

Welcome to the BTNEP Q4 MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Plaquemine, LA



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Barataria–Terrebonne
NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

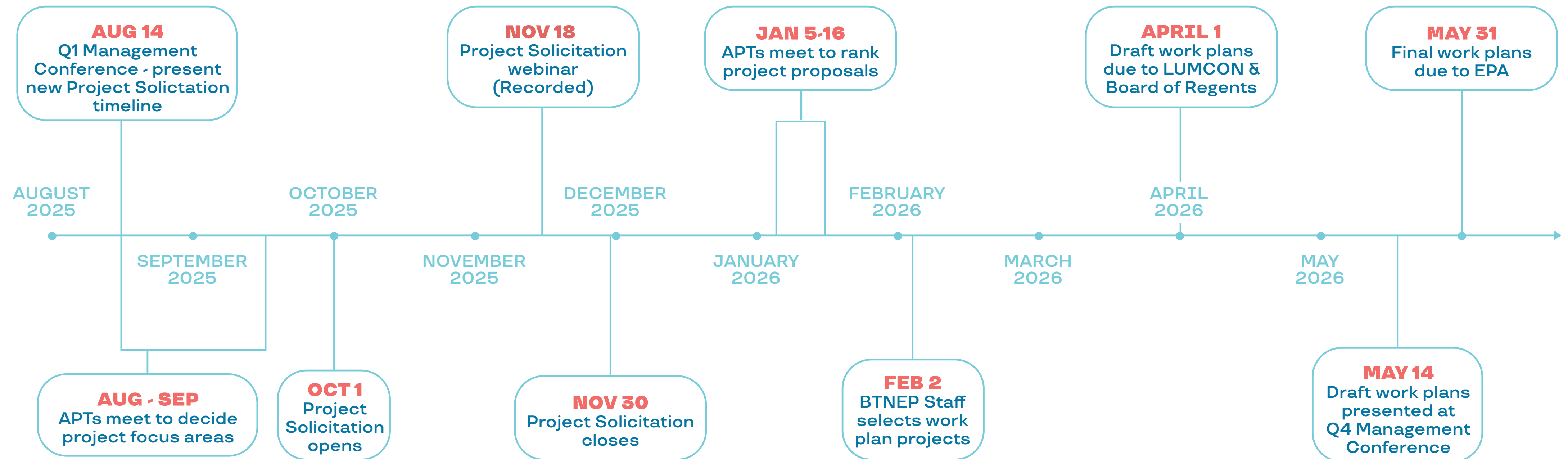
Nov. 6, 2025



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Q4 Management Conference, 2025

FY27 Solicitations Underway



PADDLE THE ESTUARY

Grand Bayou Choctaw, Brusly, LA



- 51 Paddlers
- First time in the upper estuary
- New partnerships and sponsors



NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK

International Coastal Cleanup



- 90 Volunteers
- 2,043 lbs. of trash
- Records broken!

NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK

White Boot Gala



- New format
- 140 tickets sold
- \$21,891 net profit
- More records broken!

NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK

Native Plant Giveaway



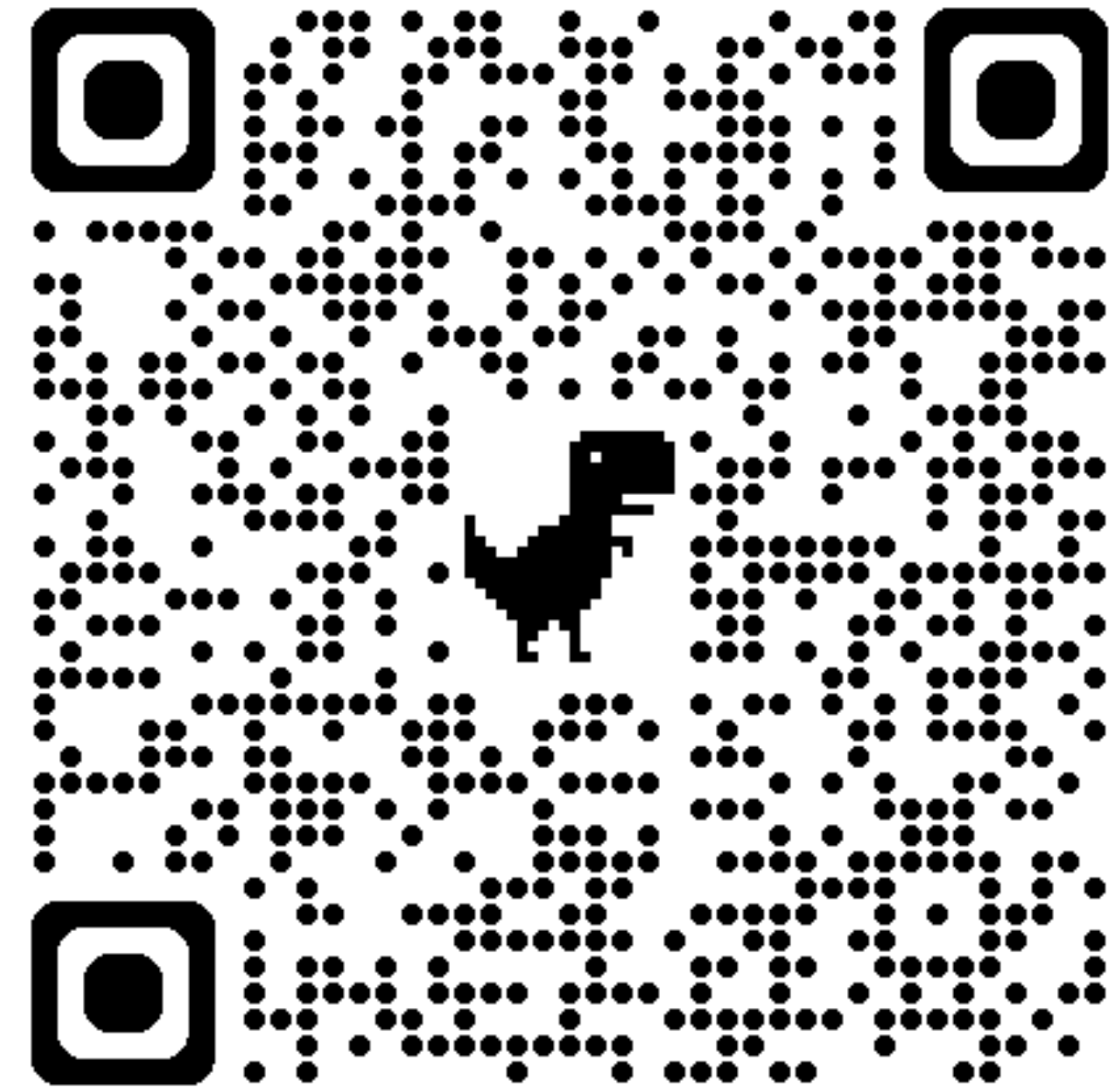
- 300 visitors
- 19 plant species

- 985 flowers, shrubs and trees distributed!

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Complete our Survey

- Important Management Conference Survey
- Scan QR code to complete
- Need your feedback by Nov. 15



