



# LEEC

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EDUCATION COMMISSION

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*A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana*

## LEEC NEWS

### **LOUISIANA BLACK BEAR WORKSHOP**

Come join the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) for a teacher workshop focused on our state mammal – the Louisiana black bear! Geared toward teachers of middle and high school students and informal educators, this workshop will cover topics ranging from the bears of the world to current research happening right here with our own Louisiana bears. The workshop promises to be complete with presentations, demonstration of classroom lesson activities, and field work related to black bear habitat identification using GPS and telemetry units.

A reservation fee of \$25 is required, and will be returned upon completion of the workshop. Download the workshop flyer [here](#), and the registration form [here](#).



For more information, visit <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/professional-development-opportunities> or contact: Carrie Salyers, [csalyers@wlf.la.gov](mailto:csalyers@wlf.la.gov)

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS ART CONTEST**

Your student could win \$200 and be invited to a reception at the Governor's Mansion this summer!

Louisiana's 12th Environmental Awareness Student Art & Language Arts Contest. This year's theme is "Watersheds From My Back Yard to the Ocean."

Louisiana students ages 5-18 are invited to submit visual or written work centered around the theme. Entries will be judged; winners will receive a cash prize and be featured in our 2015 calendar.

Deadline to enter is April 25. View the contest website [here](#).



Image by 2013 Group 3 2nd Place Winner Kyle Miller.

### **LEEC GRANT RFPS CLOSED**

The submission window for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries' Environmental Education Commission (LEEC) 2014-2015 Grants Program is now closed.

Submissions are currently under review; we will announce the recipients in April, 2014.

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### **LDWF RESPONDS TO RECENT WHOOPING CRANE SHOOTINGS**

Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Secretary Robert Barham responded recently to the senseless shootings in a letter to the editors of the Baton Rouge daily newspaper, the Advocate. A potential \$20,000 reward is being offered for information regarding the recent shooting of two of Louisiana's experimental reintroduction project whooping cranes.

See the letter [here](#).



LDWF file photo

### **B'EARTHDAY PARTY IN NEW ORLEANS**

Saturday, April 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Brechtel Park, New Orleans, T.R.E.E. is hosting a "B'Earthday" party for families, children, and adults to discover a special space in nature. Bring a picnic, enjoy crafts, educational activities for all to experience, and of course eat B'Earthday cake!

See [T.R.E.E.'s Facebook page](#) for more information.



Image courtesy CRCL

### **CRCL NEEDS MARSH PLANTING VOLUNTEERS**

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, Ducks Unlimited, and Lafourche Parish Government are joining forces to restore the coast, and invite volunteers to join in for a two-day marsh grass planting event Friday and Saturday, April 4-5, 2014 in Golden Meadow, La.

Volunteers must register individually at the [CRCL events website](#).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **NAAEE PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE AND STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE APPROACHING**

April 21 marks the application deadline for the Columbia Sportswear Teacher & Administrator and NAAEE Affordability Scholarships for educators, and the William B. Stapp Scholarship and 2014 EE Scholarship for Academic Study for students. Find more information at the North American Association for Environmental Education website, <https://www.naaee.net/conference/scholarships>.

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