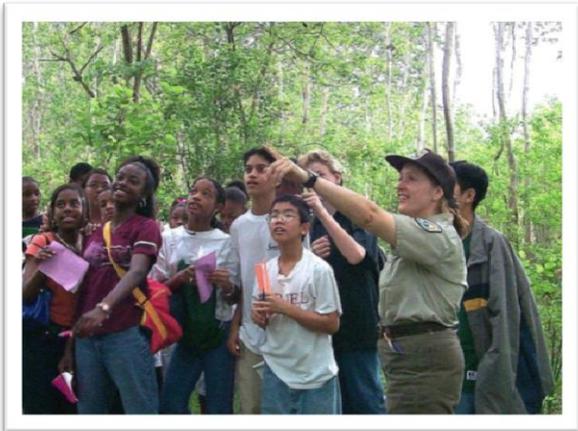


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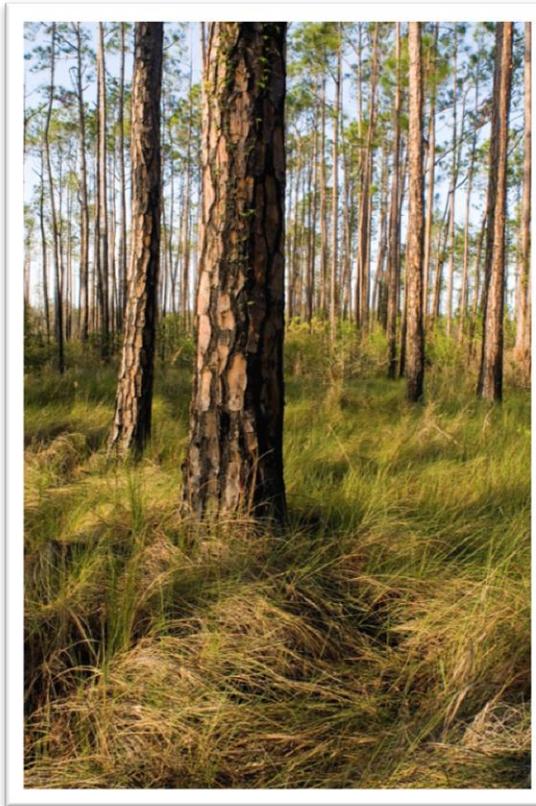
- All free programs
- Local knowledge
- Hands on application
- Meets GLE requirements
- Professional educators
- Outdoor interaction
- Science-based learning



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CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

WE COME TO YOU!

Endangered Species - Grades 3-6

Classroom - 45 minutes to one hour

This program explores why species become threatened and 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".



Creature Features - Grades K-3

Classroom - 45 minutes to one hour

This program explores the biological principle of adaptation in some of Louisiana's native animals. Using props, a student will "model" adaptations of a wetland creature to illustrate its features. A live animal may be requested as an integral part of the program.



Creature Features Skulls - Grades 4-6

Classroom - 45 minutes to one hour

Students will work in teams to analyze basic differences between the skulls of native Louisiana carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They will gain insight into how animals are adapted to respond to their life needs.



REFUGE PROGRAM

YOU JOIN US AT THE REFUGE!

Refugology - Grades 4-6

On-site - 3 ½ hours

(includes time for lunch)

Students learn to manage a refuge for a day by gathering information as foresters, biologists and a member of the fire crew. They'll use their collected data to make decisions regarding how the land should be managed. They'll learn the difficulties of trying to maintain a balance that protects the land, animals and people.



Pre/post-visit materials: Program packets are sent in advance of any visit. They include GLE and vocabulary lists and sources of additional resources to help prepare your students for program.

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