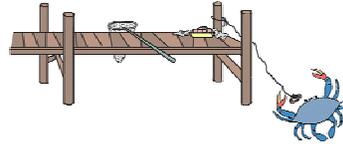




## Crab Lines



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Dear Friends of the Estuary,

I would like to extend this invitation to you to join the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) in an extraordinary backyard experience, Paddle Bayou Lafourche.

The paddling trip is a 52-mile, four-day paddling trip April 12 –15, 2007, and is a proven technique to educate residents and visitors about the culture and ecology of Bayou Lafourche.

Paddlers can participate anywhere from one day to all four days of the paddling trip. They will be treated not only to scenic natural vistas, but also to a fascinating backyard view of the bayou. Registered paddlers will receive local cuisine and entertainment every night at a campsite setting.

During this 6th annual trip, paddlers may choose to camp out at Madewood Plantation, the Jean Lafitte Wetlands Cultural Center, Dr. Mike and Brenda Dardar Robichaux's home, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights respectively, or take the softer side and stay at a local hotel.

If you are a local resident and cannot paddle, you are encouraged to join in the experience by supporting the paddlers from the banks of Bayou Lafourche. We would love you to decorate your bayou side or provide signs of encouragement to the bayou visitors. In the past, visitors have been greeted with local music and cheers as the paddlers coasted down the bayou. Residents are also encouraged to make sure their bayou side is clean to help welcome the paddlers and associated media. Residents can also sign up to be a volunteer and help the BTNEP staff during the paddling trip.

The 2007 Paddle Bayou Lafourche website, <http://paddling.btnep.org/>, has the latest paddling trip information and can answer many questions. However, any questions concerning the paddling trip can be sent to Shelley Sparks, Paddle Bayou Lafourche Project Manager and BTNEP Media Relations Coordinator at, [shelley@btnep.org](mailto:shelley@btnep.org).

Warm Regards,

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