

LA Wetland Education Coalition

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1. **Animated Map of NO Flooding due to Katrina and Levee Breaks**

An excellent animation that explains the timeline of flooding due to Katrina storm surge and levee overtopping and breaches. Visit

<http://www.nola.com/katrina/graphics/flashflood.swf>

2. **BTNEP & LDWF to offer state-wide summer workshops on LA wetlands**

The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program is partnering with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to announce its free summer wetland teacher training workshops for educators who teach grades K-4. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also offering stipends to teachers who participate in the training. K-4 teachers can learn more about Louisiana wetlands through these interactive "Coastal Curricula Workshops" Teachers will receive information and instruction on Louisiana's wetlands during this **one-day** workshop. Lessons and activities are aligned with GLES and can be incorporated into the current curricula. These workshops will help teachers learn what teachers and students can do to help Louisiana wetlands. Each participant will receive lots of classroom materials.

The confirmed dates and locations for these one-day workshops are:

- June 13 - Nicholls State University, Peltier Hall – Room 138, Thibodaux
- June 19 - Cypress Nature Study Center, Bossier City
- June 27 - SLU Region 2 Service Center, 700 University Ave., Room 127, Hammond
- July 7 - Region 7 Service Center, 8675 Youree Drive (Right to the south of LSUS), Shreveport
- July 11 - Nicholls State University, Peltier Hall, Room 138, Thibodaux
- July 13 - Region 5 Service Center, Lake Charles (Location TBA)

- July 14 - Region 4 Service Center, 1405 W. Pinhook, Suite 112, Lafayette
 - July 17 - Nicholls State University, Peltier Hall, Room 138, Thibodaux
- Additional date, if all other classes are filed.
- July 18 - Nicholls State University, Peltier Hall, Room 138, Thibodaux

To register for these free workshops, contact Sandra Helmuth at the BTNEP office (985-447-0868, 800-259-0869, <sandra@btnep.org>. For additional information on the workshops, contact Susan Bergeron (<susan@btnep.org>).

3. **Gulf Restoration Network offers informative biweekly newsletter: Gulf Waves**

The Gulf Restoration Network (GRN) is a diverse network of local, regional and national groups dedicated to protecting and restoring the valuable resources of the Gulf of Mexico. The GRN has members in the five Gulf states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Here are two examples of Gulf Waves stories:

Fixing the Mississippi: A Mighty Challenge

Most know that to restore and rebuild Louisiana's wetlands will require massive-scale reengineering of the Mississippi River, putting the old man's land-building potential to work. But the Mississippi's problems aren't all at it's tail, and any honest effort to help restore the river's natural systems is going to mean a lot of work. Christopher Hallowell, author of "Holding Back the Sea," tackles the whole story in Audubon Magazine: <http://magazine.audubon.org/features0605/overview.html>.

Assessing Katrina's Damage to NO's Trees

It appears that many of the city's iconic live oak trees fared well, while other species were not so lucky. Read the story at National Geographic News: http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/04/0427_060427_arborday.html.

To join GRN's mailing list to receive alerts and their biweekly newsletter, visit <http://www.healthygulf.org>.

4. CVS Community Grants Program

CVS/pharmacy Community Grants program is accepting proposals for programs targeting children under the age of 18 with disabilities that address any of the following: health and rehabilitation services; public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs; and creating opportunities or facilities that give greater access to physical movement and play. To find out more about this opportunity, go to http://www.cvs.com/corplInfo/community/community_grants.html. Deadline: October 31, 2006

- From EE-News, May 10, 2006

5. Storm Warning II – June 1, New Orleans

The America's WETLAND Campaign and the Women of the Storm invite you to join a dramatization that will signal the opening day of hurricane season and tell the nation and the world that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita resulted in national disasters that require a national response.

On June 1st, the first day of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, please join the soul Rebels, the Coast Guardians, the Wetland Watchers, celebrities, radio personalities and leaders of business, government and the environment as they dramatize the increased danger caused by the continuing loss of America's WETLAND and illustrate which states have sent members of Congress to see New Orleans post-Katrina and which haven't.

Storm Warning II will be held in Tad Gormley Stadium in New Orleans' City Park, which was flooded by Hurricane Katrina. The event begins at 9:45 on June 1, 2006. For questions or additional

information, call 866-4-WETLAND or email the America's WETLAND Campaign at <americaswetland@mcopr.com>.

- From America's WETLAND listserve, May 19, 2006

6. It's Back to the Beach Season at LPBF!

In the mood for some fun, sun, music and more? Then mark your calendars for LPBF's 17th Annual Back to the Beach Festival on June 3rd & 4th! We've lined up an action-packed weekend at an exciting new location! The festival will take place on Lake Pontchartrain in Laketown (end of Williams Blvd in Kenner).

Help kick-off the summer with festival favorites including a 5K run/walk on Saturday, breathtaking cars at our Sunday car show, a stellar line up of bands, arts & crafts, fabulous food and fun for the whole family! Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and seniors 65 and up.

Partnering again with the New Orleans Track Club (NOTC), the festival's 2nd Annual Back to the Beach Run begins at 7 PM on June 3rd. Registration is \$20 by May 29th and \$25 after May 29th thru day of race. To register call NOTC at (504) 467-8626 or visit www.runNOTC.org.

The much-anticipated 4th Annual Back to the Beach Car Show is June 4th. Registration goes from 8:00 AM until noon. The show features street rods, custom cars, racecars, bikes, jr. dragsters, bicycles and antiques. Pre-registration fee is \$20 per car until May 25th and \$25 after the 25th. For information, call Walter or Pam Larter at (504) 452-8618.

- From LPBF's Basin Bulletin – News From Around the Basin, Vol. 1 No. 5

7. LAWEC-L LISTSERVE INFORMATION

- **Description of this listserve:** A listserve serving educators interested in LA wetlands.
- **To send a message of your own to the listserv:** email LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU and type your message into the body of the email. The message will be distributed to ALL PARTICIPANTS subscribing to the listserve. As a participant, you are welcome to send messages to educators subscribing to the LA Wetland Education Coalition listserve. We ask that participants focus their emails on educational opportunities and materials *directly related to wetland education*.
- **To UNSUBSCRIBE from this listserve:** email LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU and enclose the following single line in the body of the email: unsubscribe LAWEC-L
- **To SUBSCRIBE to this listserv:** email LISTSERV@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU, with only the following line listed in the body of the email: subscribe lawec-l YourFirstName YourLastName
For example: subscribe lawec-l John Doe
NOTE: You should not put anything in the subject line and should remove any automatic signatures from the email, otherwise the signup process will not work. You will get a return message indicating that you have been subscribed to the listserve along with information on other listserve operations you can perform (such as unsubscribe, etc.). If you have trouble, email Dr. Pam Blanchard at <pamb@lsu.edu>.

Please do not reply to the entire list unless you want everyone to read your message!