



**“I Gave Eight”
Story Form
Southeast Region**

Congratulations! You “Gave Eight” to connect people with nature, and ensure the future of conservation, and now we want to tell people about it.

Please complete this form and submit it (either as a word document or in the body of an e-mail) to egrits@fws.gov.

Please include a photo, including the name of the photographer and a brief sentence describing the photo. Don’t forget that if you are taking photos that include children, you need to have their parents sign a photo release.

Good “I Gave Eight” stories will appear in E-Grits, on the Internet, and may appear in tip sheets or other documents to communicate your success!

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Activity/Project Name: Camp Wounded Knee “Explores the Outdoors” at Black Bayou Lake

Date(s) of Activity: July 17, 2008

Brief paragraph (less than 500 words) describing:

On July 17, 2008 Black Bayou Lake supported the “Let’s Go Outside” initiative when they hosted a fun day for the Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation summer camp - Camp Wounded Knee. Camp Wounded Knee is for children throughout Louisiana between the ages of 6-16 with a bleeding disorder. Due to the magnitude of this disease these children are limited in activities they can participate in and rarely have a chance to just “explore the outdoors”. This was an event enjoyed by 50 campers, 15 camp counselors and 5 Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation staff members. The campers participated in activities such as exploring the nature trail for interesting critters and plants, seining and identifying aquatic life in the pond, feeding animals in aquariums, creating and performing “wildlife” puppet shows and even had a chance to hold a live turtle! The event was held at the Black Bayou Lake Environmental Education Center from 9-2pm. When asked by one camper what he thought about the experience he said, "When I first heard about the field trip, I thought it was going to be just ok but it was really cool! I learned some new stuff and the day was fun!" Black Bayou Lake NWR and the Louisiana Hemophilia Association hope to make this an annual event.

Photos taken by Allen Holliday.