HABITAT

Program Update



Native Plant
Poster



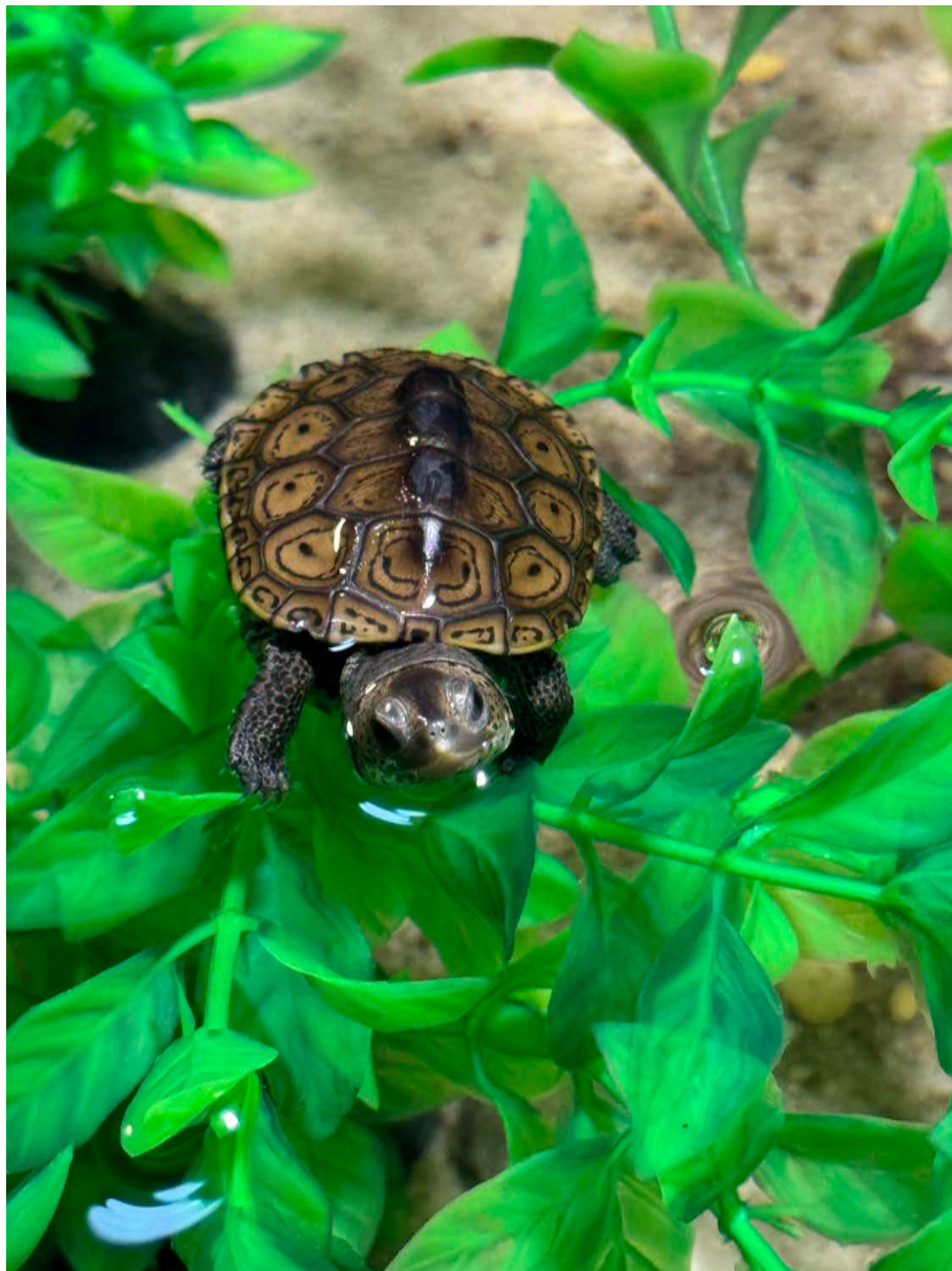
Tidal Graph
Calendar



Brazilian
Pepper Tree

WILDLIFE

Program Update



HEAD START FOR TINY TERRAPINS



For the disappearing diamondbacks of Louisiana, every tiny terrapin counts. Those hatchlings that survive to adulthood will help grow the population in our coastal marshes. When you're tiny, though, survival can be dicey. It helps to have a head start in life, and that is exactly what these baby diamondback terrapins are getting.

