

# LA Wetland Education Coalition

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*LaWEC currently has 144 members on our listserve! Many thanks to Heidi Hitter, CWPPRA Educational Coordinator, who has encouraged a number of like-minded wetland educators to join us! Please encourage others to join us! Also, thanks go to David Guilbeau, LaWEC's Webmaster at the USGS National Wetlands Research Center, who maintains our website and archives each issue our newsletter under the "LaWEC News" link. Thanks to both of you for your continued support!*

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### 1. Restore America's Estuary Conference set for December 9-13 2006 in New Orleans, Louisiana

Make plans to attend the RAE's Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitats. There are special sessions for educators! Early Bird registration for Restore America's Estuaries 3rd National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration ends October 17th - register online. **Attention STUDENTS!** Be among the first 50 to register and receive a special discounted rate of \$125. For additional information, visit <http://www.estuaries.org/conference>

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### 2. Ocean Commotion 2006 set for November 2!

LA Sea Grant's Ocean Commotion 2006 is rapidly approaching and so is the exhibitor deadline of **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** for getting your exhibit applications in. Dianne Lindstedt, LA Sea Grant Education Coordinator, welcomes new exhibitors. This year's event will host over 2,000 K-8 students. If interested in exhibiting or attending the event, contact Dianne [225/578-1558, <dlindst@lsu.edu>].

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### 3. President's Environmental Youth Awards Deadline Extended to Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

President's Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA) recognizes young people across America for projects that demonstrate their commitment to the environment. K-12 students sponsored by an adult

submit evidence of a completed project as defined in the application to their local EPA regional office. Deadline: October 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit <http://epa.gov/enviroed/awards.html> for additional information and forms! *Source NAAEE-EE News for July 6, 2006.*

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### 4. BTNEP sets date of 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "La Fete d'Ecologie" for SEPT 30!

The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) and Foundation are gearing up for 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "La Fete d'Ecologie: Barataria-Terrebonne" on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jean Lafitte National Park in Thibodaux. This one-day educational festival highlights the unique natural, cultural and historical resources of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary with food, music, educational kids activities, a scavenger hunt, cast-net throwing contest and more! *La Fete d'Ecologie* is free and open to the public, so get out your dancing shoes and bring the kids and grandkids to this year's festival! The Park is located at 314 St. Mary Street in Thibodaux, along the bank of Bayou Lafourche. For directions to the Park, call (985) 448-1375. If you would like to learn more about the festival, or the mission of the BTNEP, contact Joni Blanchard at (985) 447-0838 or email [joni@btnep.org](mailto:joni@btnep.org).

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### 5. 2006 International Young Eco Heroes competition announced

Action For Nature is proud to announce its 2006 International Young Eco Hero Awards. Fourteen

winners, aged 10 to 16, were selected by a Judges Panel for their outstanding environmental achievements. Read about these inspiring young people. The next application deadline is February 28, 2007. Visit <http://www.actionfornature.org> for details. *Source NAAEE EE-News for Sept 27, 2006*

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## 6. K-12 Environmental Excellence Awards

Seaworld/Busch Gardens/Fuji Film Environmental Excellence Awards program rewards K-12 students & community groups working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve their local environment.

**Deadline: November 30, 2006.** For additional information, visit <http://www.seaworld.org/conservation-matters/eea/about.htm>. *Source NAAEE-EE News for September 13, 2006.*

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## 7. Curing the Nature Deficit Disorder

Compelling article in George Lucas Education Foundation (GLEF) *Edutopia* magazine by Milton Chen about the startling revelation that "some high

school students have never put their hands in soil and have never grown a plant." Chen poignantly captures it by saying, "Projects that take students into nature allow them to shine in ways that would have been hidden to their teachers and classmates inside the four walls of the schoolroom." Visit

<http://www.edutopia.org/1629>. *Source NAAEE-EE News for September 13, 2006.*

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## 8. Starbucks Foundation Grants

Starbucks Giving Voice Grant funds programs for youth that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live. Grants range from \$5,000-\$20,000. Letters of Inquiry are reviewed twice per year during two periods:

February 1st - March 1st and August 1st - September 1st. Visit <http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp?cookie%5Ftest=1> for additional information. *From EE News, July 6, 2006.*

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## 9. 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!***