



Caddo Lake Scholars Program

Update

October 1, 1993

Colloquium held at Caddo Lake State Park Sept. 11

This year's Caddo Lake Scholars Program started up at the Caddo Lake State Park on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The colloquium/practicum was attended by about **150** representatives of the regional Texas and Louisiana colleges and universities participating or expressing interest in the CLSP: ETBU, Wiley, SFASU, Panola, LSUS, Centenary, Southern, Texarkana, ETSU Texarkana, Rilgore, LeToumeau, and TSTC. Other attendees included representatives of Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Historical Commission, U. S. Fish and Wildlife, Audubon Society, and Texas Committee on Natural Resources.

Collegiate and intercollegiate teams were formed to conduct and report on new research projects for this academic year. Many of these teams will create, demonstrate, guide, and report on the ecological and archeological "Discovery Sites" to be established at the Park for the Caddo Lake Discovery and Storytelling event on Oct. 23, 1993.

Oct. 16 is the rehearsal and team closure date for the Oct. 23 event

The Oct. 23 program will be rehearsed on Saturday, Oct. 16. Discovery Site Intercollegiate Teams can be formed or enlarged until Oct. 16. After that date it may be difficult for additional faculty or students to enter existing teams. Students' individual projects may still qualify for the awards competition if they are submitted in draft form by Feb. 1 and in final form by April 1.

There is an Awards Scholarship Challenge Match Fund summary included with this newsletter.

Grandfriends' Discovery & Storytelling will be at Park Oct. 23

The Oct. 23 program will involve 50 to 100 area grandparent/grandchild or public school teacher/student invitees.

These will be invited primarily by the team members or other organizations supporting the Scholars Program.

Because this is a research project, the number of invitees will be limited by the number of Discovery Sites and Teams.

Texas Gov. Ann Richards has confirmed her attendance at the 6:30 p.m. Storytelling session and the 5:00 p.m. Ramsar Dedication of recently purchased Texas Parks and Wildlife lands around Caddo Lake. Other federal, state, local, and international dignitaries are also expected to attend and to also observe the other Scholars Program events on Oct. 23.

There will be a Lake Cleanup event occurring at the Park during the morning of Oct. 23. This group will be invited to join the Scholars Program participants to observe the Ramsar Dedication and for the Storytelling session.

Discovery Sites will be subjects of research papers

Research papers written by the Intercollegiate Teams which participate in the Oct. 23 event will describe the setup, operation, and evaluation of their specific Discovery Sites. Research papers that are generated by the projects will be published in the 1994 Caddo Lake Journal.

These sites will be available for use as public environmental learning activities by the universities and colleges participating in the program, by Caddo Lake State Park, or by local schools.

Minority/Public School Ecological Education Seminar set for Feb. in Jefferson

Drafts of team and individual research papers will be included in the Midwinter Evaluation Seminar, to be held in Jefferson in Feb. 1994. That Feb. seminar will address Minority Environmental/Public School Education and Career Enrichments for possible use by local school systems and colleges. This was scheduled in Jefferson at the request of representatives of the Jefferson Minority Economic Development Coalition, who attended the Sept. 11 Colloquium/Practicum.

The Jefferson seminar in Feb. will also design a package to support a minority educational grant request for a local school system. This will demonstrate how local public school systems, such as Marion County's, could be supported by the universities and colleges in the Scholars Program, to provide enriched ecological educational and career opportunities to economically disadvantaged students.

The Caddo Lake Scholars Program will conclude in May 1994 with an evaluation forum and an awards program

Final drafts of research papers and all other projects will be due April 1, 1994. The students' work will be evaluated by a team of judges, whose standards for judging will be set by consensus.

The Caddo Lake Scholars Program will wrap up with the Final Assessment and Awards Program in May

If you need information concerning the C & Lake Scholars Program or the Oct. events, you may contact:

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Scholarship Partners Update

Basic Minimum Awards

In establishing scholarship incentives for research work completed by students, Don Henley is guaranteeing at least \$400 for the best student product at each university or college and \$400 for the most outstanding student on each intercollegiate research team which completes a research project.

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New Scholarship Partners

Many have expressed interest in also making scholarship grants. Scholarship donors, teams, and candidates should negotiate other details and file a written copy with the Scholars Program to obtain certification of eligibility.

Thus far, the following have officially offered additional scholarship awards:

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Texarkana College Foundation, \$400--to a Texarkana College student, individual or team member, demonstrating superior performance meeting the standards. For details contact Delores McCright, TC, 903-838-4541, x288.

The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches, \$250-- to an SFA student submitting superior work meeting the Caddo Lake Scholars standard, to be awarded by donor. For details contact Dr. Jack McCullough, SFA, 409-568-3601.

Caddoan Writers Conference, \$250-- to an individual or team for superior archeological or historical work meeting the standards, to be awarded by donor. Contact Stephen Hussman, LSUS, Shreveport, 318-797-5226.

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