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1. **BTNEP Invites Application for Mini-Grants**

The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) is pleased to announce the third consecutive year of funding for their successful Mini-Grants Program. The BTNEP created the program in January 2005 to support community-based restoration, outreach and education projects.

Through the Mini-Grants Program, citizens gain a greater awareness and understanding of the issues facing the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary System (BTES) and join with BTNEP in creating effective solutions. The Mini-Grants Program also helps BTNEP foster creative partnerships among community groups and broadens the Estuary Program's ability to connect with as many people as possible in preserving our homeland.

BTNEP has \$30,000 available in 2007 for eligible Mini-Grants Program projects, with a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$5,000 for any one proposal. We are very pleased to announce that this year additional funding has been provided by a generous donation from Chevron/Texaco. Any schools, organizations, individuals, non-profits, government, churches, businesses, or other community groups may apply for Mini-Grant funding, provided that the project takes place within the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary System (BTES) and meets one or more goals of the BTNEP.

The request for proposals for the 2007 Mini-Grants Program will take place from November 15, 2006 to December 14, 2006. The deadline for proposals is NOON on Thursday, December 14, 2006. To apply for a BTNEP Mini-Grant, download and complete the 2007 Mini-Grants Program [Request for Proposals and Application Packet](#) from the Web at <http://grant.btneep.org/>.

2. **Herpetology Hotline**

Thanks to a group effort by the three North American societies for professional herpetologists (the Herpetologists' League, the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, and the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists), the Herpetology Hotline is now available to the general public. The Herpetology Hotline allows anyone to submit a question, by means of a web-based form, about the biology of amphibians or reptiles. Once submitted, the question is routed to one of several members of the sponsoring societies who are especially knowledgeable on that particular taxon (e.g., salamanders, frogs, turtles, etc.) or topic (e.g., physiology, behavior, evolution, etc.). A "library" of questions is being saved such that an FAQ page can also be linked to this forum. Individuals interested in submitting a question to the Herpetology Hotline should visit <http://www.peabody.yale.edu/collections/vz/herpform.html>.

3. **Earth Day Science Symposium 2007: Endangered Sea Turtles**

Want to celebrate Earth Day and motivate students to higher levels of science achievement? Earth Day Science Symposium (EDSS) challenges students to think critically about important environmental issues. EDSS focuses on data analysis, mapping and graphing, explanation, and oral presentations. Teachers may order a FREE teacher kit, but writing to Earth's Birthday Project, P.O. Box 1536, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1536. Materials include a classroom poster on Endangered Sea Turtles, CD with turtle information and easy-to-print handouts, and a short, comprehensive teacher's guide. Teacher's kits will be mailed to schools in February 2007. Earth Day 2007 is Sunday, April 22. Earth Week is April 22-29. Start planning now!

4. 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!