projects that has been developed and used in schools and by environmental educators. Lessons are designed to inspire students to think critically, get outside of the classroom and apply the skills they are developing in their core classes to real world issues of environmental conservation and sustainability.

Visit [The Nature Conservancy's website](#) for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES

HOME ENERGY CHALLENGE

The US Department of Energy is sponsoring a contest aimed at getting students in grades 3-8 to learn about energy and develop techniques for reducing energy consumption. To find more information about the contest, which is administered by the National Science Teachers Association, visit <http://homeenergychallenge.org/> .

FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED AWARDS IN TEACHING

Sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program provides funding for highly accomplished U.S. primary and secondary level teachers to take part in an intensive professional development program for three to four months abroad.

The deadline for application is December 15, 2013. For details about the program and to view application materials, visit <http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/program-overview-da> .

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