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## **Wetlands Discovery Center Celebrates World Wetlands Day**

The South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center will host Terrebonne Parish's 11th annual World Wetlands Day celebration on Friday, January 31, 2020 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum.

Each year, government agencies, non-governmental organizations and groups of citizens worldwide undertake actions aimed at raising public awareness of wetland values and benefits in general.

Organized by the Convention of Wetlands, World Wetlands Day celebrates the importance of our wetland ecosystems with this year's theme Wetlands and Biodiversity. Our global wetlands provide habitat for thousands of species of plants and animals with over 100,000 freshwater species identified to date. Many of these species are now facing extinction due to pollution, overexploitation of resources, and invasive species. These problems can ultimately lead to habitat loss and have also contributed to the overall loss of 35% of the world's wetlands since the 1970s.

To celebrate World Wetlands Day, the Wetlands Discovery Center will host an educational event complete with hands-on activities and a tour of the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum in Downtown Houma. School visits will begin at 8:45 a.m., and the event will be open to the public from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

"World Wetlands Day gives the Wetlands Discovery Center an opportunity to give back to our community by inviting students to attend this field trip free of charge. We work hard during the year to raise the funds to be able to produce these programs. We're also very lucky to have several groups that partner with us to provide the hands-on activities during the day. These groups include BTNEP, LSU Wildlife Hospital of LA, and CWPPRA."

Terrebonne Parish's 2020 World Wetlands Day is made possible by funds raised by the Rougarou Fest.

For more information about the Wetlands Discovery Center or its programs, please visit [www.slwdc.org](http://www.slwdc.org) or call (985) 580-7289.