

The Gulf of Mexico Foundation's annual Down Under, Out Yonder (DUOY) coral reef workshop and scuba diving expedition is a five-day workshop for K-12 and college entry educators, nationwide. The workshop includes a 2-day Corals to Classrooms land-based portion conducted at the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (FGBNMS) offices in Galveston, Texas. Afterwards, participants explore coral reef habitats through three days of scuba diving aboard the M/V Fling, a 100-foot live-aboard dive boat. Non-diving educators may participate in the Corals to Classrooms workshop only and forego the DUOY diving component. The workshop focuses on the coral reefs of the FGBNMS, located in the Gulf of Mexico about 115 miles off the Texas coast. The federally protected underwater sanctuary has 56 square miles of coral-covered salt domes providing habitat for a variety of schooling fish, turtles, and sharks.

Workshop participants receive numerous teaching resources as well as innovative ideas for implementing topics in biology, oceanography, geology, physical science, American government and environmental science. The cost for the workshop is \$250 plus any costs incurred for travel to and from Freeport, TX and any dive gear purchased or rented. Teachers receive SBEC credit for completing the workshop. **Applications can be downloaded from our website [www.gulfmex.org](http://www.gulfmex.org) and are due March 8, 2013.**

By providing educators with this participatory field experience, the Gulf of Mexico Foundation hopes to encourage not only the awareness but the stewardship and conservation of our important coral reef habitats.

