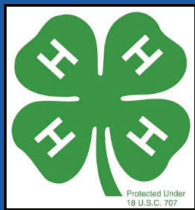
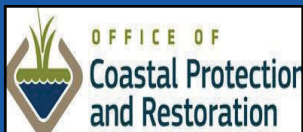


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Check out these wetland websites:

- www.americaswetland.com/
- dnr.louisiana.gov/teach.ssi
- www.lacoast.gov
- www.btneq.org/home.asp
- www.lamer.lsu.edu/projects/coastalroots/
- www.crcl.org/home.html
- www.nwrc.usgs.gov/wetlandwatchers.org/
- www.wetland.org/



Summer campers build a boat out of wetland materials!

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Welcome to YWP 2011-2012!

Hello educators! Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year and back to the Youth Wetlands Program! This newsletter is going out to all past participants to let you know that registration is currently open for this year and will close October 7th. Contact your local 4-H agent to register or visit

www.lsuagcenter.com/yww to register online.

The 2012 Youth Wetlands Week will be held the week of April 23-27, 2012. This week was chosen because it falls after LEAP testing and coincides with Earth Day, which is April 22, 2012. Although this pro-

motional week is slated for one week during the year, we understand that this schedule may not be conducive to every school schedule. If you have a conflict in schedule, but would like to participate, please do not let this deter your involvement. We encourage educators to utilize the YW Program curriculum year-round.

Also, we would love to get your feedback from last year's program. Although it has been a few months, we have reopened the teacher evaluation survey. It can be found online at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22C4KNVNW2L>.

We hope to continue to improve the YW Program based on your recommendations!

Please help me welcome Jessica Ledet to the YW Program office! She has come on board as the Program Assistant and will be contacting you throughout the school year about different opportunities. You can contact Jessica at jledet@agcenter.lsu.edu or 225-578-2196.

We thank you for your continued support of the Youth Wetlands Program. We are looking forward to a great year!

Ashley and Jessica

Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) is NOW scheduling K-12 field trips

LUMCON's K-12 program activities include: brackish water pond sampling, Bayou side Classroom water quality sampling, salt marsh canoeing (must be 12 years or older; limit 20), plankton laboratory, fish or invertebrate anatomy laboratory, educational cruises of bay and salt marsh environments (must be 12 years or older; limit 25), and guided tours of the marine center. All activities and experiences can be modified to match the needs and interests of any group.

To request field trip dates or to obtain more detailed information about group activities contact Murt Conover, Marine Education Associate; (985) 851-2860 or mconover@lumcon.edu. Hurry, available dates fill up fast! Dates are limited.



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LPBF's 2011 Beach Sweep is Saturday, September 17th!

Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation's 22nd Annual Beach Sweep will be held Saturday, September 17th from 9:00AM-Noon. The theme this year is "Trash Free Lake." After the beach sweep, registered volunteers may participate in a thank-you picnic. Visit www.saveourlake.org for more information. To register for this event, please contact JoAnne Burke at (504) 836-2238 or joann@saveourlake.org.

National Estuaries Day is September 24th!

National Estuaries Day is an annual celebration of the vibrant coastal areas where rivers meet the sea-estuaries. National Estuaries Day is a great opportunity to learn more about these magical ecosystems and how you can help to protect them. To find out more about National Estuaries Day and the events scheduled on that day, please visit their website at <http://estuaries.gov/GetInvolved/Default.aspx?ID=153>.

4-H Youth Energy Program (YEP)

The 4-H Youth Energy Program (YEP) is a statewide school enrichment program designed to educate youth on the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy. As part of the program, energy-related curriculum guides and hands-on activity kits have been developed and will be housed in each parish 4-H extension office throughout the state. Each kit includes equipment for conducting class experiments that cover many topics, including: General energy lessons, Solar energy, Wind energy, Hydropower, Fossil fuels, and Biomass.

Educators are required to attend a training that takes them through the basics of the kit and introduces program lessons that are tied to Louisiana GLE's and can be easily utilized in their classrooms. **All educators that participate in the program will have access to the activity kits and will receive a \$300 stipend for participating in the training.** To register visit: <http://www.eventbrite.com/directory?q=Youth+Energy+&loc=Louisiana&page=1>. Interested teachers can contact Caleb Persick at cpersick@agcenter.lsu.edu for additional information.

Green Works! Grants (Deadline: September 30th)

Project Learning Tree (PLT), an award winning national environmental education program for educators and their students is grades preK-12, is providing GreenWorks! Grants of up to \$1,000 to schools and youth organizations for environmental service-learning projects. GreenWorks! Is PLT's service-learning program that encourages students to "learn by doing" through community action projects they design and implement to improve an aspect of their school or their neighborhood's environment. It blends community service with academic curriculum to link classroom learning to the real world. To learn more or apply for a grant, visit the program's website at www.greenworks.org.

Geaux Paddling at Black Bayou Lake NWR

On September 28-29, there will be a two-day workshop on developing outdoor recreation on agricultural lands at Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Monroe, LA. The program will focus on developing agritourism activities featuring wildlife and water systems on farm lands. It is sponsored by the LSU AgCenter and Mississippi State University's Natural Resource Enterprises Program. For more information and to register, please follow the link. http://www.lsuagcenter.com/news_archive/2011/august/headline_news/Paddling-canoeing-business-workshop-set-for-Sept-2829-in-Monroe.htm

Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan-What's Important to YOU?

The Coastal Protection and Restoration (CPRA) is currently developing Louisiana's 2012 Coastal Master Plan which will recommend specific actions for restoring our coastal wetlands and protecting our coastal communities. With limited funding and time, they know they can't restore and protect the entire coast, so they need your input on what is most important to you. They have developed a community exercise and online survey to help them understand your preferences. Their online survey allows you to identify what you feel is most critical to the coastal restoration and protection efforts and will be used to inform what is represented in Louisiana's 2012 Coastal Master Plan. The survey will be available until September 16, 2011. Please follow this link to participate in the survey <http://consultssa.com/customfiles/assets/mp12/mp12.asp?P1=00fy-kxy-2nt>