The CPC and the Brimstone Historical Society teamed up once again to bring restoration education to the children of SWLA. The program was held on August 14th on the grounds of the Henning Cultural Center. The children were full of anticipation as they were taught how to plant, tend, and love the natural coastal areas and wetlands of Louisiana. CiCi Richmond and Dondra Hayes demonstrated the damaging effects of natural and artificial erosion and damage as well as small but effective ways to restore wetlands to their natural habitat. The children were given small cups which contained seeds of native grass to help the children learn to give back to nature. This souvenir effectively teaches children the life cycle of plants and what it means to restore marshlands.

LSU Coastal Roots Program takes students from 3rd grade through high school in south Louisiana and establishes wetland plant nurseries at their school. Students grow native plants seedlings that they will plant in a coastal habitat restoration project in south Louisiana. There are 38 schools across 18 parishes currently participating in this program. The CPC has met with the Costal Roots to connect together and integrate this into Calcasieu parish schools. Coastal Roots has all of the necessary lesson plans and paperwork to supply to the teachers for seamless incorporation.

At the end of the 2009-2010 planting season, students have planted 42,680 tree seedlings and grass plugs on 121 restoration trips! Over the years, 4,867 students have participated in these planting trips.

The CPC highly believes in opportunities such as the Coastal Roots. We are proud to join with them and start new beginnings in Calcasieu Parish! The CPC will be donating $7,500 to the program to help with the expense of transportation of the students to the planting sites!