

Weslyan College

Flying Together: Connecting with Science through Birds

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Wesleyan College (Macon), in collaboration with the Atlanta Audubon Society (AAS), the University of West Georgia, the Henry County Water Authority (HCWA), and high needs Henry County School District (HCSD) and Cobb County School District (CCSD), proposes to extend the successful Flying Together program for elementary teachers. Flying Together, a 50 hour, 5 PLU program will work with 16 elementary school teachers and show them how to teach content outlined in the Georgia Framework for Science (grades 1-5) through an understanding of the way we are connected with birds, their lives, and their conservation.

Students are aware of and curious about the birds that are part of their everyday experience and observation; therefore, birds provide a familiar frame of reference for learning the scientific concepts presented in grades 1-5. With project materials in both English and Spanish, the project targets schools with Hispanic student populations with the intent of extending science and conservation principles in meaningful ways beyond the classroom to the families and into the community. This proposal requests funds to renew this elementary project that was developed and funded in 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17. Its sister project, Taking Wing (grades 6-12), was funded in 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15.

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