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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATE SYMPOSIUM

Registration is open for the 2016 Environmental Education State Symposium to be held February 19-20, 2016 at the Baton Rouge Marriott.

More information is available at the symposium website: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium> and the online registration form can be found at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/webform/2016-louisiana-environmental-education-state-symposium>

DRAFT AGENDA

Friday, February 19, 2016

8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Short Course Activities* Course times may vary. Descriptions listed below.

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Registration

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Social/Mixer* & Meet the Exhibitors

Saturday, February 20, 2016

7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast*

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Keynote & Recognitions

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch* & LEEA Meeting

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

2:30 p.m. Grand Door Prize

*Meals Provided

FRIDAY SHORT COURSES

LEADING PRESCHOOLERS IN EXPLORATION

Energize your classroom through STEM! Capture the natural curiosities of your students through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics with an emphasis on environmental science and active learning for young children! Join us for a jam-packed presentation that will provide classroom-ready ideas and activities to bring science and engineering to your Pre-K - 1st grade students!

Grade Levels: Pre-K-1

Presenter: Dr. Brenda Nixon, Kathrin McGregor & Kellea LeBlanc

GREEN SCHOOLS TOUR

Take a tour of several schools in southeast Louisiana with

exemplary environmental education programs and projects. From gardens and campus recycling programs to experimental labs, you're sure to get tons of new green initiative ideas for your school and classroom. See what works firsthand and find out what it takes to get a grant to make it happen! Transportation provided from the Marriott.

Grade Levels: Pre-K-12

Presenters: Brian Gautreau & Angela Capello

WATERSHED WEBS

The LEEC will launch their new Watershed Experience Tracker (WET) at this workshop! You will learn how to direct your students to collect & analyze data in a stewardship activity. Lead student debris cleanup expeditions, take water samples, and use our WET App to share and analyze data from throughout the Gulf States region. Participants will receive binder of GLE/NGSS correlated lessons, GPS unit, and water analysis equipment.

Grade Levels: 5-12

Presenters: Dinah Maygarden & Thomas Gresham

DISCOVERING BIODIVERSITY

Participants in this exciting, dynamic workshop will receive hands-on instruction from experienced educators and biologists, get updates on Louisiana threatened and endangered species management initiatives, and go home with strategies and materials for including biodiversity instruction in the classroom. Attendees will receive a selection of related lessons with materials.

Grade Levels: K-8

Presenter: Carrie Salyers

OCEAN EXPLORATION

Participants will be offered presentations and hands-on activities to learn more about the field of oceanography and how ocean exploration is conducted. Activity and topics will include ocean floor mapping, research cruise simulation, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), ocean climate change, deep sea ecosystems, and much more. Classroom resources will be provided.

Grade Levels: 5-12

Presenter: Murt Conover

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PRESENTERS AND EXHIBITORS

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>.

GIVE A WHOOP! TEACHER WORKSHOP

*Saturday, December 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
615 South Drive
Natchitoches, LA 71457*

Join the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for a day of fun and learning at the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery!

Learn about the Whooping Crane reintroduction program and the crane's amazing journey back from the brink of extinction! This workshop 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 will receive:

- Breakfast and Lunch
- Binder Filled with GLE Aligned Lessons
- Continuing Education Credits
- Replica Whooping Crane Egg
- Life-size Whooping Crane Poster
- Lodging Assistance

Find the workshop flyer at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/image/wc-workshop-flyer-page-1> and the registration form at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/image/wc-workshop-form>.



Photo of crane L1-10 by Dr. K.S. Gopi Sundar

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