



LLELA

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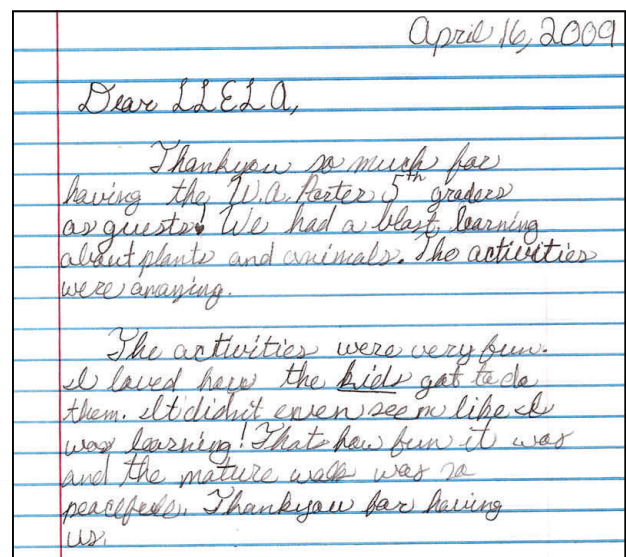
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A 2,000-acre classroom

Though LLELA is only open to the public Friday-Sunday, the preserve has plenty of visitors on the other four days of the week. The rich mix of forest, prairie, and wetland habitats here makes LLELA a wonderful outdoor classroom. Groups including public schools, private schools, home schools, and other community and youth organizations can schedule educational activities at LLELA. Our various field studies allow students to examine and document pond life, participate in a bird count, try to solve a wildlife “crime” as CSI investigators, compare terrestrial and aquatic insect adaptations, and much more.



So many children today don't get the basic outdoor experiences most of us took for granted as kids—many of the kids who come to LLELA have never seen an armadillo (alive), don't know that there are more invertebrates in a bucket of pond water than they can possibly count, and have never even been into a grassy area without being told to get back out quick (Snakes! Chiggers!). We strive to take some first steps to open an awareness in these kids. Hopefully they will “catch the bug” and reconnect themselves to the natural world. The number of students and groups visiting LLELA has continued to grow yearly. Over 6,800 school children, Scouts, college students, and other groups participated in field studies and tours at LLELA in 2008. You can learn more about our education programs at www.ias.unt.edu/llela.



What's Happening at LLELA?

**** Schedules are subject to change. Call the LLELA Gatehouse at 972-219-7980 to confirm.****



Homestead Open House

- January 16, 12 —3 pm
- February 20, 12 —3 pm
- March 20, 12—3 pm

Walk through LLELA's restored 1870's log home and smokehouse, a replica dugout, and an unrestored barn. Friendly and knowledgeable staff and/or volunteers will be available to answer questions. Currently there is no fee for this program.



Bison Tours

- December 27, 2 pm
- January 31, 2 pm
- February 28, 2 pm
- March 28, 2 pm

Learn more about LLELA's bison herd—their natural history, management, and integral role in prairie ecology. As the bison live in a closed area of LLELA, this behind-the-scenes visit is a treat. All ages welcome, \$2 program fee required per person (season pass holders). Reservation required; call 972-219-7980.



River Trips by Kayak-Power.com

- January 16, 9 am—2 pm
- February 20, 9 am—2 pm
- March 20, 9 am—2 pm

Whether you're got lots of river time under your belt or have never set foot in a kayak, you're welcome here! Kayak Power will provide equipment and instruction followed by a six-mile trip down the Elm Fork to a shuttle vehicle. Contact info@kayakpower.com or 214-669-1663 for information. Reservation required.



Bird Walks

- February 13, 7:30 am
- March 13, 7:30 am

Lewisville Christmas Bird Count: December 27. Call 972-219-3930 for details.

Accompany a master birder on a guided hike. Over 270 species of birds have been documented at LLELA, so there's no telling what you might find! Birders of all ages and skill levels are welcome, \$2 program fee required per person (season pass holders). Reservation required. Bring your own binoculars.

Mark your calendar!

LLELA's Earth Day Celebration: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 24, 2010



Fun activities for all ages:

- Bison Tours
- Guided Hikes
- Learn to Kayak
- Tour the Minor-Porter Log House
- Live Birds of Prey by the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center
- Dallas Flyfishers
- Many children's activities
- and more

3:00 p.m.

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