

Houston Environmental Resources for Educators

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May Meet Ups

Join us on Fridays in May for short, "superpowers" sessions led by Houston educators. Walk away with new knowledge and new friends.

May 8: Tech Tools Teachers are Using Today

May 15: Nine Natives

May 22: Microplastics in the Gulf



Details and registration on this [Google Form](#).

Format: 10 minute presentation on local topic, followed by 15 minutes of Q&A and community-building time.

The sessions are offered at two times on the same day (10 a.m. and 3 p.m.) to ensure smaller groups and more opportunity to connect with fellow environmental educators in Houston. Think you know that Supergirl?

Email your guess to [Alicia](#); winner gets their Superhero picture in the next newsletter.

Classroom Resources

Urban Harvest recently published a School Gardening Guide. Download a [free copy off their website](#) to learn how to grow and teach about many highly-likely-to-succeed vegetables in the Greater Houston area.

Galveston Bay Foundation published five "[At Home With The Bay](#)" virtual lessons, including videos, labs, conservation crafts, talks with biologists and enrichment activities. Each lesson comes with an accompanying activity guide, available [in Google Drive](#).

Applications are now being accepted for the [NOAA Ocean Guardian School program](#), in which preK-12 students can use school- or community-based projects to help make a difference in the health and protection of their local watersheds (including Texas's own [Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary](#)). Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2020. For more information, visit [noaa.gov](#).

Applications are now being accepted for the [Learning Landscapes Grant Program](#) to support building or improving educational outdoor spaces. Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2020. For more information, visit the [Alliance for Water Efficiency](#). This program includes three school lessons focused on outdoor water efficiency for grades 3 - 8.

Need a quick, fun lesson? Let the kids make a water purification kit from scavenged household items. Find all the resources you need on this [Instructable](#) from Elequa.



Urban Harvest

May 29 is the last day to submit artwork from K-12 students for the Keep Texas Beautiful & Don't Mess with Texas [Art Contest for the 2021 Calendar](#).

Additional resources aggregated on the [HEREinHouston.org website](http://HEREinHouston.org).

Virtual EE Events in May

May 1 - "Capturing and Sharing Ecosystems Using Smartphone Apps," a workshop with Jaime Gonzalez of The Nature Conservancy. [Register in advance](#).

May 1 - "A Robot for Every Child - Virtual Summer Camp," a webinar from STEM Learning Ecosystems and UBTECH on how to bring virtual camps to students. [Register in advance](#).

May 5 - "Connecting to the Latino Community in the Age of COVID-19," a webinar from NAAEE. [Registration link](#).

May 6 - Virtually WILD Texas, a program of [Houston Community Partnerships & Engagement](#), goes to the Nash Prairie Preserve in Brazoria. Registration and additional information on the [Region 4 website](#).

May 6 - Postponed: Environmental Educators Exchange meeting at Memorial Park. Stay tuned for a fall play date at the park!

May 9 - World Migratory Bird Day with Houston Audubon is on [Facebook](#), featuring contests, presentations and videos.

May 16 - Bay Day Festival with Galveston Bay Foundation on their [website](#) and [Facebook](#). Participate by [submitting a video](#) by May 1. Contact [Emily](#).

May 31 - "Discovering our Texas Native Lady Beetles," a webinar hosted by Christ the King Evangelical Church's EE program. [Registration on Eventbrite](#).

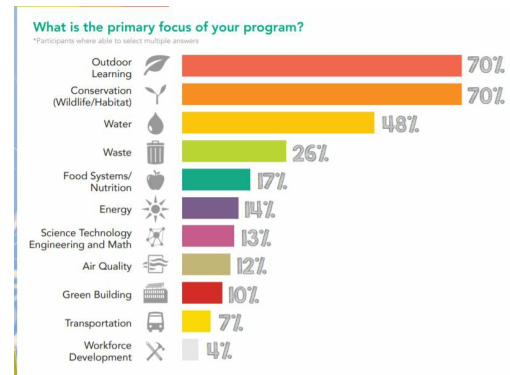
Weekdays at 11, join the Houston Zoo on [Facebook](#). They have accompanying activities for every "Bringing the Zoo to You" encounter [on their website](#).



Informal Educators

Join the Citizens' Environmental Coalition at our premier space in the exhibition hall at the Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching (CAST) in Houston in November. Reach 5,000 teachers, and promote our environmental educators in Houston. Contact [Alicia](#) if you would like to be part of the action.

Spend some time looking at "[Gen:Thrive](#)" from EcoRise. [Here's a link](#) to a dashboard of data; imagine the power of these tools and the collective impact we can make in the region.



Deadlines Approaching

May 8 - The [Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching](#) (CAST) is November 5 - 7, 2020, in Houston. To promote quality environmental education at one of the nation's premier conferences, please consider [submitting a presentation](#) about EE.



May 15 - Join the Citizens' Environmental Coalition on August 7 for the Greater Houston Environmental Summit. Submit your proposal for a 20 minute table talk with [this Google form](#). Note: hosts receive complimentary registration. Contact [Alicia](#) if you have questions.

June 15 - Applications close for scholarships to CAST. Details on the [STAT website](#).

Finally...

Take a moment to see what's on Bolivar Flats with the [webcam from Houston Audubon](#). Remember [World Migratory Bird Day](#) is celebrated on May 9.

Contact [Alicia](#) to add anything to [HEREinHouston.org](#) or to the Houston EE community. Have a great day, and we'll see you at a May Meet Up!



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