A fais-do-do, a Cajun French play and tours of the Atchafalya Basin and Avery Island will enhance the fifth annual Franco-American Conference being offered at the USL Conference Center May 27-30.

The group Cush-Cush will provide music at the fais-do-do, and Le Theatre Cadien will perform “La Table des Veuves.” The conference will also include concurrent meetings on French bilingual roles in education, community, youth and the media; special sessions on the genealogy of Franco-Americans, and a French Mass in St. Martinville.

The Franco-American Conference is a joint venture of French-Americans from Louisiana and the New England states. Its goals are to foster national visibility for Franco-Americans, to exchange ideas and to develop strategies for encouraging greater support of bilingualism in Louisiana and the New England states.

The activities are designed to develop friendly relations between out-of-state visitors and Louisiana natives. They provide an opportunity for visitors to hear local French dialects and to become acquainted with the Acadian culture.

Conference registration will be from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the USL Conference Center lobby. The cost is $10, and $5 for senior citizens and students.

The conference is sponsored jointly by CODOFIL, the Louisiana Department of Education, the Association of Franco-Americans, Action for the Franco-Americans of the North East and the USL National Bilingual Education Service Center.

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