LEEC News

LOUISIANA, FLORIDA TEACHERS EXPLORE GRAND ISLE AT WATERSHED WEBS WORKSHOP

Twenty teachers from Louisiana and Florida enjoyed a four-day, hands-on Watershed Webs Workshop at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Grand Isle Fisheries Research Laboratory June 5-8.

Participants explored lessons and activities designed to incorporate real data collection and scientific practices, including water quality monitoring techniques at Grand Isle, and a beach cleanup and microplastics sampling at nearby Elmer’s Island. Educators also kayaked through a lagoon at Grand Isle State Park and observed nearby Isle Grand Terre and historic Fort Livingston by boat.

This workshop was conducted as part of a multi-year project, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) B-WET program, that includes teacher workshops and student field experiences. Be sure to look for other unique professional development programs from LEEC in this newsletter and on our website, www.wlf.louisiana.gov/eec.
**WEBINARS**

**HURRICANE OUTLOOK WEBINAR WITH NOAA SCIENTIST**

Every month, scientists at NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center make predictions about what the upcoming seasons (three month periods) will bring to the United States. But twice a year as the days get hotter and our eyes turn towards the Tropics, additional outlooks are issued that are a bit more specialized.

During late May, forecasters at the Climate Prediction Center issued their annual Atlantic Hurricane Outlook, predicting an above-average year for tropical storms and hurricanes. What goes into these outlooks? Do scientists look at different things compared to the usual outlooks issued for the United States? Wait, how do you issue climate outlooks in the first place? On June 27, all of these questions will be answered and hopefully more will be created as Tom Di Liberto takes us on a climate journey.

Get more information and save this event to your Google Calendar [here](#).

**NAAEE CITIZEN SCIENCE WEBINAR**

Join the North American Association for Environmental Education for the next installment of their monthly webinar series, Bringing New Ideas and Innovation to the field of EE. On Tuesday, July 25 from 3-4 pm EST, hear from Mary Ford (National Geographic) and Danny Edelson (Biological Sciences Curriculum Study) who will share their expertise in using citizen science to promote learning and increase environmental educators’ impact.

Visit NAAEE’s website for more information and registration information.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The earliest hurricane formed in a calendar year was an unnamed storm that occurred in March of 1908.

*Source: The Weather Channel*

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**HELP RESTORE THE CAMERON COAST WITH CRCL**

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL), in partnership with Cheniere Energy and Restore America’s Estuaries (RAE), is returning to the Cameron coastline on Saturday, June 24th. Volunteers will be planting 7,600 plugs of native dune grass over one mile of beach. The goals of this project are to increase soil retention along the beach, promote dune growth, provide critical habitat for nesting birds, and enhance natural shoreline protection for the coastal communities of Cameron parish.

This project is scheduled to occur from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is encouraged. Register at [https://www.crcl.org/component/dpcalendar/event/109.html](https://www.crcl.org/component/dpcalendar/event/109.html).

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