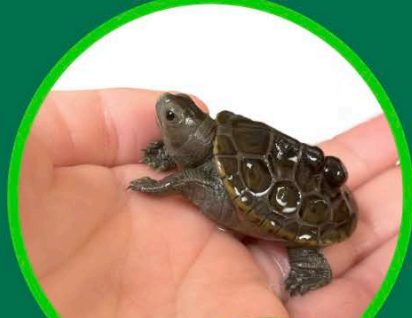


Audubon Aquarium, in partnership with Nicholls State University and the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program, is participating in the first head-start program for diamondback terrapins in the state of Louisiana.

The baby terrapins that you see here today were hatched from eggs rescued by Nicholls State biologists. The eggs were recovered from disturbed nests or from female turtles that were sadly killed on the road. The hatchlings will live at the Aquarium for up to one year, until ready for release into protected marsh habitat. After a year of head-starting, they will be much more likely to survive to adulthood and reproduce, contributing to the next generation of their species.

The head-start program will also place baby terrapins in elementary school classrooms, where they will inspire the next generation of coastal conservationists!

Your visit today helps us protect and care for these tiny turtles.



Terrapin Head Start Project



Urban Native Greens



NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

Program Update



Farm Expansion Plan



Shell Volunteer Day

WATER QUALITY

Program Update



**EPA National Nonpoint Source
Training Presentations**



Fish Kill

MARINE DEBRIS

Program Update



**Keep LA Beautiful
Grant Award**



**Litter Gitter
Installation**



**Green Team
Avg. 57 bags per
clean up**

ENGAGEMENT

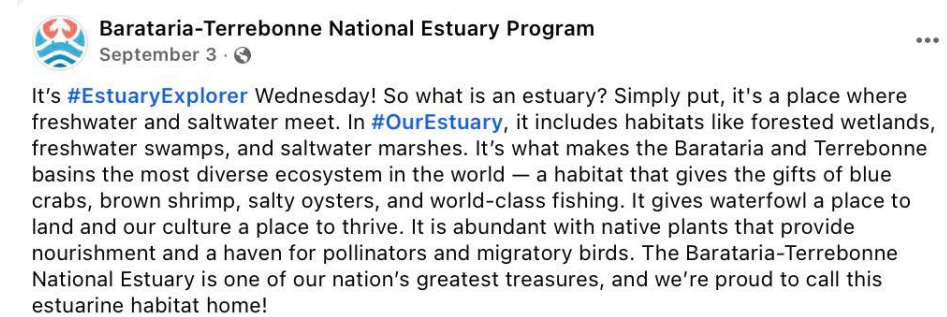
Estuary Explorer Campaign Update



Community
Presentations



Rougarou
Fest



Did you know?
Our estuary has the largest watershed of all the National Estuary Programs?



