

October Newsletter 2018

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1.) The Friends of Camp Salmen organization hosted a successful membership event September 15th at Camp Salmen Park. Attendees were given a lecture on invasive plant species by LSU Ag Center parish agent Will Afton. After eradicating the Ardisia plant, or Christmas Berry, from a section of the park, attendees were treated to a red beans and rice pot luck lunch donated by Copeland's Slidell Restaurant. See event pictures on Facebook.

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- 1.) Multiple Beach Sweep events were conducted on September 15th. Volunteers collected 33,840 pounds of trash in the Pearl River watershed alone! More information can be found at www.pearlriverkeeper or www.saveourlake.org/beachsweep.
- 2.) Don't miss another sky watching event! Turn your eyes toward the skies Oct. 21 and 22 to view the peak nights for a glimpse of the Orionids meteor shower. www.space.com
- 3.) October is a beautiful month to observe both wildflowers and butterflies. Get outside soon as they will both be disappearing by November. Information regarding blooming wildflowers can be found at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/wildlife/species-parish and at www.crosbyarboretum.msstate.edu. A thorough article about butterflies was posted October 4 by Jennifer Larino at NOLA.com search Louisiana Butterflies.
- 4.) Louisiana is a great flyway for many birds this time of year. More information can be found at www.antigravitymagazine.com/feathers-of-fall.
- 5.) Earth Science Week is Oct 14-20th. This is a yearly event run by the American Geosciences Institute to promote the knowledge of Earth sciences and Earth stewardship. For events contact www.earthsciweek.org.
- 6.) The 21st annual Wild Things event will be Saturday Oct 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge in Lacombe. For more information go to www.louisiananorthshore.com/event 21st-annual-wild-things.