



Wetland Adventures in Your Community **2008 – 2009**

The Lake Waco Wetlands is a cooperative community environmental education project. The goals of this project are to establish wildlife habitat and to provide educational opportunities for students and visitors of all ages. The Lake Waco Wetlands offers a unique learning experience due to its accessibility and to its rich diversity in aquatic and terrestrial life.

Research and Education Center Facility Information:

- An ADA accessible Nature Center with informational and interactive displays on the wetlands.
- An ADA walking trail overlooking the wetlands.
- An indoor classroom and lab that seats 30+ students.
- A 180-acre functioning wetland.

Programs offered at the Wetlands:

(If the activities below do not fit your needs we can provide customized programs).

Pre -K – 1st. Grade:

- Tour of nature center.
- Wetland facts.
- A wetland hands-on activity.
- Short hike overlooking wetland area.

2nd – 6th. Grade:

- Tour of nature center.
- Classroom program and projects.
- Hike of wetland area.
- Scavenger Hunt activity.
- Water Cycle the Incredible Journey activity.

Students in Middle, Junior and Senior High School will have a more specialized classroom program incorporating aquatic habitats exclusive to the Lake Waco Wetlands.

Topics include:

- Aquatic/terrestrial plants.
- Aquatic/terrestrial reptiles and amphibians.
- Aquatic/terrestrial Insects.
- Native Fish.
- Project Aquatic Wild curriculum.
- Wonders of Wetlands curriculum.
- Project WET curriculum
- Water Quality Testing.
- Watershed Monitoring.
- Microscope Study viewing Wetland Organisms.
- Scientist in their Natural Habitat: An overview of Baylor University's Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research (CRASR & BEAR) Baylor Experimental Aquatic Research sites.

Important Notes:

- Field trip requests must be submitted at least 4 weeks in advance of date.
- A supervising adult must accompany every 10 students while at the wetlands.
- Outdoor volunteer harvesting opportunities are available, ask for details.
- For more information contact Program Coordinator at 254.848.9654 or email at noras@ci.waco.tx.us or visit www.lakewacowetlands.com