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PRESENTERS NEEDED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATE SYMPOSIUM

You have an environmental education success story and teachers want to hear it. Environmental educators from around Louisiana and neighboring states are invited to tell their stories at the Environmental Education State Symposium in Baton Rouge.

Some concurrent session time slots are still available for the February 27-28, 2015 conference which will be held at the Baton Rouge Marriott. If you have a hands-on workshop, lesson demonstration or exemplary program, please submit a proposal at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/2015-environmental-education-state-symposium-presenter-proposal-form>.

ONLINE EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE

Exhibitors may now submit their registration for the 2015 Environmental Education Symposium online at <https://www.thepayplace.com/stateoflouisiana/ldwf/enviredsymposium/billpreview.aspx>. Exhibitors will enjoy lots of one-on-one time with conference attendees, and will take center stage at the Friday, February 27, 2015 mixer and bug tasting event hosted by the Audubon Nature Institute. Find more exhibitor information at http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/document/38535-2015-environmental-education-state-symposium-exhibitor-information-letter/exhibitor_information_20151.pdf.

GIVE A WHOOP NEW ORLEANS WORKSHOP

Learn about the Whooping Crane reintroduction program and the crane's amazing journey back from the brink of extinction! This workshop, held on February 7, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 5500 Paris Avenue, New Orleans, will explain the complexities and challenges of the reintroduction program, demonstrate classroom lesson activities, and allow participants the opportunity to learn about these magnificent creatures! This workshop opportunity is open to both formal and non-formal Louisiana educators.

Attendees receive:

- Breakfast and Lunch
- Binder Filled with GLE Aligned Lessons
- Continuing Education Credits
- Replica Whooping Crane Egg
- Life-size whooping crane poster



Interested persons should contact Carrie Salyers at csalyers@wlf.la.gov to register.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND CONTESTS

EPA GRANTS PROGRAM OPEN

The EPA has announced the opening of its Environmental Education Model Grants Program. This program supports model, replicable projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment. Find out more at http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-11/documents/2014_ee_model_grants_rfp_0.pdf.

The deadline is February 2, 2015. Apply online at <http://www.grants.gov>.

STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST

World of 7 Billion is sponsoring a contest for young filmmakers with a passion for telling stories about the environment. All videos must include a) how population growth impacts the issue, b) why the issue is important, and c) at least one idea for a sustainable solution. Head over to <http://www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest/> for more information.

NOAA PROGRAM FUNDS MARINE DEBRIS EDUCATION

The NOAA Marine Debris Program seeks to fund projects that will lead to the prevention of marine debris in marine and coastal environments through the implementation of dedicated education and outreach activities.

Eligible applicants include: U.S. institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, commercial (for-profit) organizations, and state, local and tribal governments. The deadline for application is January 15, 2015. Find out more at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270188>.

Have you registered for the 2015 Environmental Education Symposium Yet?

Visit <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium> for conference information, registration, and the link to conference hotel booking.

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DEFINING NATURE

TEDx speaker Tierney Thys explores some of the traditional ways we define nature and presents some new ideas for combining science and art to tell stories that make a meaningful connection everyone can understand.

View her TED Talk on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/5l8DzLSjhxA>.

PROJECT LEARNING TREE FAMILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

Project Learning Tree has published a newly-revised "Nature Activities for Families" guidebook aimed at encouraging children to play outside and connect with nature. The print book, available for \$16.95 at <https://marketplace.mimeo.com/plt-store#name=17> features 25 activities designed to get families outside exploring nature.

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