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News

OTF's Educator of the Year

Van Bowen

Mt. Pleasant Junior High

video:

<https://youtu.be/xkrC6Gtk5XE>

3 Summer Camp Opportunities:

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Outdoor Adventures Educator Incentive Fishing Kayak

**Goal = 50 New Schools by
July 1**



Recruit a new school and receive a chance for a new fishing kayak! Every School joining Outdoor Adventures with an approved Purchase Order will earn the recruiting teacher one chance for the fishing kayak. Recruit 1 school – receive 1 chance. Recruit 3 schools – 3 chances. Recruit 10 schools – 10 chances, etc. All chances will be placed in a bin and the OTF Chairman will draw the winner. Kayak will be shipped directly to the teacher's home address.

- Incentive is open to all current Outdoor Adventure teachers across the country!
- Promotion Starts Feb 1, 2017 and ends June 1, 2018
- Winner will be drawn at the OTF's Annual General Meeting June 2019 (date tba).

But wait there is more!

With the first school recruited, receive an OTF gift. Gifts will range from an OTF hat, shirt, bag, umbrella, rod/reel, Dutch Oven, etc.

How to recruit:

Tell all your coaching buddies, Ag. teacher friends; fellow educators; principals; curriculum directors; superintendents; school board members and any school decision makers.

Share with them the following:

- Outdoor Adventures is an approved P.E. curriculum aligned to the National P.E. standards.
- Outdoor Adventures curriculum is used in Ag. Science Wildlife Management courses.
- Outdoor Adventures improves daily attendance, encourages extracurricular activities, improves self-esteem.

Contact Scot McClure scot@GoOTF.com for more details and additional recruiting materials.



Teacher Training

RSVP for each training. I have provided several dates for each training. Please check your schedules and let me know today! The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hunter Instructor and Boater Education will require some homework prior to the training. I will review the requirements for each upon your RSVP.

If you need training outside of Texas, contact your state Department of Natural Resources or Scot McClure to assist you in locating training near you. scot@GoOTF.com

Summer Teacher Training Schedules Arlington Archery Center 4215 Little Rd. Arlington, TX 76016

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 AM – 1:00	June 10
TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....	1:00 PM – 5:00	June 10
TPWD NASP BAI.....	8:00 AM – 4:00	June 11
Dutch Oven Cooking.....	8:00 AM– 1:00	June 12 w/ Angler Ed.
TPWD Angler Instructor.....	8:00 AM– 2:00	June 12 w/ Dutch Oven Cooking
TPWD Explore Bowhunter.....	2:00 PM – 5:00	June 12
TPWD Explore Bowfishing.....	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	June 11 – Dinner will be provided

Location to be determined – In the Dallas/Fort Worth Area

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 AM – 1:00	July 15
TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....	1:00 PM – 5:00	July 15
TPWD NASP BAI.....	8:00 AM – 4:00	July 16
Dutch Oven Cooking.....	8:00 AM– 1:00	July 17 w/ Angler Ed.
TPWD Angler Instructor.....	8:00 AM– 2:00	July 17 w/ Dutch Oven Cooking
TPWD Explore Bowhunter.....	2:00 PM – 6:00	July 17
TPWD Explore Bowfishing.....	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	June 17 – Dinner will be provided

TX Outdoor Skills Workshops (Orienteering, Rock Climbing, Dutch Oven Cooking, Birding and much more)

<http://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/outdoor-skills-workshops-seminars>

NASP – Basic Archery Instructor All NASP Instructor classes anywhere in the United States can be found and can Pre-register at: <https://naspbai.org/classsearch.aspx>

To register for any of the courses below please contact Burnie Kessner, burnie.kessner@tpwd.texas.gov.

April 6, 2019, Seguin, TX

April 13, San Antonio, TX

TX Hunter Instructor Classes - <https://tpwd.elementlms.com/> Select Hunter and then Hunter Instructor and type in your zip

code to locate an instructor class.

March 9 – San Antonio, TX

May 18 – Waco, TX

Oct 12 – Austin, TX

TX Boater Education Instructor Classes - <https://tpwd.elementlms.com/> Select Boater and then Boater Instructor and type in your zip code to locate an instructor class.

TX Angler Education Instructor Classes

March 6, 2019, 6:00-8:30 PM - Dallas, TX keira.quam@tpwd.texas.gov 469-644-2705

March 23, 2019, 10:00 AM- 2:30 PM – Lake Jackson, TX Terry Smith, tgs1123@sbcglobal.net (713)859-5756

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Educator of the Year!

The Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation (OTF) is proud to announce the selection of Mr. Van Bowen, a 31 year career teacher, from Mt. Pleasant, Texas as the Outdoor Adventures Educator of the Year for 2018. After considering a number of highly qualified candidates Mr. Bowen was selected because of his passion for teaching the 7th and 8th grade students at Mt. Pleasant Junior High School, and for making the Outdoor Adventures (OA) program come alive in his classes. His school principal who nominated him for the award said that Mr. Bowen helped create the program five years ago and he welcomed students who were not traditional outdoor adventurers. His students come from a student body that is classified as economically disadvantaged and is 79% Hispanic. Bowen sought to offer that segment of the school's population an alternative to a traditional physical education program. The Outdoor Adventure program immediately fit that bill offering its curriculum to anyone regardless of their social or economic position.

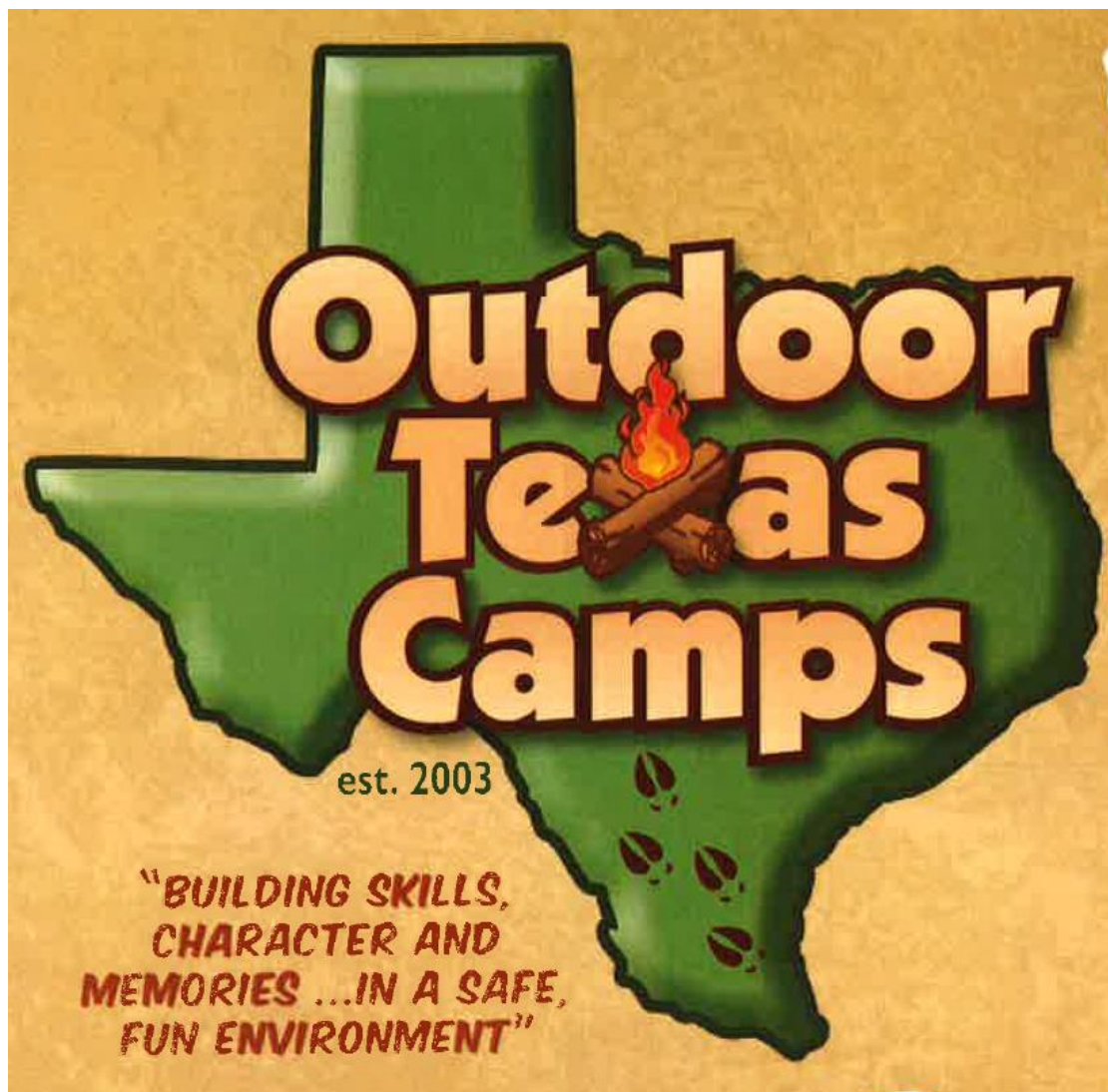
He uses the Outdoor Adventures program to teach his students the various facets of the outdoor experience – they include hunter and boater safety, archery, fishing, orienteering and survival skills, tracking and outdoor cooking. Teaching his students to prepare delicious meals using a Dutch oven over an open fire is one of his most popular segments. A highlight for Mr. Bowen is that he has doubled the number of classes taught during the last five years filling each class to capacity. In the past five years he has taught 325 OA students – 300 of those students successfully completed the Texas Hunter Education Certification while 297 earned the Texas Boater Safety Certification. During 2018, all 70 of his students enrolled in the Texas Hunter Safety course passed with flying colors.

