

# LA Wetland Education Coalition

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### 1. EPA PRESENTS "AFTER THE STORM"

The Environmental Protection Agency is airing a half-hour television special about watersheds and stormwater runoff on The Weather Channel, Saturday, September 18, 2004 at 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm EST. "After the Storm" explores how polluted runoff threatens the nation's waters. VHS copies are available free for educational purposes by calling 800-490-9198 or emailing: [ncepimal@one.net](mailto:ncepimal@one.net).  
<http://www.epa.gov/weatherchannel>

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### 2. Wings Over the Wetlands celebration planned for Oct 1-3

The Barataria Preserve is having Wings Over the Wetlands - a celebration of migratory birds Oct 1-3. The information is listed on the website <http://wowbirdfest.com/>.

WOW is an educational festival developed to introduce people to the wonderful world of migratory birds of South Louisiana. Families and individuals can enjoy morning and night-time bird walks with park rangers in the Barataria Preserve, book a spot on a "birding" cruise or canoe trek, become a migrant - and "fly" through the migratory bird bubble, and check out bird art and bird crafts by local artisans and woodworkers, optical equipment displays, birding equipment and supplies, native plants for birds, speakers, live birds, and more!

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### 3. Elmer's Island purchase a continuing story

Keep up with the latest efforts to purchase Elmer's Island by the state of Louisiana. Read Bob Marshall's article that appeared in the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* newspaper on August 29, 2004 at <http://www.nola.com/sports/t-p/index.ssf?base/sports-12/1093757664164300.xml>

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### 4. Maritime Forest Ridge & Marsh Restoration Project in Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary.

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission and the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program are working collaboratively on the reestablishment of a maritime forest ridge and associated marsh habitats just north of Fourchon, Louisiana. Once constructed, the entire project will include over 2.25 miles of ridge/marsh habitat and will consist of approximately 60+ acres of maritime forest ridge and 60+ acres of marsh and tidal creeks. Read more about the project at <http://www.gulfmex.org/crp2006.html>.

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## 5. Happy Tails to You... (efforts to curb nonnative nutria population)

A newspaper article from the Acadiana Advertiser (Lafayette) describes efforts to curb the nutria, an exotic animal native to South America. Read the article at <http://www.theadvertiser.com/news/html/A0D96B9E-9B33-4609-8C30-FA02A730E174.shtml>

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## 6. Audubon Zoo Fall Series Teacher Workshops 2004

Broaden your horizons with teacher workshops that train educators to maximize the Zoo's resources and enhance classroom curricula. For information on fees and registration, contact the Zoo Education Department at (504) 212-5378 or email [zooschool@auduboninstitute.org](mailto:zooschool@auduboninstitute.org). To schedule a field trip, call (504) 581-4629

Join us at the Jeri & Bob Nims Community Center and enrich your classroom teaching with standards-based activities designed to increase your students' proficiency in progress skills and engage their interest in science and the environment. Space is limited, so sign up now!

### **Invertebrates in the Classroom** (Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm)

It doesn't take backbone to fascinate or to teach - invertebrates (both local and exotic) can be perfect classroom pets and take part in activities across the curriculum. Audubon's Bug Mobile staff will guide teachers in all aspects of husbandry, standards-based lesson plans, and the ethics of keeping animals in the classroom. (\$20.00) (Grades preK-6<sup>th</sup>)

### **Read the Zoo** (Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm)

From anteaters to zebras, learn how the zoo can help you inspire your students to become successful readers and writers. Great literature, great science, and great resources. (\$20.00) (Grades preK-2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **Wet, Wild, and Up a Tree** (Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 8 am-4 pm)

Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree are among the nation's top environmental curricula. They feature thought-provoking fun lessons that give students a firm understanding of science concepts and encourage critical thinking. Facilitators from all 3 programs will teach you how to use your fantastic materials. (\$5.00 facilities fee) (K-12<sup>th</sup>)

To register for any of these workshops, contact the Zoo Education Department.

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## 7. Marsh Mission to be featured this Sunday on CBS Sunday Morning Segment

Rhea Gary, a landscape painter, is teaming up with C.C. Lockwood, a naturalist and wildlife photographer to bring attention to Louisiana's disappearing wetlands. Rhea sends word that the Marsh Mission will be featured this Sunday on *CBS Sunday Morning Segment*. She says that they could be cut at the last minute, but word is that they are still on the schedule. To learn more about the Marsh Mission, go to <http://www.marshmission.com>.

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## 8. 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](mailto: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.
- **To UNSUBSCRIBE from this listserve:** email [LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU](mailto:LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU) and enclose the following single line in the body of the email

unsubscribe LAWEC-L

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

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