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1. **Scope-On-A-Rope Update**

There are several **new activities posted on the SOAR website** as well, including "Life in a Drop of Water", and "Microscopic Mysteries" (see "Classroom Activities"). There are more to come soon. If you'd like to submit your own lesson plan, those instructions are also available on our website. A \$50 stipend awaits you!

Remember that **Scope-On-A-Rope is available for loan** through LSU, LRCE, and the East Baton Rouge Resource Center. If Baton Rouge is too far away for you to travel to borrow a SOAR, there are five other options:

- 1) Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, New Orleans, (504) 378-2675 or tleblanc@auduboninstitute.org
- 2) Martha Garber, LA Tech CATALyST Program, Ruston, 318/ 257-4772, mgarber@cans.latech.edu
- 3) Cathy Williamson, Sci-Port Discovery Center, Shreveport, 318/424-8683, cwilliamson@sciport.org
- 4) Elaine Beck, LSU at Alexandria, (318) 427-4429, ebeck@lsua.edu
- 5) Frank Bobo, Region VIII TLTC, UL at Monroe, (318) 342-1258, frank.bobo@mcschools.net

For any questions or requests (such as hosting your own Scope-On-A-Rope workshop), contact Adrienne Lopez (225/578-7780, alopez@lsu.edu) using the information below. And remember, the SOAR is a great tool for engaging summer camp participants! *From the LSU Scope-On-A-Rope update, June 2006.*

2. **Captain Planet Foundation Grants**

Remaining 2006 Application Deadlines: September 30, December 31. Captain Planet Foundation awards are between \$500 and \$2,500 for schools and nonprofit organizations that develop innovative environmental projects for youth that promote cooperation, planning, and problem-solving skills.

For additional information visit

<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/appProcess.html>.

3. **Watch NASA Plot Hurricanes through the Season**

NASA's Scientific Visualization Studio (SVS), housed at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. has created a new webpage to help amateur hurricane-trackers see when each storm happened during the season and how strong it was. Visit <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Newsroom/NasaNews/2006/2006061622441.html>. *From the NASA Science Mission Directorate-Earth Science Education Update, June 2006.*

4. **Earth Science Week is October 8-14!**

Since October 1998, the American Geological Institute (AGI) has organized Earth Science Week, a national and international event to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth. The theme of Earth Science Week 2006 is "Be A Citizen Scientist!" An educator Toolkit will be available August 1, 2006, and can be ordered online at the Earth Science Week website at <http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials/>. *From the NASA Science Mission Directorate-Earth Science Education Update, June 2006.*

5. **The Sounds of Science... Earth and Sky Radio Series – Available for Podcasts**

Are you tired of the same old tune on the radio? Try turning the dial to the sweet sound of science. The Earth & Sky radio series provides a daily dose of 90-second educational science shows, including an "Observing Earth" series that often features NASA scientists and research. The programs can be heard on more than 1,000 affiliate stations across the country, on satellite radio, and on dozens of international stations and networks. The Earth and

Sky radio series can also be downloaded to iPods. Visit <http://www.earthsky.org/> for more information. From the NASA Science Mission Directorate-Earth Science Education Update, June 2006.

6. Flying WILD workshop registration deadline is Friday -- July 7th!

Flying WILD is an exciting new education program that introduces middle school students to bird conservation through school bird festivals, hands-on classroom activities, and community service projects. Through a new partnership with the Council for Environmental Education (the national office for Flying WILD and Project WILD) BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo is now offering Flying WILD training and materials in the Baton Rouge area. Our first Flying WILD Educator Training and Flying WILD Facilitator Training will be held on Friday, July 14th, 2006. The training workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. Those educators registering for only the basic three-hour educator training will finish at 12:00 noon, while those seeking to complete the Flying WILD Facilitator

Training—and thereby receive certification to provide future Educator Training workshops—will finish at 5:00 p.m. Participants seeking Facilitator certification must be present for the morning session. These trainings will take place in BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo's Education Building. Each workshop participant, for both the morning or morning plus afternoon sessions, will receive the program publication, *Flying WILD: An Educator's Guide to Celebrating Birds*. Participants staying for the whole day should bring a sack lunch. We will have a working lunch. The cost of the training is \$15. Please make checks out to BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo.

To register, please complete and return this form. **The deadline for BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo to receive registrations is Friday, July 7th.** Space is limited, so registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. For registration information, call the Baton Rouge Zoo at (225) 775-3877.

7. 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!