ESTUARY**EXPLORER**

Digital Media

EDUCATION

Program Update



Claude and Clawdette's Estuary Adventure

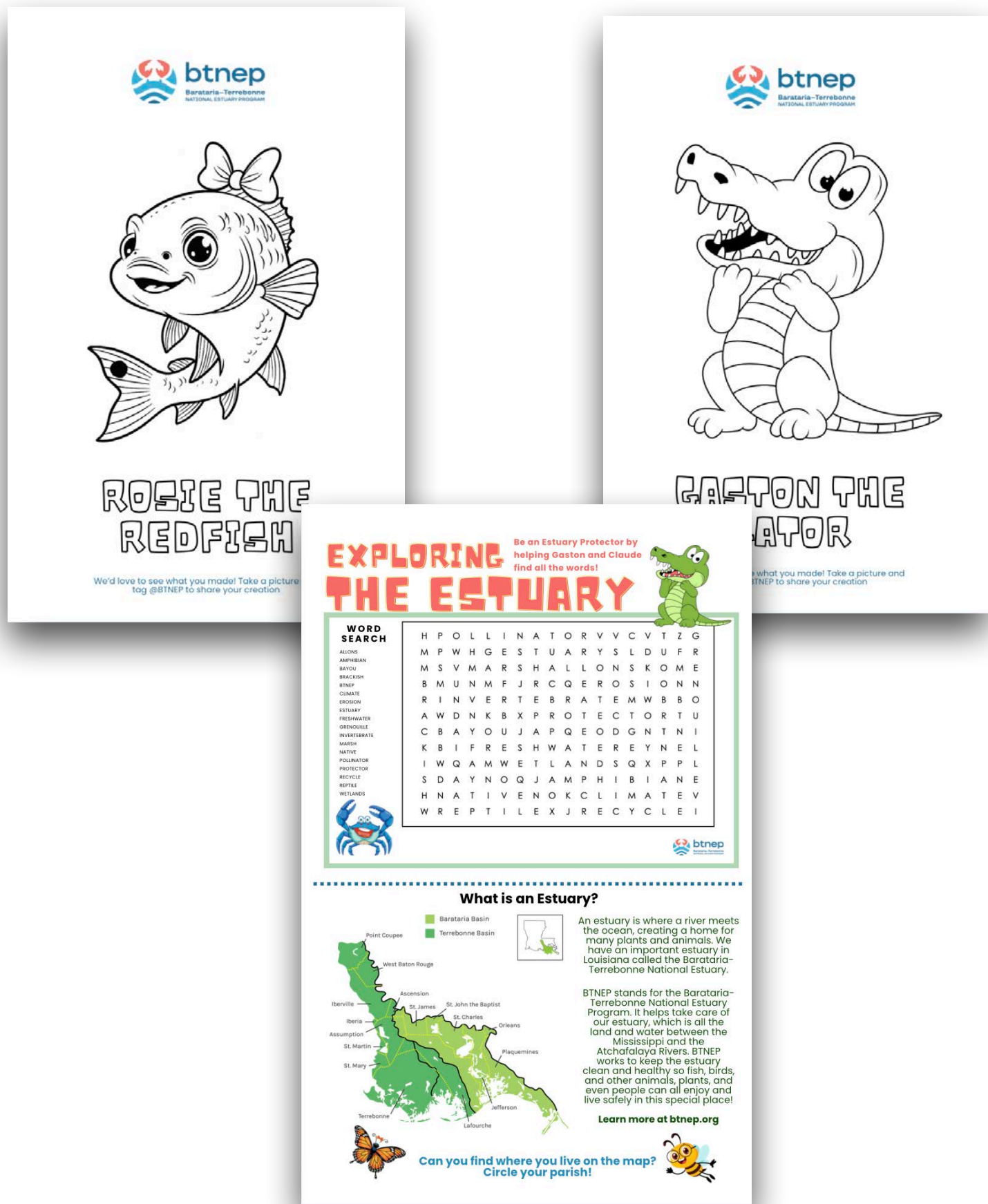


- Pre-K to 5th grade
- Join the blue crabs Claude and Clawdette (and some of their special friends) on a trip through the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary System! Learn about Louisiana's different estuary habitats -- like wetlands, swamps and marshes -- and the critters that depend on healthy land and water to live there.
- Sponsored by the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program

