

The Legacy Approach to Environmental Education



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Legacy's Mission



Mission Statement



“To be Alabama’s primary source for science-based, environmental information and education, while cultivating a legacy of environmental stewardship for generations to come.”

Who is Legacy?



- 501(c) (3) organization
- Established 1992
- Dedicated to providing quality, fact-based environmental education to the educators and citizens of Alabama.

Environmental Education is a Partnership

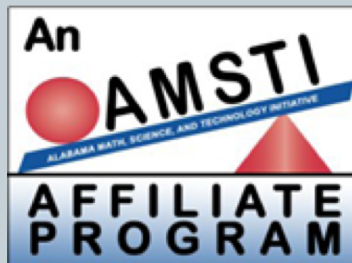


Partner with a variety of organizations

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- Based in Montgomery, Legacy, Partners in Environmental Education serves the entire state with a wealth of programs and opportunities.
 - Teacher Workshops
 - Scholarships
 - Grants & Sponsorships
 - FREE Educational Materials
- In fact, since 1992, Legacy has provided more than **\$2 million** in scholarships, & sponsorships/Grants.

Free Resources, Materials, Publications, and Models



Resources and Materials



- 11 Alabama posters

- Common Birds
- Common Butterflies
- Common Spiders
- Common Trees
- Fishes
- Imperiled Species
- Invasive Plants
- Plants
- Reptiles
- Soils
- Wildlife

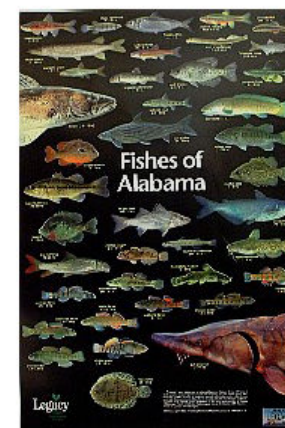
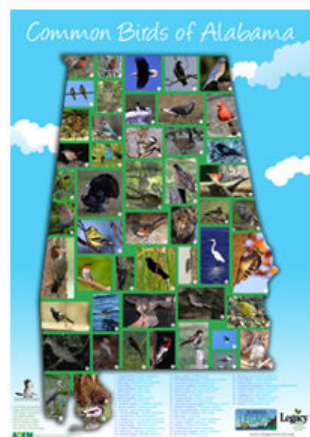
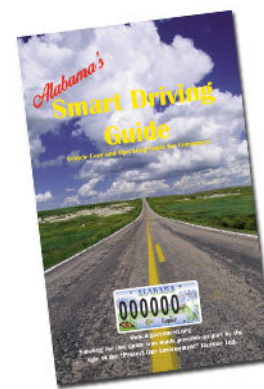
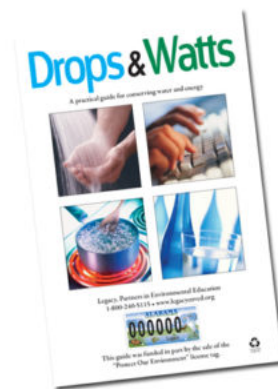
- 4 environmental education wheels

- Responsible Gardening
- Water Conservation
- Earth Saver
- Energy Conservation

- 2 coloring books

- 3 field guides

- Drops and Watts
- Help Yourself to a Healthy Home
- Smart Driving Guide



Publications



- “Learning through Legacy: Alabama’s Environmental Education Guides”
 - Exclusively produced by Legacy and are excellent tools for teaching environmental education.
- Over 4,000 hands-on activities for grades K-12
- Divided into the content areas
 - Natural resources
 - Ecology
 - Waste management
 - Pollution prevention
 - Glossary, and Resources
- The guides are available for free for all Alabama educators.

Publications



- “The Water Sourcebook”
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
 - Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).
- Over 60 hands-on activities per guide to teach students about water resources and water conservation.

EnviroScape® Models



- Legacy has provided several hosts throughout the state of Alabama with EnviroScape® models, which can be checked out by teachers, schools, or other educational organizations.
- Hosts include;
 - JSU Field Schools
 - Auburn University
 - Cahaba River Society
 - Landmark Park
 - Westminster Christian Academy
 - Environmental Studies Center
 - Legacy, Partners in Environmental Education.

EnviroBowl Competition



Legacy EnviroBowl

- 23 years!
- Double-elimination tournament competition for High School students.
- Participants answer questions on various environmental and scientific topics.
- Questions are designed to test the students' knowledge of the environment and related fields.
- Many of the questions are Alabama specific.
- There are several regional competitions and a statewide final.

Workshops & Excursions



Legacy's Educator Excursions



- Hands-on training courses for K-12 Alabama educators.
- Integrate environmental topics into their classroom curriculum
 - **Pollution prevention** (pollutants, sources of pollution, solutions)
 - **Ecology** (endangered species, food webs, habitat protection)
 - **Natural resources** (wildlife, water, forests, fossil fuels)
 - **Waste management** (recycling, composting, incineration)
- Elements of Legacy workshops include:
 - Hands-on activities taken from Legacy's K-12 Activity Guides
 - Educational field trips
 - Content presentations by environmental experts in various fields.

Legacy's Educator Excursions



- Length of Workshops

- 1-Day
- 3-Day
- 8-Day

- Meals and Lodging included

- Mountains to the Gulf:

- 8-Days
- Charter Bus
- 20-25 Participants
- Environmental Experts
- **Educational Adventure of a Lifetime!**

Internships & Grants



Darryl Gates Memorial Summer Internship Program



- 8 – 10 week Summer Internship Program
- Students work with environmental organizations with a focus on environmental education, environmental monitoring, sustainability and preservation of our precious natural resources.
- On-the-job training and environmental education opportunities.
- Limited to rising Juniors or Seniors enrolled full-time in a relevant undergraduate degree program in the state of Alabama.

Legacy Grant Opportunities



- Legacy funds environmental education grants annually through the Environmental Education Grant Program.
 - Funds for this program are allocated specifically to assist with helping to create environmentally responsible citizens through education.
 - Both public and private non-profit organizations in Alabama may apply.

Funding

- Revenue for Legacy's environmental education programs, workshops and excursions, and free resources and materials comes primarily from the sale of **Alabama's "Protect Our Environment" license tag.**
- Legacy Membership Program
- Donations
- Corporate sponsors
- In-kind donations
- Grants & Sponsorships
- Special events.



Thank you for your time

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