ONE MORE WEEK TO TURN IN ART & LANGUAGE ARTS
Busy spring break schedules and testing conflicts led the LEEC to extend the deadline for this year’s Art & Language Arts contest. So students have until next Friday, May 5 to mail in entries! Find more information at http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisianas-environmental-awareness-student-art-language-arts-contest.

SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR WATERSHED WEBS WORKSHOP
The LEEC Watershed Webs Workshop, scheduled for June 5-8 at the Grand Isle Fisheries Research Laboratory still has a limited number of openings available.

This 4-day professional development workshop for educators June 5-8 at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Research Laboratory in Grand Isle, LA. Made possible by a NOAA B-WET grant, Watershed Webs takes educators through real-world scientific investigations and supports your efforts to familiarize students with scientific protocols, data collection, and data interpretation. Instructional materials are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards, engaging students in true investigative learning.

This is a chance for you to DO something about litter and help your students see the impacts. Let us teach you how to make a difference in your classroom! Attendees will learn how to collect and interpret litter data, monitor water quality, conduct a beach profile, identify micro plastics, understand the impacts of litter on wildlife, and use litter to visually trace their watershed. Attendees will also visit a recent beach restoration site, enjoy a barrier island boat tour, and go birding on a Nature Conservancy property a few steps from the lab. During downtime, you will enjoy a fresh Gulf fish cookout and pier fishing (bring your license and equipment).

Watershed Webs participants will also have the opportunity to engage their own students in a beach sweep activity in their home area. We will help you conduct a field experience with your students and provide financial support through 2017.

Teachers in the coastal parishes/counties of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas are eligible to participate. Go to http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/watershed-webs-eligible-parishes-and-counties for a list of qualifying parishes and counties.

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Participants who complete this workshop will receive:

- Room and board at the laboratory dorm
- Handheld WiFi microscope, dissolved oxygen kit, Secchi tube, pH test kit, thermometer, flash drive, & lessons (over $300 worth)
- Up to 32 hours of professional development
- Up to $700 in stipends paid; dependent upon participation level:
  - Tier 1: $100 for in-state attendees, $300 for out-of-state attendees
  - Tier 2: $100 for proof of lesson plan implementation in the classroom
  - Tier 3: $200 for conducting an approved field experience with students
  - Tier 4: $100 for presenting a related session at an approved conference
- Student bus transportation, driver stipends and other support for related field experiences
- Student public service announcement allowance of $100

Registration fee of $25.00 is required. (Check will be returned upon completion of workshop.)

REGISTER NOW - space is limited to 20 participants from eligible counties and parishes.


For more information, contact Venise Ortego at vortego@wlf.la.gov.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**NOAA TEACHERS ON THE ESTUARY**

NOAA has a slew of Teachers on the Estuary workshops this spring and summer at National Estuarine Research Reserve System locations across the nation. These hands-on workshops offer a wide variety of professional development opportunities that teachers can apply to their lesson plans.

Find out more at https://coast.noaa.gov/estuaries/teachers-on-the-estuary/calendar.html

**YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STEWARDS PROJECT (YESS) SUMMER WATERSHED WORKSHOP**

Join a growing network of educators who are incorporating watershed knowledge into their teaching - June 28, 29 and 30, 2017 (9 am – 3pm each day).

Participants will receive lessons and implementation ideas as well as water quality equipment for sampling with your students; resource examples that will help you bring watershed science to your students; plus a $100 stipend for full participation.


Contact Dinah Maygarden dmaygard@uno.edu for more information.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MISSISSIPPI RIVER DELTA INSTITUTE
June 20, 21 and 22, 2017 - St. Bernard Parish

The 3rd annual Waters to the Sea® Mississippi River Delta Institute (MRDI) will take place in St. Bernard Parish when Hamline University’s Center for Global Environment Education (CGEE) and local educators present a three day, field-based professional development opportunity to inspire, educate and prepare 3rd-8th grade teachers to engage students in STEM disciplines through experiential, inquiry-based investigations at local watersheds.

This workshop is a component of a national initiative to develop a community of water educators. The Rivers Institutes are highly acclaimed professional development workshops developed by CGEE in St. Paul Minnesota.

Register for the Mississippi River Delta Institute at: www.hamline.edu/education/cgee/delta/. For more info, contact Dinah Maygarden dmaygard@uno.edu or Jennifer Roberts jencarterroberts@gmail.com.

WET, WILD & UP A TREE WORKSHOP
At Audubon Zoo, Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for K-12 teachers. Cost: $35.00

Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree are among the nation's top environmental curricula. While each book focuses on different parts of the environment, these guides feature thought-provoking, fun lessons that impart a firm understanding of science concepts and encourage critical thinking. Participants will receive copies of all three guidebooks created by the Council for Environmental Education.

To register, visit https://audubon.wufoo.com/forms/m1l6lhae0lucnvi/. For more information and to register, please contact Stephanie Smith at educationprograms@auduboninstitute.org or 504-378-2639. For questions about the workshop contact Monica Pasos at mmpasos@auduboninstitute.org or 504-212-5378.

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NOAA UPDATES ESTUARY EDUCATION WEBSITE

Each year over 84,000 students and teachers gain a greater appreciation of the nation's estuaries through NOAA education programs. The Estuary Education website is an important part of this effort, and thanks to a recent overhaul, the site is now as dynamic as the resources and educational products it represents.

See the updated website.