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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC NEWS

MARRIOTT CONTINUES ROOM RATE OFFER

The Baton Rouge Marriott, host venue for the 2016 Environmental Education State Symposium to be held January 19-20, 2016, has graciously agreed to extend the conference room rate of \$95 per night for conference attendees. The rate is available until January 28. To book a room, [visit the Baton Rouge Marriott website](#).

Lodging assistance is also available for educators whose travel distance makes overnight stay a necessity. [Find the form here](#).

REGISTER NOW FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATE SYMPOSIUM



It's not too late, but time is running out.

Join us February 19-20, 2016 at the Baton Rouge Marriott for a plethora of fun, hands-on, environmentally-based educational lessons and activities while we show you how to "Explore the Natural World" with your students! Earn CLUs, network with educators and local scientists, and go home with great ideas for your classroom. Students LOVE applied science learning and our natural world (even the school yard) awaits exploration!

This conference is not the usual fare. We promise to inspire you with doable ideas for your classroom – even when you are not in sessions! From our science scavenger hunt to our luncheon centerpieces, we work hard to make this event entertaining and very educational. CC Lockwood, international photographer, speaker, and naturalist, will deliver the keynote address. And the fun culminates with a grand door prize consisting of a weekend stay at the state park of your choice!

Early bird registration is just \$35, which includes meals. [Register online here](#).



"GIVE A WHOOP" WORKSHOP SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR JAN. 30TH EVENT

Join the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to 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! Participants will receive breakfast and lunch, a binder filled with GLE-aligned lessons, continuing education credits, a replica whooping crane egg, whooping crane poster and the opportunity to see live whooping cranes.

See the event flyer [here](#) and the registration form [here](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

JEFFERSON COUNTY, TX MAN ARRESTED FOR KILLING WHOOPING CRANES

Trey Joseph Frederick was arrested on January 14 pursuant to a criminal complaint issued by the U.S. District Court charging him with violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The two whooping cranes, part of an experimental population in Louisiana, were found dead in southeast Texas in Jefferson County on Monday, Jan. 11. These birds, a male and female, were almost two years old and were part of a group being introduced in an effort to establish a self-sustaining population in Louisiana that now numbers 44.



If convicted, Frederick faces up to six months in federal prison and a fine of up to \$15,000.

Read more at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/news/39856> and <http://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/jefferson-county-man-arrested-killing-whooping-cranes>.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

WETLANDS TEACHER WORKSHOPS AT AUDUBON ZOO

Two Wetlands Teacher workshops are scheduled for Saturday, January 30 and February 13 at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans.

All teachers who participate in a workshop will receive:

- Four passes to visit any Audubon facility: Audubon Zoo, Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, or Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectarium.
- WOW! Wonders of the Wetlands educator guide
- Valuable knowledge, lessons, & ideas you can incorporate in the classroom.

Teachers from CITGO partner schools will receive everything listed above, PLUS:

- A free field trip to the Zoo or Aquarium during the 2015-2016 school year for their classroom (3rd - 6th grades). Transportation is reimbursed up to \$100.
- Outreach visits for your entire school from any OR all of Audubon's outreach vehicles: Zoomobile, Aquavan, Wetlands Express, and Bugmobile, during the 2015-2016 school year.
- To be a CITGO Partner School your school must be in New Orleans East, St. Bernard or St. Tammany.*

Workshop registration is \$25.00. Registration fee is waived for CITGO partner school teachers.

Advance registration is required. Register here: <https://audubon.wufoo.com/forms/zmpcknn1k0rpro/>

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