

Coastal Eco/Agri-tourism Workshop

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

**LSU AgCenter Office
7101 Gulf Highway
Lake Charles, LA
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This one day workshop will provide landowners and current or prospective businesses with information on supplemental income opportunities from ecotourism/agritourism ventures. Targeted participants include coastal landowners; farmers; charter and guide fishermen and hunters; marina owners; and swamp tour operators.

Agenda

Morning Session

8:00 Registration

8:30 Welcome and announcements

Kevin Savoie, Louisiana Sea Grant

8:45 Revenue Potential from Natural Resource Enterprises

Dr. Daryl Jones, Mississippi State University Natural Resource Enterprises Program

9:00 Yellow Rails and Rice Festival Success Story

Kevin Berken, KMB Farms and Chairman of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board

Donna Dittman, LSU Museum of Natural Science and Avian Events Support Team

Steven W. Cardiff, LSU Museum of Natural Science and Avian Events Support Team

9:30 Economics of Coastal Waters

Jack Issacs, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

10:00 Break

10:20 Liability Issues

Sea Grant Legal

11:00 Tourism Opportunities

Twyla Herrington, Louisiana Sea Grant

Dora Ann Hatch, Agritourism Coordinator, LSU AgCenter

11:30 Eco tour Success Story

Capt'N Sammie Faulk

11:45 Lunch

Afternoon session

12:30 Load vans for field trip to Miller's Lake Boat House

Afternoon speakers :

Creole Nature Trail

Anne Klenke

Cajun Ben's and Airboats and Alligators

Benny Welch

Birding/Photography

Dave Patton

Member of Baton Rouge Audubon Society, Coordinator of Peveto Woods Migratory Bird Sanctuary, past president of Louisiana Ornithological Society and has served on the LOS Louisiana Rare Bird Committee

Native Plants

C.C. Richmond, Louisiana Environmental Research Center, McNeese State University

3:30 Return to LSU AgCenter Office

Closing Remarks/Evaluations