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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

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14TH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS STUDENT ART AND LANGUAGE ARTS CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Art		Language Arts	
Group 1		Group 2	
1	Hudson Toothman, Word of God Academy - Shreveport	1	Landry Brouillette, Homeschool – St. Francisville
2	Ava Raymond, Rollins Place Elem. - Zachary	2	Simone LeBoeuf, Lusher Charter – New Orleans
3	Charles Anderson, Homeschool - Benton	3	Arjun Desai, South Highlands Magnet - Shreveport
Group 2		Group 3	
1	Layla Garrett - Bossier City	1	Katherine Winchester, St. Aloysius Catholic – Baton Rouge
2	Mohammad Hasan – Baton Rouge	2	Emma Marangos, Copper Mill Elem. - Zachary
3	Addison Wall, Blanchard Elem. - Shreveport	3	Paige Sullivan, Word of God Academy - Shreveport
Group 3		Group 4	
1	Ashini Modi, Caddo Middle Magnet - Shreveport	1	John Bourgeois, St. Paul's School - Covington
2	Jordan Henderson, Branch Elem. - Rayne	2	Paycen Brouillette, Homeschool – St. Francisville
3	Allie Savage, Ruston Jr. High - Ruston	3	Morgan Burns, Parkview Baptist – Baton Rouge
Group 4			
1	Jeramie Jones, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts - Opelousas		
2	Chelsea Hebert, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts - Opelousas		
3	Michelle Flores, Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet – Baton Rouge		

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The students will be honored for their winning entries for this year's contest, with the theme "Exploring the Natural World," at an awards reception to be held in Baton Rouge at the Governor's Mansion on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

Prizes awarded to the contestants include \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$75 for third place. Winning art and language arts entries will be used to create a 2017 Environmental Awareness calendar, which will be distributed statewide. Selected winning language arts entries will be published in newspapers and winning art entries will be placed on billboards in the winners' local areas



"Directions"

Group 4 Art 1st Place Winner Jeramie Jones

On behalf of the contest sponsor, the Alcoa Foundation, we congratulate the 2016 winning entries. We would like to sincerely thank all students who submitted entries. We have so many talented students in our great state!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DISCOVERING BIODIVERSITY

June 29, 2016 — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Barbe High School, Lake Charles, LA

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 their class curriculum. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Attendees will receive a \$50 stipend, up to 7 professional contact hours, a selection of related lessons, plus a book, DVD and poster.

Find the registration form [here](#) and the workshop flyer [here](#). Instructions on how to apply can be found at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/professional-development-opportunities>.

AQUATIC VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM WORKSHOPS

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be hosting two free summer workshops for any educators that want to teach about fisheries science. As part of LDWF's Aquatic Volunteer Instructor Program, these 8-hour workshops will help educators learn just how educational and fun fisheries science really is! With lesson plans correlated to Louisiana's GLEs, there is an activity for each grade level that will keep them intrigued. Each educator that attends the workshop will receive a binder full of activity guides, lesson plans and educational resources that can be used in the classroom. The other great perk of Aquatic VIP is that all certified instructors will also receive access to our loaner kits. That means that we'll provide you with all of the materials needed to teach these lessons! Upon completion, you'll receive a certificate for 8-hours which can go towards your professional development requirement. [Find the program flyer here.](#)

The two workshops will be held on Saturday, June 25th in Baton Rouge and on Wednesday, July 20th in Shreveport. If you'd like to apply to one of these workshops online, visit our website at: <https://ldwf.wufoo.com/forms/aquatic-vip/>. For any additional questions about this program, please contact Alayna McGarry at 504-286-4050 or at amcgarry@wlf.la.gov.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONTD.

WETSHOP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

WETSHOP is a week-long teacher workshop that allows teachers to work with scientists to learn about Louisiana coastal wetlands, issues and history. The focus of the workshop is to create wetland stewards of teachers in order for them to educate co-workers and students in their home parishes about coastal land loss. This year's workshop will be held July 10 – 15, 2016 at the LDWF Marine Research Lab in Grand Isle.

Workshop highlights include research trawling, seining, exploring barrier islands and their role in coastal health, coastal botany and ornithology, water quality testing, a tour of one of the largest oil ports in U.S., visits to coastal restoration/oil spill impact sites, and more! Participants receive Wonders of Wetlands Teacher Guidebook, numerous classroom resources, networking opportunities with other educators and scientists, and up to 55 professional contact hours. A registration fee of \$50 is required

For more information, contact Angela Capello at 318-623-4661 or acapello@wlf.la.gov.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

SCIENCE & SCILIFELAB PRIZE FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Science/AAAS and SciLifeLab have joined forces in creating the Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists. Both Science/AAAS and SciLifeLab recognize that global economic health is dependent upon a vibrant research community and we need to incent our best and brightest to continue in their chosen fields of research. Considering the difficult economic environment, we feel it is important to provide extra encouragement to young scientists as they begin their scientific careers. Each year, the grand prize winner will receive a prize of US\$30,000; each of the three category winners will receive US\$10,000. The grand prize winning essay will be published in Science and essays from the three category winners will be published online. Science/AAAS and SciLifeLab look forward to reviewing the research findings from future entrants.

The entry deadline is August 1, 2016. Apply at <http://scienceprize.scilifelab.se/how-to-apply-science-prize/>.

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FIFTEEN FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR NEW NATIONAL MAMMAL

Did you know that Yellowstone National Park is the only place in the U.S. where bison have continuously lived since prehistoric times or that you can judge a bison's mood by its tail?

Find out more about this majestic animal, newly crowned America's National Mammal at <https://www.doi.gov/blog/15-facts-about-our-national-mammal-american-bison>.

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