

BLACK BEAR CONSERVATION COMMITTEE



Quarterly: Winter 2007

BACK TO OUR 'COASTAL' ROOTS...

On December 13th, BBCC staff joined forces with US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), Maple Bayou Hunt Club, the LSU Coastal Roots Program (Roots) and students, parents and teachers from Pierre Part Elementary (K-8) to plant cypress seedlings in Patterson, LA.

Roots provides an active learning opportunity for students to restore coastal ecosystems and develop a sense of stewardship for natural resources. Currently, there are 18 schools from 10 parishes participating in Roots.

Students were given a demo by Roots Coordinator Dr. Pam Blanchard on how to use a dibble stick to dig the hole for the tree seedlings, placement of seedlings and fertilizer, and instructions on finishing.



Dr. Pam Blanchard of LSU gives a lesson in using a dibble to plant tree seedlings.

The students were then released into teams, with members from either the BBCC, FWS, hunt club, or school staff walking around to provide advice on tree planting.



Pierre Part Elementary 8th grade students plant cypress seedlings on Maple Bayou Hunt Club.

Nearly 500 cypress seedlings were planted to replace damaged areas on Maple Bayou Hunt Club property. Everyone had a great time right up until the rain came; at least we didn't have to go back and water the seedlings!

For information on the Coastal Roots Program or to get your school involved, visit www.coastalroots.lsu.edu.

MEMBERS TO VOTE ON CHANGES...

We are sending ballots of the nominees for seats on the BBCC Board of Directors out to our members.

One 'At-Large Representative' seat and two 'Landowner' seats are open due to the expiration of terms for J. Nelson "Buddy" Ball, III, Jimmie Monk, and Chris Clayton. Chris is seeking re-election to the Board;

