



Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.

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Environmental Educator CBBEP Board of Directors Meeting January 24, 2008

Recent Accomplishments

- **October 24 and 25, 2007:** Port Aransas Birding Center
-30 Incarnate Word Academy Middle Level students
-Topics discussed include bird adaptations, water quality, and the water treatment facility that contributes one million gallons of fresh water each day to the Bird Center.
- **October 30, 2007:** Completed CRISS Professional Development for Science Educators.
-12 Continuing Education Credit hours were obtained.
- **November 5, 2007:** *LOTE* Supplies Survey
-Sent to 2006 participants of the Summer Academy
-The purpose of the survey is to gauge frequency use and value of the supplies provided to the teachers during *LOTE*. Seven of 18 teachers have responded as of December 6, 2007.
- **November 6, 2007:** Kleberg Elementary at the Nueces Delta Preserve.
-Mrs. Erica Salazar & 44 students
- Topics: water quality and salinity, bird and plant adaptations, soils, and bird observations with binoculars. Pictures of the event were provided in the October 2007 Board Packet.
- **November 10, 2007:** Bays Roundtable on Bacteria and Solid Waste
-My presentation addressed water quality and solid waste issues in educational settings
- **November 10, 2007:** WOW! Wonder of Wetlands Professional Development
-Training at the Texas State Aquarium; Obtained 7 Continuing Education Credits
- **November 16, 2007:** Received Bleachers for the Nueces Delta Preserve. The aluminum tip-and-roll bleachers are 3 rows x 15' and seating capacity is approximately 30 students. Thanks to Jake Herring and Jim Bowman for assembling the bleachers!
- **November 29, 2007:** London ISD at the Nueces Delta Preserve.
-Mrs. Morgan Delong and Mrs. Gayla Docman & 33 students
-Topics: weathering, pollution, wetlands, and habitats. The students even cast animal tracks at the Rincon Bayou! Pictures attached.
- **November 30, 2007:** Meeting with Sandy Cherniss. Resume project agreement for the Nueces Delta Preserve Curriculum Resource Guide for educators.
- **December 28, 2007:** Meeting with Sandy Cherniss. Reviewed activities and resource guide design for the Nueces Delta Preserve. Resource Guide to be complete in May 2008 in time for *LOTE*.
- **January 14, 2008:** Texas Environmental Educator Advisory Committee Providers Meeting, Austin, TX.
-The Environmental Educator applied for provider status on the behalf of the CBBEP. TEEAC participants provide environmental education credits that count towards professional education.
- **January 30, 2008:** *LOTE* Partner Meeting. Facilitating meeting in preparation for *LOTE* 2008.
-Discussion will include schedule, improving supplies, and logistics of the week-long workshop.

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Updates:

- **Wildlife in Focus III Books:** Only 1 teacher left out of 30 to receive books! This presentation will take place at the CCISD Science Boot Camp, which will provide great exposure for the *LOTE* workshop.
- **Nueces Delta Preserve:** 3 *LOTE* teachers have taken their students to date, and 5 additional educators have tentatively scheduled field trips with their students for the Spring of 2008! One junior high teacher from Odem ISD is also excited to take his science class to the NDP.
- **#0811 Wetland Explorer: Coastal Marsh Discovery Program:** A scope of work has been initiated. Christine Latvovic (Sinton High School) has already participated in this program.
- **LOTE Follow-Up:** 1 follow-up complete, 3 more teachers scheduled.
- **LOTE 2008:** 12 teachers are now registered. Spots are still open – spread the word!