



Houston Environmental Resources for Educators

Regional Professional Development Calendar is HERE

Children are happier, healthier and smarter when they spend time in nature. Teachers, you can spend time learning about Houston's wilderness at one of more than 50 opportunities.

- HEREinHouston.org now has a comprehensive list of regional professional development opportunities.
- Consider making a presentation about EE at a [conference](#).
- Distribute the [regional information](#) to your network. Let's work together to get Houston's teachers outside.
- Need more? Contact [Alicia](#) to craft a professional development with the right community partners to meet your needs.

Houston Teens Care About Clean Air Video Contest

The *Environmental Defense Fund* is hosting the 4th Annual "Houston Teens Care About Clean Air" Video Contest for high school students in the Houston area. Create a 1-2 minute video about air pollution/climate change and the impacts on human health and lifestyles.

There's some serious prize money up for grabs: 1st - \$2,500; 2nd - \$1,500; 3rd - \$500. Videos must be submitted by March 31, 2020. Contact Shannon Thomas at sthomas@edf.org or (832) 867-6202 for info.



EDF is offering a \$50 Visa gift card incentive for any teachers who get at least five video submissions.



ZERO WASTE CAMPAIGN

Students for Zero Waste Week invites your school to take the Zero Waste Week Challenge at school.

[Register here](#). Brought to you by [NOAA's National Marine Sanctuaries](#)

COOL SPOT SPOTLIGHT

[Jesse Jones Park & Nature Center](#) in Harris County Precinct 4 is a free, fun spot to host a field trip this spring. Visit on March 7 for the 16th Annual [NatureFest](#). Take photos in the space, and submit them by April 28 for their [photo contest](#).

HOUSTON TOOL BANK

Borrow shovels, recycling bins, tents, even coolers for your spring projects.

HIRE HOUSTON YOUTH

Post your summer internships. Attend job fairs. Encourage students to apply for summer work in conservation.

STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Share job postings around the country with students.



CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

Integrate [iNaturalist](#) into your classroom or program, and participate in a city-wide data collection project. Attend the kick-off event April 22 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, or invite [Jaime](#) or [Alicia](#) to do a training just for your group. More info on the [City Nature Challenge website](#) and check out the [EDUCATORS TOOLKIT](#).

VIRTUALLY WILD! TEXAS



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Take your Students on a Virtual Field Trip. Interact with naturalists LIVE from unique ecosystems near Houston. **March 3**, join scientists from the Gulf Bird Observatory and The Nature Conservancy in Texas as they explore the mysterious and beautiful Columbia Bottomlands ecosystem of the Texas coast.

Conservationists are racing to save and restore this ancient ecosystem because it is a critical stopover spot for migratory birds. **Free sign up and full calendar available on the [ESC webpage](#).**

LET'S GET TOGETHER on May 6. [Environmental Educators Exchange](#) is open to all educators to network, learn and share. Meet at Memorial Park Conservancy to learn about iNaturalist, go on a scavenger hunt, and see the latest resources from Texas A&M Forest Service and Caroline Cruz. Details/RSVP on [Eventbrite](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for GROUPS of STUDENTS

March 28, [Trash Bash](#) at multiple sites

April 19, [Earth Day Houston at Discovery Green](#)

May 16, [Bay Day in Kemah](#)



Finally, Ashley the CEC Intern had great fun taking a look behind the scenes at the Houston Botanical Gardens. Shout out to Ayanna for the fantastic tour... and a shout out to all of you working with our youth to build an environmentally-literate community.

Like the updates? Please send this [link](#) to a friend so they can sign up for communications from [Citizens' Environmental Coalition](#) or [follow HERE](#) on Facebook.

