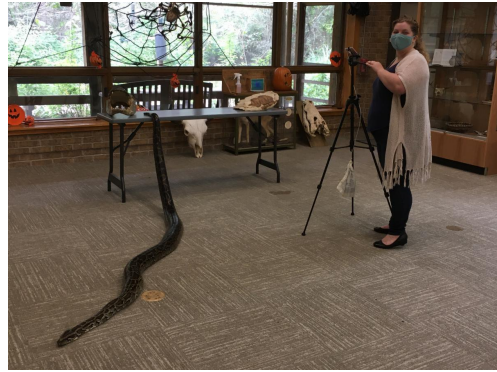


# Houston Environmental Resources for Educators



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A program of the [Citizens' Environmental Coalition](#), **HERE in Houston** offers ways to connect our environmental community of educators. Our spooky banner picture includes Lucky the Python and Emma Wilson, the SCA intern managing [Virtually WILD! Communities](#), at [Jesse H. Jones Park and Nature Center](#).

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## Virtual Meet Ups

Calling our environmental educators (EEvengers)! Let's get together to connect, collaborate and share.

- Nov. 6 hear from Kelly Martin (American Bird Conservancy) and Celeste Silling (Gulf Coast Bird Observatory)
- Nov. 20 hear from Sarah Coles (Texas Children in Nature) and Jacey Tosh (Texas Forest Service)

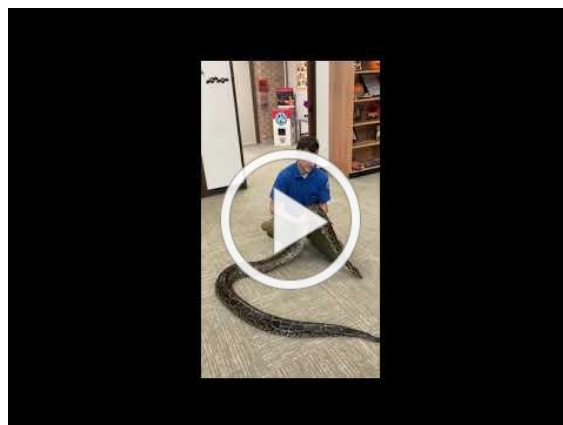


Join us from 9 - 9:30 a.m. with this [Google Meet Link](#) (or email [Alicia Mein-Johnson](#) to be added to the reoccurring Google Calendar invitation). This is a partnership with the [Texas Association for Environmental Education](#) and [Texas Children in Nature](#).

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## Profiles from the Field: *Green Jobs in Houston Series*

Encourage careers in conservation.  
Check back each week for more profiles  
on the [HERE in Houston Careers](#) page, like this one:





## VIRTUALLY WILD! COMMUNITIES

### Opportunities

**Virtually WILD!** Tune in Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Interact with conservationists across the region, and ask your questions LIVE as part of the synchronous programming. Corresponding activities, archived videos and free registration links [found here](#).

Need **cheap supplies**? [Schedule an appointment](#) to pick up \$5 bags of supplies from the [Houston Center for Creative Reuse](#).

Audubon Texas Estuarine Resource Network (TERN) and Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) are collaborating to bring a community-based citizen science program to prepare teachers and students in grades 5-12 as field researchers for bird observations. **Get free field guides, binoculars, and a birding expert to help you.** If your school is within walking distance of a waterway (pond, bayou, creek, ditch) please contact [Lisa Felske](#) to join.

Present at the Region 4 Education Service Center Science Conference. **Deadline for proposals is November 9, 2020.** Email [Hanna Roach](#) or [click here](#) to submit a proposal.

*Prepare for Adventures* offers **customizable classes** in Wilderness First Aid, standard First Aid, CPR & AED, Pet First Aid, Level I kayaking, Project WILD, Aquatic WILD, Growing Up WILD and Project Learning Tree. Professional Development hours for educators can be awarded. All first aid classes are affiliated with ECSI. All courses are taught by education professionals. Minimum group size of 5; contact [Kristi Pierce](#).

At the September 2020 State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting, the SBOE approved for first reading and filing authorization for new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for the following high school science courses: Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry, and Physics. The official **public comment period is open until November 13**, and can be found here: [TEA Public Comment](#).

The **NOAA Marine Debris Art Contest** is now open through December 15 for K-8 students.

[S.P.L.A.Sh](#) (Stopping Plastic Litter Along Shorelines) is currently creating and sharing educational programming about **marine debris**, the effects it has on our environment, and how we can help stop it. With lessons, data collection, and beach cleanups, the program aims to clean up Texas shorelines while also teaching children about science and nature. If you are an **interested teacher**, please contact [Celeste Silling](#).

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### Upcoming Professional Development

November 4, 2020: Texas Children in Nature hosts a workshop about equity, diversity and inclusion in outdoor spaces. [Registration link](#).

November 5 - 7, 2020: [Science Teachers Association of Texas](#) presents Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching

November 10, December 1 and January 19: [CELF Environmental Literacy Series](#). Participants walk away from each session with ready-to-use student activities focusing on the foundations of sustainability.

November 10, 2020: NEED workshop on Energy Education. [Registration Link](#).

November 19, 2020: NEED workshop on Energy Education. [Registration Link](#).

December 2, 2020: Texas Children in Nature hosts a workshop about birding with underrepresented communities. [Registration link](#).

## **Houston's Digital Environmental Resources**

A one-stop shop for digital programmatic offerings, categorized by TEKS, grade-level, & availability of virtual field trips and/or videos.

Need a virtual guest speaker? Check out the [DIRECTORY](#) of regional environmental educators.

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The mission of the Citizens' Environmental Coalition, after 50 years, continues to be to connect our environmental community. Learn more at [hereinhouston.org](http://hereinhouston.org) or [cechouston.org](http://cechouston.org).

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