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## 1. Online Satellite Tour of Louisiana

Students can take a satellite tour of Louisiana and work at their own pace by visiting <http://lagic.lsu.edu/satelliteturn/>. This is an excellent Web resource for teachers.

## 2. Ford's Radical Renovation: School Edition Contest: Win \$100,000 for Your School

Raise your hand if you're ready to make a difference in your school! National Geographic is proud to co-sponsor Ford's Radical Renovation: School Edition Contest, which is challenging classrooms to plan ways to make their schools more eco-responsible. The class that comes up with the best plan will win \$100,000 for an environmental renovation. Sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Ford Motor Company, a Proud Partner of America's National Parks. For full contest rules, go to: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/gogreen/ford/rules.html>. For lesson plan, downloadable poster, and entry form, visit: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/gogreen/ford>.

## 3. SAVE THE DATE . . . Restore America's Estuaries 3rd National Conference

Restore America's Estuaries is excited to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference and Expo on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration - "Forging the National Imperative for Restoration" - to be held December 9-13, 2006, in New Orleans, Louisiana, on the banks of the Mississippi River at the Hilton Riverside Hotel. The Conference will emphasize our successes and the challenges ahead in strengthening the national commitment to restoration.

We will showcase habitat restoration AT ALL SCALES, and from all coastal and estuarine regions and habitat types, including the latest advances in ecosystem, as well as community-based restoration.

Join 1,500 participants from all sectors of the restoration movement: community organizations; businesses and consultants; local, state and federal agencies; scientists and researchers; educators; tribes; and students and volunteers.

The Conference will:

- Provide networking opportunities with your peers and colleagues from throughout the U.S. and abroad.
- Offer program presentations on the best practices in the science, planning, practice and policies of restoration, from leaders in restoration throughout the Coastal U.S.
- Stretch your thinking, and your legs, during numerous educational and fun field sessions.
- Enliven your spirit through Louisiana music, food, arts and fun!
- Introduce you to new people, ideas, products and opportunities.
- Restore a piece of coastal Louisiana through a hands-on volunteer restoration project on the first day of the Conference.

The conference staff is in the process of preparing for this important conference – still a year and a half away. If you would like to help in the planning, need additional information on participation, sponsorship or exhibitor opportunities, please contact Harvey Potts at [hpotts@estuaries.org](mailto:hpotts@estuaries.org). Visit Restore America's Estuaries at <http://www.estuaries.org/>.

#### 4. Biologists worry about invasive species

The Daily News (Galveston (TX) County)  
by Carter Thompson, published March 21, 2005

Each day, dozens of ships from foreign waters sail the Houston Ship Channel, either dropping off or picking up cargo.

What they've also left behind over the decades were plants and animals that stowed away in ballast water or caught a ride across an ocean on the outside of hulls.

Scientists say the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Bay are teeming with invasive species that, at their worst, threaten native species, commercial fisheries and even human health.

To read the rest of this article, visit  
<<http://galvestondailynews.com/story.lasso?ewcd=414eab3481d71ef5>>

For more information on the invasive species mentioned in the article, see:

Australian Spotted Jellyfish (*Phyllorhiza punctata*)

<http://www.gulfbase.org/project/view.php?pid=asotrotasippaop>

Chinese Tallow Tree (*Triadica sebifera*)

<http://www.invasivespecies.gov/profiles/chtallow.shtml>

Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*)

<http://www.invasivespecies.gov/profiles/nutria.shtml>

Red Imported Fire Ant (*Solenopsis invicta*)

<http://www.invasivespecies.gov/profiles/fireant.shtml>



#### 5. LAWEC-L LISTSERVE INFORMATION

- **Description of this listserv:** A listserv 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 listserv. As a participant, you are welcome to send messages to educators subscribing to the LA Wetland Education Coalition listserv. We ask that participants focus their emails on educational opportunities and materials *directly related to wetland education*.
- **To UNSUBSCRIBE from this listserv:** 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 listserv along with information on other listserv 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!**

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