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## A Special Environmental Education Symposium Update

### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION PERIOD ENDS THURSDAY

Thursday, February 5, 2015, marks the last day for Early Bird registrants for the 2015 Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium. Register at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/symposium-registration> by February 5 to receive the special rate of \$35. Beginning Friday, February 6, the regular registration fee will be \$50.

You can find the registration form and other information about the Friday, February 27 through Saturday, February 28, 2015 Symposium at <http://www.wlf.la.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

Registrants may also choose among four remaining short courses for an additional fee of \$10. Short courses include:

#### LDWF FISHING IN SCHOOLS

Come gain resources to engage your students in conservation-based education. Learn to use current wildlife biology techniques to teach science and math skills. Participants will gain knowledge of Louisiana fisheries ecology and management through hands on lessons given by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologists. Lesson topics include fish age and growth determination, fish tagging, fish identification, Sport Fish Restoration program information and more. Participants will also get an opportunity to try out fishing techniques. GLE correlated lesson plans and information on the LDWF Fisheries Loaner Kit Program for classroom equipment will be provided.

*Grade Levels: 5-12*

*Location: Waddill Refuge*

*Presenters : Betsy Seals and Alayna McGarry*

#### WETLAND ANIMALS OF LOUISIANA

Spend the day learning about wetland animals of Louisiana! Get outside and dig deep with unique, place-based lesson plans and materials for grades 3-8. In this session, go on an arthropod adventure, investigate insects, hatch into habitats, follow crawfish around the world, probe into pelican history, and more! Lessons are hands-on, interactive, fun, and best of all, tied to state standards!

*Grade Levels: K-8 Location: Hilltop Arboretum*

*Presenters: Mindy Brooks, Debbie Dornier and Catherine Myrick*

#### BIODIVERSITY CONNECTIONS

Capture your students' interest and make connections through biodiversity. We will explore how we quantify biodiversity,



Beach in a Bottle activity at the 2012 Symposium



Whooping Crane workshop at the 2013 Symposium

BIODIVERSITY  
in our  
WORLD



Exhibitors display products and information for environmental educators.



Don't miss the opportunity to join one of our exciting workshops!

why it is important to us, how we affect it, and actions we can take for positive change. We will practice student activities throughout the day, and will use Louisiana/Gulf of Mexico data to compare local diversity to other ecosystems.

*Grade Levels: 5-12*

*Location: Bluebonnet Swamp*

*Presenter: Dianne Lindstedt*

#### **EXPERIENCE LOUISIANA'S NATURAL HERITAGE**

Begin the day with a tour of the LSU veterinary school wildlife rehabilitation facility with the state's wildlife veterinarian, Jim LaCour, and follow that up with a peek inside the LSU Natural History Museum's extensive preserved bird collection (including some rare and extinct species). Finally, end the day exploring lesson plans featuring threatened and endangered species presented by LDWF Natural Heritage Program staff. Transportation provided from hotel.

*Grade Levels: K-12*

*Location: LSU Campus*

*Presenters: Jim LaCour, Michael Seymour and Louisiana Natural Heritage Program Staff*

Concurrent sessions will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2015, covering many environmental education topics for multiple grade levels, and featuring hands-on activities, lesson plans and exemplary programs.

The Baton Rouge Marriott room rate is \$93 plus tax per night for single or double occupancy. The deadline for the room rate is also February 5, 2015. Contact the hotel at 1-800-228-9290 or register online <http://goo.gl/44Aw6x>. Reservations made after this date are subject to current hotel rate.

Educators from outside the 2015 conference area of Baton Rouge are eligible to apply for lodging assistance. Click the following link to download the form: [http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/doc/document/38828-lodging-assistance-application/lodging\\_assistance\\_application\\_2015.doc](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/doc/document/38828-lodging-assistance-application/lodging_assistance_application_2015.doc).

**For more information, visit**

**<http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>**.

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