Estuary Field Trip at BCCM



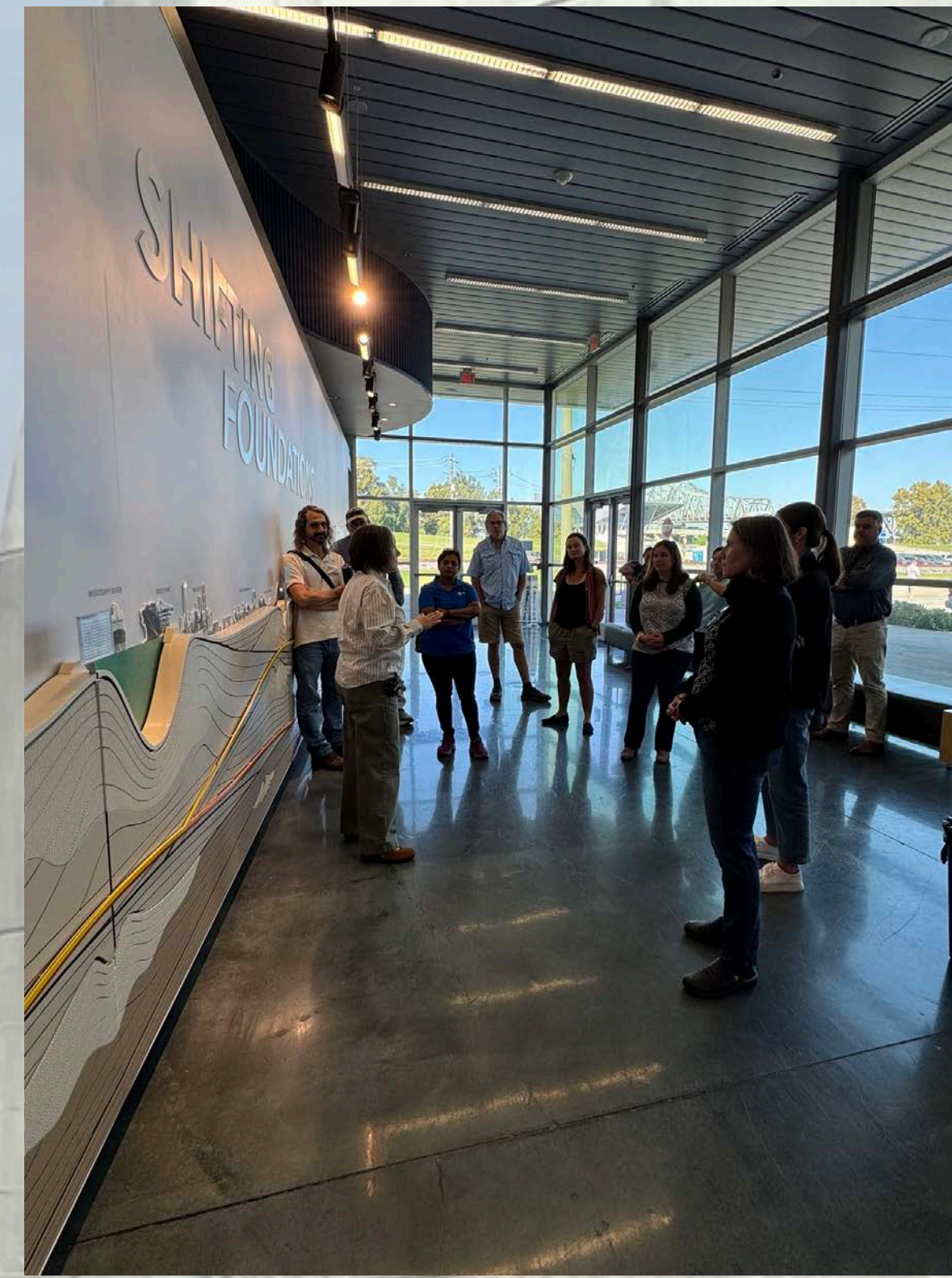
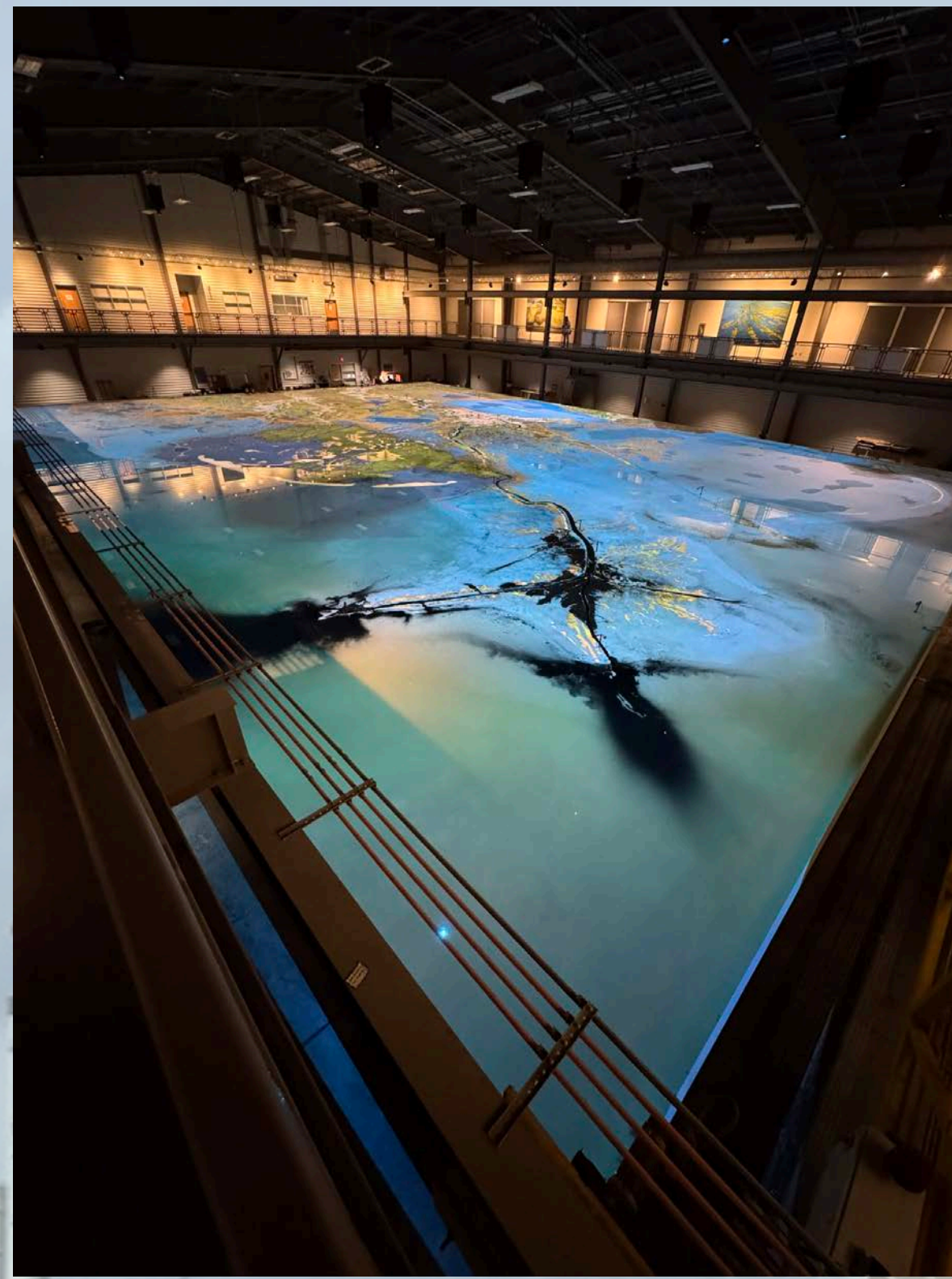
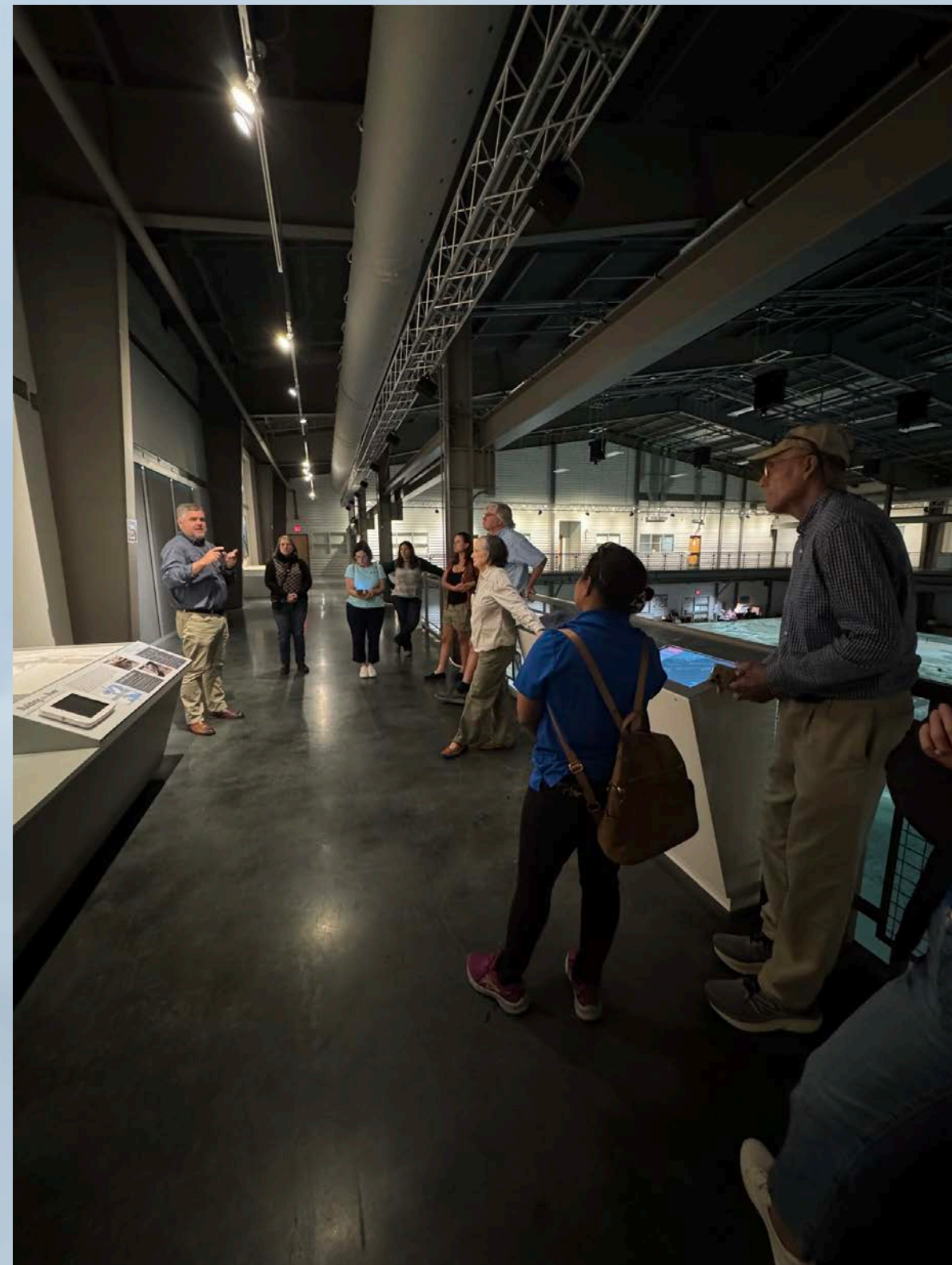
Ocean Commotion



Restaurant Activity Sheets

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Staff Field Trip



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Nov. 14:** Bayou Culture Collaborative Presentation on “Preserving Place and Personality, the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program”
- **Nov. 18:** Project Solicitation Webinar
- **Jan 3:** Thibodaux Christmas Bird Count
- **March 14:** Mini Paddle Bayou Lafourche at St. Patrick’s Day on the Bayou in Thibodaux
- **April 18:** BTNEP’s Bayou Cleanup (Lafourche and Terrebonne)



UPPER ESTUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Ascension, Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge

- Engaging Primary and Secondary Students in Citizen Science through Purple Martin Conservation
- Tracking Swallow-Tailed Kite Use of the Barataria-Terrebonne Basin and Beyond
- Upper Barataria-Terrebonne Watershed Education Project
- Management of Coral Ardisia in Louisiana
- Identification of Critical Attractants to Improve Monitoring of Classical Biological Control Agents of the Emerald Ash Borer within the BTNE

“NOWHERE BETTER THAN HERE”

By local author Sarah Guillory, teacher at Brusy High School

