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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC NEWS

2016 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATE SYMPOSIUM CALL FOR EXHIBITORS AND PRESENTERS

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is seeking presenters and exhibitors for the 2015 Louisiana Environmental Education State Symposium, scheduled for February 27-28, 2015 at the Baton Rouge Marriott, 5500 Hilton Ave., Baton Rouge. The symposium is an annual event aimed at providing formal and non-formal environmental educators from Louisiana and the surrounding region with up-to-date environmental education information and techniques.

Exhibitors can find the exhibitor information form at http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/document/39572-2016-environmental-education-state-symposium-exhibitor-information/exhibitor_information_20161.pdf and can register online at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/webform/2016-louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

Presenters will conduct 50-minute sessions featuring exemplary programs, hands-on workshops, or lesson demonstrations. Educators who wish to present a session at the 2016 Environmental Education State Symposium, please visit our online proposal form at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/2016-environmental-education-state-symposium-presenter-proposal-form>.



Exhibit hall at 2015 Environmental Education State Symposium

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

HANDS ON THE LAND MINI-GRANTS PROGRAM

Public lands comprise approximately one-third of the acreage of the U.S., and one of the best way to access these public lands is through the Hands on the Land (HOL) network of field classrooms and website. The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), in partnership with Partners in Resource Education and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is providing funds for Hands on the Land program. A total of \$75,000 will be awarded to HOL sites in support of their efforts to deliver high quality place-based environmental education and STEM programming that is aligned with national K-12 education standards.

http://www.handsontheland.org/data/documents/HOL_2016_mini_grant_RFP.pdf

CONTESTS

LET IT GROW CONTEST

Discovery Education and the Nutrients for Life Foundation have joined forces to give six lucky schools a chance to win big with the Let It Grow Contest from the partnership program, From the Ground Up: The Science of Soil. Open to educators and community adults nationwide, the Let It Grow Contest encourages entrants to vote DAILY for a middle school* of their choice for a chance to win an agricultural grant, which could be used towards a school garden or gardening supplies, professional development, and more.

Find out more at <http://www.thescienceofsoil.com/contests/3>.

FUTURE CITY COMPETITION

Looking for an exciting STEM Project-Based Learning activity that will inspire your students to learn important environmental and engineering practices? The 2016 Future City Competition is it! There is still plenty of time to register your team: www.futurecity.org with the culminating contest held January 23 at LSU with the theme: "Waste Not, Want Not!"

Contact Brenda Nixon, bnixon@lsu.edu, 225-205-2680.

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2015 REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The 2015 Report of the National Environmental Education Advisory Council (NEEAC) is now available. As one of the primary duties under its charter, the NEEAC is tasked with providing independent recommendations to the EPA Administrator to inform the agency's strategic vision and enhance EPA's activities on environmental education.

Find out more at <http://www2.epa.gov/education/national-environmental-education-advisory-council-2015-report-administrator-0>.

NEW WEB-BASED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TOOL

EPA is releasing a new web-based tool that helps local officials and other community members consider the benefits and uses of green infrastructure. The Green Infrastructure Wizard, or GIWiz, responds to growing community interest in using green infrastructure as a means of addressing water quality and a range of other local goals.

Read more at <http://www2.epa.gov/communityhealth/green-infrastructure-wizard>.

WEBINAR: ROLE OF GENDER IN PEER LEARNING

STEM Equity Webinar: Does Gender Matter in Peer-Learning?

October 22, 2015; 11:00 AM Eastern

This free webinar is intended for educators interested in the disparity between gender and learning outcomes or achievement. Research results will be presented as well as an overview of how peer-learning supervisors and administrators believe they should address the issues raised by the research. [Register here](#).

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