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## A Special Environmental Education Symposium Update



### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION PERIOD ENDS TODAY

Today, January 22, 2014, marks the last day for Early Bird registrants for the 2014 Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium. The registration fee for all forms postmarked by today is \$35. Beginning Thursday, January 23, the regular registration fee will be \$50.

You can find the registration form and other information about the Symposium at <http://www.wlf.la.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

Registrants may also choose among five short courses and tours for an additional fee of \$10. Short courses include:

- **From A to Chimpanzee WORKSHOP & TOUR**  
Visit the National Chimpanzee Sanctuary & learn about the residents that call our Louisiana forests home. During this short course you will tour the facility & learn about chimpanzee diet & behaviors. We will also discuss threats to wild chimpanzee populations & play conservation games which emphasize these threats and possible solutions.  
[www.chimphaven.org](http://www.chimphaven.org)



Beach in a Bottle activity at the 2012 Symposium



Whooping Crane workshop at the 2013 Symposium

- **Conservation Education Combo: WET, Wild, & PLT WORKSHOP**

PLT, Project WILD & Project WET are globally-renowned cornerstone conservation & environmental education programs designed to supplement existing curriculum to create fun, engaging, & powerful learning experiences. K-12 educators of all disciplines can use these resources to meet classroom objectives, & promote awareness, appreciation, knowledge & stewardship of natural resources. Participants will receive a Project WET guide, Project WILD guide, & Project Learning Tree guide!

- **Bayou Pierre Watershed**

Experience firsthand the transition of a historic waterway from an inner-city "drainage ditch" to a scenic bayou. With its headwaters located in Shreveport, Bayou Pierre is a classic study of how waterways located within & downstream from large

urban watersheds fare. Visit 3 distinctly different sections of the bayou & finish by canoe. Some canoeing experience is recommended. Dress for the weather (& bring an extra change of clothes).

[thebayoupierrewatershedproject.shutterfly.com](http://thebayoupierrewatershedproject.shutterfly.com)

- **The Bear Necessities WORKSHOP**

Discover the secrets of our elusive state mammal - the Louisiana black bear. Learn about bear habitat & the challenges bears face from the biologists themselves. Receive training & binder of GLE correlated lesson activities for the classroom, thumb drive, & many other goodies. Educators get a \$50 stipend upon proof of lesson implementation in the classroom. [www.cypressblackbayou.com/naturectr.html](http://www.cypressblackbayou.com/naturectr.html)



Exhibitors display products and information for environmental educators.

- **Learning with Nature WORKSHOP**

Discover Nature! We will explore nature at the Refuge using three different interactive learning models & proven environmental education techniques. Whether you teach language arts or science or just want to reconnect with nature, this hands-on, fun workshop is for you. Participants will practice nature journaling, receive a jeweler's loupe, lesson plans, & door prizes. We'll spend a portion of the day outdoors so dress accordingly & wear comfortable, closed toe shoes. [www.fws.gov/northlouisiana/RedRiver](http://www.fws.gov/northlouisiana/RedRiver)

Concurrent sessions will take place on Saturday, February 22 covering many environmental education topics for multiple grade levels.

Planned concurrent sessions (subject to change):

The Shreveport Hilton room rate is \$77 plus tax per night for single or double occupancy. Contact the hotel directly and use group code "DWF" to receive the conference rate or follow this link to register online. The deadline for conference rate reservations is February 7, 2014. Reservations made after this date are subject to current hotel rate. Please contact Pam Thompson ([Pam.Thompson@Hilton.com](mailto:Pam.Thompson@Hilton.com)) with the Hilton if you experience difficulties with your reservations prior to the February 7<sup>th</sup> deadline.

For more information, visit <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.



Clockwise from top, Innovative Design (2013), Whooping Crane (2013) and Get Your Roots On (2012) workshops offered educators a chance to learn in a fun environment. Don't miss the opportunity this year!



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