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

## LEEC NEWS

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATE SYMPOSIUM

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is still accepting Short Course proposals for the Environmental Education State Symposium to be held in Baton Rouge, February 19-20, 2016. Submit your proposal at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/2016-environmental-education-symposium-short-course-presenter-form>. All short courses will take place on Friday, February 19.

If you'd like to host a 1-hour concurrent session on Saturday, February 20, 2016, look for our announcement on Oct. 1 and keep checking <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium> for the latest updates.

**Save the date for the Environmental Education State Symposium. Add it to your Google Calendar.**



Pictured: Educators attending the 2015 Environmental Education State Symposium had the opportunity to choose from five day-long Short Courses. Among them were (clockwise from upper left) Biodiversity Connections, Wetland Animals of Louisiana and LDWF Fishing in Schools.

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### ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DUNE RESTORATION ON CAMERON COAST***

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) and CITGO recently announced a dune restoration event on the Cameron coast on Saturday, September 26, 2015. The volunteer event commemorates the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Rita. Volunteers will plant a 6 mile stretch of Cameron shoreline with 60,000 plugs of dune grass and repair 2 miles of sand fence. The goal of this project is to increase soil retention along the beach, promote dune growth, provide critical habitat for nesting birds, and enhance protection to Highway 82 and the coastal communities of Cameron parish.

[Register online to volunteer.](#)

### ***BAYOU VERMILION — OUR WORKING RIVER***

The Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association is hosting a symposium on September 10-12 for the public to attend. The symposium is called: Bayou Vermilion, Our Working River. Opportunities for conservation, management and development of the river will be discussed. The event includes a sunset cruise on Thursday, a day of speakers from 8:30 – 3:00 at Vermilionville on Friday and family fun activities on Saturday. Registration and information can be found online at [www.bayouvermilionpreservation.org](http://www.bayouvermilionpreservation.org).

### **REMEMBER: REDUCE AND REUSE ...**

**According to the EPA, paper can only be recycled five to seven times before the fibers become too short to be useable in new paper products.**

**Source: EPA**



## STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

### ***KID-POWERED FUN CONTEST***

Students ages 8-16 are invited to enter the National Environmental Education Foundation's Kid-Powered Fun Contest by creating a video showcasing how to use kid power in place of nonrenewable energy sources such as electricity, gasoline, etc.

Find out more at <http://eeweek.org/contests>

## LAGNIAPPE

### ***FOURTH GRADERS AND FAMILIES GET FREE NATIONAL PARK PASSES***

Starting September 1, fourth graders nationwide can visit the new [Every Kid in a Park website](#) to obtain a pass that provides free access to students and their families to all federally managed lands and waters – including national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and marine sanctuaries. The pass is valid for the 2015-2016 school year and grants free entry for fourth graders and three accompanying adults (or an entire car for drive-in parks) at more than 2,000 federally-managed sites.

[See the Every Kid in a Park video on YouTube.](#)

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