Mr. Bowen has taught OA students in his small community for five years, but he is a career educator. Bringing his students to the Dallas Safari Club (DSC) Convention each year to take part in DSC's Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience (YWCE) allows his students to get a feel for the total outdoor experience not only in their community, but within Texas and the rest of the outdoor world.

Congratulations Mr. Van Bowen for having such a wonderful impact on the lives of your students and on your community. You make Mt. Pleasant, Texas a better place to live! Congratulations for being named the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation's Educator of the Year for 2018!

**David Price, Past Chairman
Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation**

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The 12 year history, and the future of Outdoor Texas Camps has been, and will continue to be dedicated to the belief that understanding and enjoying the great outdoors is a very important part of every person's life. The Outdoor Texas formula includes:

- (1) The **Best Location and Facilities** available for each camp,
- (2) A **Complete and Detailed Course of Study** on each subject taught, and
- (3) An **Experienced Staff of Texas Professionals** to ensure success.

Safety, learning, and fun are the goals of each Outdoor Texas Camp. Most Texas summer camps strive to become larger and larger, with many camps hosting hundreds if not thousands of campers each summer. Outdoor Texas has a very different plan. Outdoor Texas' goals are safety, fun and learning, and Outdoor Texas strongly believes that these goals are far more achievable with a small number of campers per camp. Outdoor Texas Camps have between 12 and 24 campers per week, depending on the camp. These small numbers have the following benefits; 1) personal attention and safety are maximized, 2) one on one instructional time is greatly increased, 3) a family environment is generated – ensuring fun and new relationships. Outdoor Texas is proud to offer the most unique camp experience available in Texas.

CAMP CURRICULUM All of the subjects and activities that are a part of the Outdoor Texas Camps are researched, detailed and executed in the most professional manner possible. The great outdoors of Texas and all of the hunting and fishing opportunities that exist within the state provides an endless teaching potential for the Outdoor Texas Camps. The camp activities are all designed to maintain and achieve the goal of safety, fun and learning.

CAMP INSTRUCTORS All Outdoor Texas Camp instructors are selected based on 1) their knowledge of the subject, 2) their field experience, and 3) their ability to communicate with the campers in a positive manner. The Outdoor Texas staff is no doubt the Best of the Best!

CAMP LOCATION The Outdoor Texas Camp locations are selected on the basis that each represents the best possible camp site in keeping with the Outdoor Texas goals of safety, fun and learning. Each camp site is dedicated to the subject and the activities of that particular camp.

OUTDOOR TEXAS CAMPS

Since 2003, **OUTDOOR TEXAS CAMPS** has, and will continue to be, dedicated to the belief that understanding and enjoying the Great Outdoors should be an important part of every person's life. The **OUTDOOR TEXAS CAMPS** formula includes... 1) Develop a Camp Curriculum and Activities that will not only be Fun, Engaging and Educational, but provide a Foundation by which the Camper will develop the Skills to Fuel their Passion; 2) Enlist the assistance of Highly Experienced and Professional Staff that not only have a Passion for the Skill & Activities they are teaching, but the teaching of the Campers as well; and 3) Secure the BEST Location and Facilities available that will provide for the success of those Skills & Activities being taught.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Most Summer Camps in Texas, and other states, host 100's of Campers each week, and 1,000's of Campers over the course of their Summer. **OUTDOOR TEXAS CAMPS** on the other hand believes that the only way to provide a Safe, Fun Environment to Learn the Targeted Skills is to limit each Camp to no more than 24 Campers, and no more than 4 Campers in any one Group. This allows for the following... 1) a Safe Environment for your Camper to learn; 2) the Instructors & Counselors to develop a personal relationship with your Camper; 3) a 1 to 4 Counselor to Camper ratio; and 4) One-On-One Instructional Time is greatly increased to ensure that your Camper has the BEST opportunity to develop and improve on his/her outdoor skills.

CAMP CURRICULUM & ACTIVITIES

All of the Subjects and Activities that are part of your Campers daily life at **OUTDOOR TEXAS CAMPS** have been well researched and thought out with the assistance of well recognized Outdoor Industry Professionals... and with Safety as our Primary Goal. Our approach to each Activity & Skill is to begin with a good, solid foundation that your Camper can grow with as his understanding, physical stature and passion continue to grow as well. Goals in each Activity are designed to be attainable to develop Self-Confidence and Self-Esteem.

