



LSU - Louisiana Sea Grant's
OCEAN COMMOTION

OCTOBER 24, 2017

LSU Pete Maravich Assembly Center

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The Louisiana Sea Grant College Program invites you and your students to attend our 20th **OCEAN COMMOTION**, a special educational event that celebrates stewardship of our aquatic, coastal and marine resources. **OCEAN COMMOTION** is designed for K-8 students and their teachers. Exhibitors will present interactive/hands-on exhibits that give students opportunities to learn about and touch plants, animals and products of our wetlands, coasts and oceans upon which Louisiana's citizens are so dependent. Special emphasis will be placed on Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. Students will take home unique experiences and an expanded appreciation of Louisiana's coastal environments and the need to conserve our resources.

OCEAN COMMOTION 2017 will take place at the LSU Pete Maravich Assembly Center (PMAC) on **Tuesday OCTOBER 24, 2017**, from **8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Exhibit viewing will be divided into **two time slots**, each for two hours, with the first reserved for 5-8th grade students and the second reserved for K-4th students. Please incorporate the event into the academic work of your students. **Reservations are required and space is limited.** There is *no cost* for admission but you **MUST** be registered with a school to attend. **Registration begins on August 16th.** Registrations received **before August 16 will NOT be accepted.** Registration for each viewing session is limited to avoid over-crowding at exhibits. Schools planning to visit **OCEAN COMMOTION must ensure that there is at least one adult chaperone for every 10 students and no more than one adult per 5 students.** Students must stay with their chaperones during their walk through the exhibits. **Lunch is not provided and food will not be sold.**



Invited exhibitors include a variety of state and federal agencies, educational groups and private organizations whose activities cover a wide range of ocean, freshwater, wetland and coastal-related topics. Last year we had 70 exhibits. Included were NOAA's Weather Service, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, several LSU departments and student organizations, Louisiana Departments of Environmental Quality, Wildlife and Fisheries, and Natural Resources, LUMCON, the Audubon Aquarium and many others. A list of participating exhibitors will be posted on our website along with photos and a short video of the event at www.laseagrant.org/education/projects/ocean-commotion/.



Registration may be completed by mail, fax or online after **August 16, 2017** at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCteacher2017>. Teachers will receive a notification that their registration has been received and is complete or incomplete the day it arrives. If incomplete, you may resubmit your completed registration. **This notice does NOT confirm your spot.** Within two weeks you will receive confirmation for your spot at Ocean Commotion. A packet of teaching materials will be mailed 2-3 weeks before the event. This packet will contain links to aquatic and/or coast-related activities that teachers can use in class to prepare their students for the event. Some exhibitors will have copies

of teaching materials for teachers. These can be picked up at each individual booth.

We encourage teachers to help their students make the most of this educational experience. This event provides an opportunity for students to participate in a wide range of hands-on activities that are intended to be learning experiences. We strongly encourage teachers to approach this event as an extension of their classroom and to help students make the most of the learning experience. A registration form for schools to attend **OCEAN COMMOTION 2017** is on the back.

Sincerely,
Dianne Lindstedt
Ocean Commotion Coordinator
Louisiana Sea Grant College Program

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