

Post-Field Trip Classroom Activities

- Write to your legislators, asking them to help with rebuilding the coast. Request a response. Find your Congress members at <http://www.govtrack.us>
- Make mini-posters for a campaign: “Save Louisiana’s Coast,” “Keep Our Water Clean,” “Keep Our Campus Clean,” etc. Think up your own catchy slogan!
- Do a schoolyard cleanup.
- Create recycled art: Using objects from around your home or school that you would find during a cleanup (plastic water bottles, straws, snack bags, etc.), create a sculpture.
- Draw a single-frame cartoon or comic strip depicting an issue we face. (Think about clams, nutria, river otters...)
- Make a wetlands model in a shoebox top. Use materials that you can collect outside, like leaves, grass, sticks that can become cypress or tupelo trees, etc. You can draw pictures of wetland animals, glue them on toothpicks, and insert them in the wetlands.
- Draw and label a map of Lake Pontchartrain and its surrounding lake, rivers, and wetlands. You can also make a topographic map using clay or playdoh.
- Group reports – sample topics:
 - Trees – bald cypress, tupelo, red maple, swamp pine
 - Plants – cattail, blue flag iris
 - Mammals – otter, marsh rabbit, muskrat
 - Reptiles & amphibians – frog, snake, alligator, turtle
 - Birds – great blue heron, egret, king rail
 - Insects – dragonflies, water boatmen, damselflies, mosquito

You can find more activities in LPBF’s *Lessons on the Lake*, which can be found here: <http://www2.southeastern.edu/orgs/pbrp/lessons/index.html>

We’re currently working on an updated version of *Lessons on the Lake*. Stay tuned!

We love to see the work of students who were inspired by their visit to LPBF’s New Canal Lighthouse! Feel free to send us pictures!