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EDUCATION COMMISSION

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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC NEWS

LEEC TO MEET NOVEMBER 12 IN BATON ROUGE

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission will hold its next meeting at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, 2000 Quail Drive, in Baton Rouge at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2014 LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Educators and education students are invited to register for the 17th Annual Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium to be held February 21-22, 2014 at the Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport.

This year, the emphasis will be on the concepts of watersheds, preserving water quality, and managing land to reduce impact on our aquatic resources. The theme for this upcoming conference, therefore, is "**Watersheds: From My Back Yard to the Ocean.**"

Download the form [here](#).

2014 STUDENT ART & LANGUAGE ARTS CONTEST

The LEEC's annual art and language arts contest is open for submissions. Find out more about the contest at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/artcontest or download the entry form [here](#).

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STUDY SHOWS MAJORITY OF LOUISIANA RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY FOREST FIRE SMOKE

According to a study by the Natural Resources Defense Council, more than 4.5 million Louisiana residents were exposed to medium to high amounts of smoke from forest fires for a week or more during 2011. The total state population is about 4.6 million. Read the report brief at the [NRDC website](#).

CWPPRA PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 13

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act will hold its next public comment meeting at a location to be determined in Baton Rouge on November 13, 2013 from 7 to 9 p.m. Check the CWPPRA event website at <http://lacoast.gov/calendar/CalendarEventView.aspx?EventID=453> for updates.

STUDY COMPARES LOUISIANA STUDENTS TO INTERNATIONAL AVERAGE

In the recently-released "Nation's Report Card," based on data collected in 2011, Louisiana students ranked on level in mathematics and above level in science when compared to the international average. Nationwide, public school students in 36 states scored above the international average in math and 47 states scored above the international average in science. See the full report [at the National Center for Education Statistics site](#).

CONTINUING EDUCATION & CONFERENCES

USM OFFERS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Three environmental education workshops are scheduled for fall and winter of 2013-2014 at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.

The classes include Watershed Explorations I: Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience, November 15-16, 2013; Marsh Ecology Aboard *Miss Peetsy B*, December 5 or 6, 2013; and Oil Spill Science Update February 21-22, 2014.



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Find out more at <http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/mec/teacher.professional.development.DRAFT.php#watershed1> .

GET REAL—THE NATURE OF SCIENCE TEACHER WORKSHOP

This teacher workshop features Julia Dooley who teaches Enrichment special classes for Maclary Elementary School in Delaware, and Alison Mote, 8th grade Project Lead the Way and AP Environmental Science instructor at the Ann Richards School For Young Women Leaders in Austin, TX. Workshop will be held at the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi on November 2, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register by October 30.

For more information and to register, see [the event flyer](#).

LSTA CONFERENCE IN BATON ROUGE

The 2013 Louisiana Science Teachers Association is holding their annual conference October 31-November 2 in Baton Rouge. Find out more and register for the conference at the LSTA website <http://www.lsta.info/2013confreg.html> .

CLASS CONTEST

VERIZON INNOVATIVE APP CHALLENGE

The Verizon Innovative App Challenge provides the opportunity for middle school and high school students, working with a faculty advisor, to apply their STEM knowledge, ingenuity, and creativity to develop an original mobile app concept that incorporates STEM and addresses a need or problem in their school or community.

Find out more at <http://appchallenge.tsaweb.org/about-challenge>

SCHOLARSHIPS

GE-REGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Students possessing strong leadership characteristics and high academic performance, and demonstrating financial need are invited to apply for GE-Regan Foundation Scholarships, honoring the legacy of the 40th president of the United States, Ronald W. Reagan.

Find out more information and submit an application at [the Reagan Foundation website](#).

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