

Louisiana 4-H Wetland Ambassadors Team



YOUTH WETLANDS PROGRAM

An educational program of the LSU AgCenter in partnership with CPRA

Purpose

To provide high school students with an interest in wetlands conservation or natural resources management an immersive opportunity to gain insight into related careers, learn from professionals, develop career skills, and to become wetland leaders in their communities.



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Educational Opportunities



Leadership



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Educational Highlights

- Ambassadors have completed workshops such as
 - GIS and Story Maps Introduction
 - Surveying Aquatic Species using a Seine Net
 - Wetlands Plant Identification
 - Wetland Soils Introduction
 - Crawfish WSSV Workshop



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Accomplishments

- Over 32 high school 4-H members have served as wetland ambassadors.
 - At least 2 alumni have continued their wetlands education and leadership into college with plans to pursue a career in a related field.
 - One current ambassador also plans to pursue a career related to wetlands.



Accomplishments

- Since 2019, wetland ambassadors reached over 8,225 people through leading wetlands education activities at 43 outreach events.
 - This program year, ambassadors have reached over 2,000 people through five outreach events so far.



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Ongoing Projects

- Community Conversations in partnership with The Climate Initiative
 - First conversation was held in Lafayette on February 25
 - Second conversation will be in Ponchatoula on March 19



The Climate Initiative



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Upcoming Projects

- Southwest Region 4-H Wetlands Day - WOW
- 4-H Day at the Capitol



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