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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

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GOOD NEWS IN QUARTERLY WHOOPING CRANES NEWSLETTER



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The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission has worked closely with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries over the last several years, providing support for the public awareness and education campaign associated with reintroducing whooping cranes to Louisiana. Some exciting news reported in the latest **Friends of the Louisiana Whooping Cranes** newsletter proves that our combined efforts are having a positive impact on Louisianans' awareness and support for the project.

The annual hunter survey sent by LDWF to thousands of hunters around the state included questions about how much hunters know of the reintroduction program and whether they support the department's efforts. Results show that 55 percent of hunters around the state are familiar with the program and 95 percent of them support it. We are pleased to know that hunters are getting the message, and that they overwhelmingly support the efforts to reintroduce this magnificent endangered species to its historic Louisiana range.

Read the **Friends of the Louisiana Whooping Cranes** newsletter [here](#).

JOIN US FOR NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission will be at Baton Rouge's National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration again this year at Waddill Outdoor Education Center, 4142 N. Flannery, Baton Rouge on Saturday September 27, 2014. This free event is open to the public; it features lots of family-friendly outdoor activities and informational exhibitors. Event hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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COMMISSION ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR STATE SYMPOSIUM SHORT COURSES

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is accepting proposals for day-long short courses to be held in conjunction with the 18th Annual Environmental Education State Symposium. This year's conference will be held at the Baton Rouge Marriott, February 27-28, 2015.

All short courses will take place on Friday, February 27, 2015 in the Baton Rouge area. The theme for this conference will be "Biodiversity in Our World." It is not necessary for presenters to adhere to the theme, but short courses that complement the theme are encouraged.

A series of concurrent sessions, each approximately 1 hour in length, will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2015. The call for proposals for these sessions will be announced in early fall.

Find the web application form at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/2015-environmental-education-symposium-short-course-presenter-form> or download a Microsoft Word version [here](#). Send completed Word form to vortego@wlf.la.gov or print and mail to:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NAAEE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The 43rd Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference will be held in Ottawa, Ontario from October 8-11, 2014. The theme for this conference is "Building Momentum for the Next Chapter."

Learn, share, and network with leaders in the field and some of the best and brightest in EE, discovering what the field has to offer and helping it grow. Open to students, professionals, non-formal educators, classroom teachers, preservice faculty, resource managers, organizational leaders, and academic researchers.

Find the registration packet at <http://www.naaee.net/sites/default/files/conference/regpkt/2014/OttawaRegPkt.pdf>.

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MAPPING SOFTWARE PRODUCER ESRI PROVIDES FREE TOOLS FOR K-12

Esri is providing free ArcGIS Online subscriptions for instructional use for all K-12 schools in the United States as part of the White House's ConnectED initiative.

For information, resources, and the request form, see <http://connected.esri.com/>.

CHECK OUT THIS BLOG

Teacher Tom is a preschool teacher and writer from Seattle who shares humorous, enlightening and inspiring stories from his experiences in the field of education. From advice on outdoor play to dealing with children with different abilities, we can all learn a bit from his thoughtful approach to early education.

Read his blog at <http://teachertombsblog.blogspot.com/>.

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