

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Resources for Educators

Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge offers FREE environmental education field trips and FREE classroom visits to learn about wildlife. Our Refuge Rangers can tailor a classroom visit/school outreach program or field trip to what you are studying in the classroom. Or, pick from one of the programs listed below. For more information or to arrange a program contact Refuge Ranger Diane Barth at 985-882-2021 or diane_barth@fws.gov



Field Trip: Habitat is Where It's At

Take your classroom on a field trip to Bayou Sauvage to experience wildlife, wetlands, and ecology principles first-hand. In the Habitat is Where It's At program, geared to grades 4-6, students will explore the vital importance of habitat and wetlands and may also investigate concepts of adaptation, competition, succession, and bird migration. This 3.5 hour program includes time for lunch.



Creature Features: Build a Gator

Grades K – 3. 45 minutes to one-hour long. Creature Features brings science fun to your classroom, exploring the biological principle of adaptations using a costume activity featuring native Louisiana wildlife. Students will examine the features of well-known wetlands animal — the American alligator — to explore biological principles.



Creature Features: Skulls

Grades 4 - 6. 45 minutes to one-hour long. This classroom program explores the concept of physical adaptations in wildlife by exploring the features of animal skulls. Students will identify the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores while studying the physical features of these types of animals.



Raptor Adaptor

Grades 4 – 6 . 45 minutes to one-hour long. This classroom science lesson explores the concept of adaptations in some of Louisiana's native birds. Students will learn more about the diet of a bird of prey by dissecting an owl pellet.



Threatened and Endangered Species

Grades 3 – 6. 45 minutes to one-hour long. This classroom program explores why species become threatened or endangered and what can be done to protect them. Through the use of a power point and actual wildlife items confiscated through the illegal world trade, we will look at both exotic species and some found in “our backyard”.



Trash Talk: Marine Debris and the Mississippi Watershed

Grades 5 – 6. 45 minutes to one-hour long. This classroom program will connect students to their watershed and the ocean, while exploring human impacts on water quality. Students will discuss what they might do to help support clean and healthy water in their daily life.