



Crab Lines

A graphic illustration of a wooden pier or dock structure extending into the water, with a small crab on the end of the pier.

Dear Friends of the Estuary,

On the evening of Wednesday, November 1st, the BTNEP is hosting its kickoff-training workshop for its citizen water quality-monitoring program. This FREE workshop is for estuary residents who wish to learn more about what water quality means for the health of our estuary and get involved in testing the quality of water near their homes, businesses or camps.

The focus of this evening of food, fun and hands-on estuary learning is starting a citizen water quality monitoring program in the Barataria and Terrebonne basins. This program will allow ordinary citizens to sample and collect water quality data within their estuary in order to track trends and help the BTNEP and other agencies better understand how healthy these two dynamic basins are.

Wednesday's workshop will start with a barbeque supper at 6:00 p.m. at the Nicholls State University's Farm located on Thoroughbred Drive in Thibodaux and end at 9:00 p.m.. Participants will be able to learn how to test water quality using various testing kits and sampling methods in a fun, interactive, and hands-on way. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will become BTNEP Citizen Monitors, and receive testing materials, educational information about water quality and the estuary and additional training and social opportunities in the near future. Space is limited to the first 20 participants to sign up!

To learn more about this workshop and other volunteer activities the BTNEP is hosting in the near future, visit <http://volunteer.btnep.org> , or contact BTNEP's Public Involvement Coordinator, Joni Blanchard, at (985) 447-0838 or by email at joni@btnep.org. You may also contact Andrew Barron, BTNEP Water Quality Coordinator at (985) 449-4727 or by email at Andrew@btnep.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kerry M. St. Pé'.

Kerry St. Pé
Program Director