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NERR to Host July Adventure Quencher: Survival in the Marsh

BILOXI, Miss. –The Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) will host their July Adventure Quencher: Survival in the Marsh on **Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. until noon** at the Grand Bay Coastal Resources Center located at 6005 Bayou Heron Road near Moss Point.

This fun, family-friendly event is geared toward teaching participants how to be prepared for an unpredictable boat accident or breakdown. Eric M. Lacefield, author of the book, *Survival in the Marsh*, will be on-hand to teach participants just what to do if you are stranded. Lacefield worked as a marine researcher for the State of Louisiana for 30 years and is now an EMT who teaches first aid and CPR.

“Knowing what not to do is as important as knowing what to do,” said Lacefield.

Lacefield will introduce participants to edible plants, teach them how to avoid hazardous animals and demonstrate how to make a safe shelter. He will also escort the group down to the marsh to look for the plants and animals from his presentation.

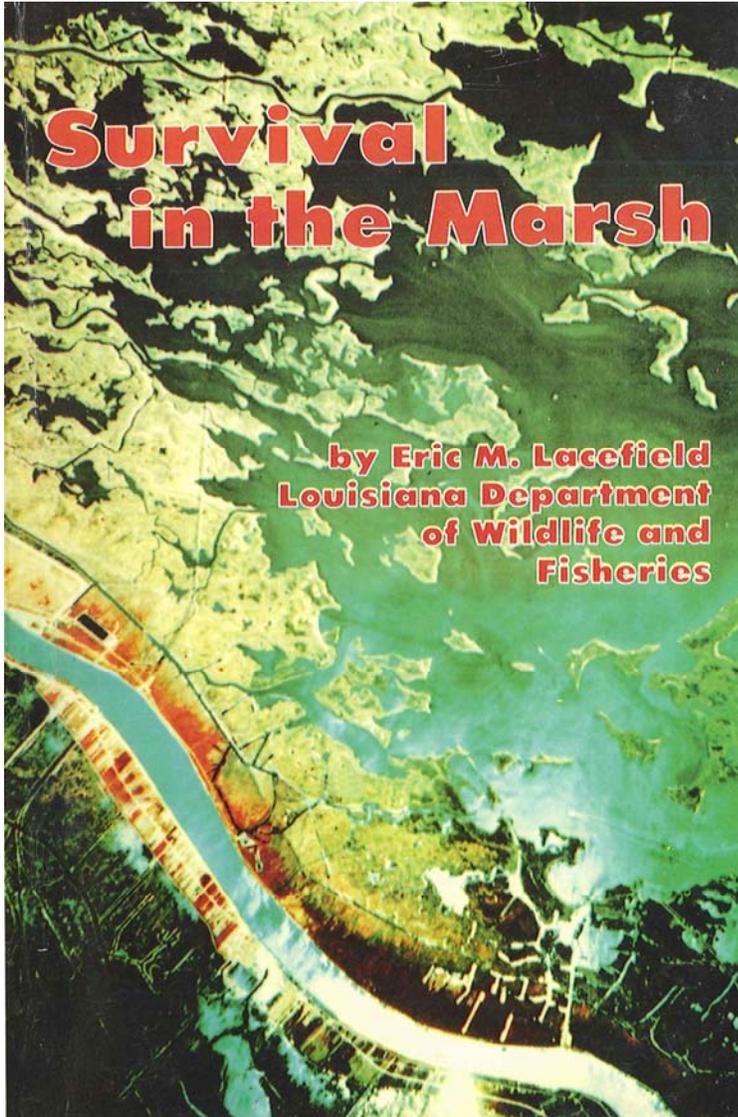
For more information or to preregister for the event, please contact Jennifer Buchanan at 228-475-7047 or jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov. Participants are advised to wear appropriate clothing, including closed toed shoes and bring a refillable water bottle.

The Grand Bay NERR is located in southeast Jackson County and includes wetlands and waterways from Bang’s Lake to the Alabama state line. A major goal of the Reserve is to provide for research coordination and dissemination of scientific data to the community and local decision-makers to provide sound information on which to base management decisions.

The 18,000-acre reserve is home to several rare or endangered plant and animal species and serves as an essential nursery habitat for numerous important commercial and recreational fish species. The Reserve is managed through state-federal partnership between the DMR and its local partners—Mississippi Secretary of State’s Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mississippi State University and the Nature Conservancy—and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For more information on the Reserve and directions to the Grand Bay Coastal Resources Center please go to their website at www.grandbaynerr.org.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

Photo A cutline: Copy of the cover of *Survival in the Marsh*.



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