CAMP INSTRUCTORS

All of the **OUTDOOR TEXAS CAMPS** Instructors are selected based on... 1) their Knowledge of the Subject or Skill; 2) their In-Field Experience; and 3) their ability to Effectively Communicate with your Camper in a Positive Manner.

CAMP LOCATIONS

The **OUTDOOR TEXAS CAMPS** locations are selected on the basis that each represents the BEST POSSIBLE CAMP SITE to facilitate that particular camps activities, while keeping with the **OUTDOOR TEXAS CAMPS** commitment to Safety, Learning & Fun!!!

FOR CAMP DATES GO TO www.OutdoorTexasCamp.com

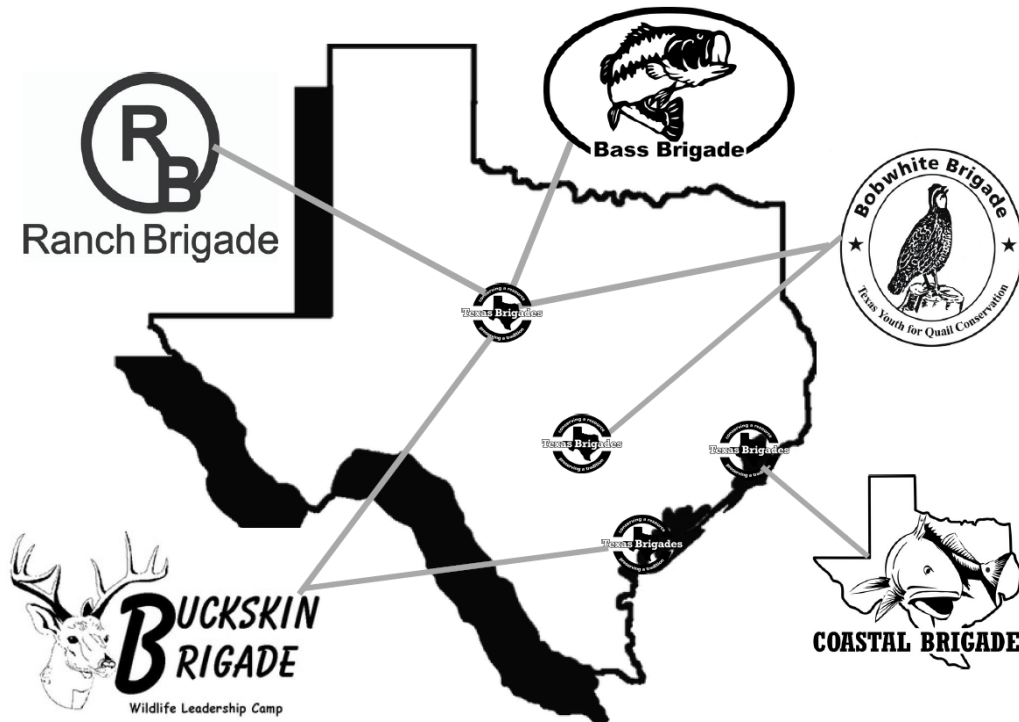


YOUTH CONSERVATION & LEADERSHIP

SUMMER CAMPS

"Conservation Leaders in Every Community"

ONE application for **ALL** of our 2019 Camps!



CAMP APPLICATION PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1 - MARCH 15

Our camps are wildlife and natural resource-focused leadership development programs. Cadets learn from professionals about the biology, habitat, and ecology of each camp's focus species while strengthening leadership, team-building, and critical-thinking skills.

- AGES: 13 - 17
- DURATION: 5 DAYS
- DATES: JUNE & JULY
- LOCATION: ALL ACROSS TEXAS
- APPLY ONLINE

Interested in attending or volunteering? Please visit:

WWW.TEXASBRIGADES.ORG

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The Delta's Feathered Forces Youth Retreat

If sounds of whistling wings from the great fall flight entice your senses, then the Delta's Feathered Forces Youth Retreat is for you! The intense, four-day camp centers on the ecology of ducks and other water birds that fly around Texas. You will learn about the importance of wetland ecosystems, aquatic vegetation, dog handling and wounding loss, predator management, natural resource management, duck calling, and how to identify waterfowl using all your senses.

The Delta's Feathered Forces motivates youth (ages 14-17 limited to 20 students) to become conservation ambassadors through team work, improved communication, and the necessary skills to become the leaders of tomorrow. All you need is a love for hunting, nature, and/or the outdoors and a willingness to learn. Come join us this summer in our outdoor classroom that is nested in the wetlands and flooded timber of the Big Woods on the Trinity!

Shaffdog04@hotmail.com or 817-304-0445 like us on Facebook as well!



**The Delta's Feathered Forces Youth
Retreat – LIMITED TO 20 STUDENTS**

The Delta's Feathered Forces Youth Retreat - SCHEDULE

Day 1-Thursday	
11:00 AM	volunteers arrive
12:00 PM	overview of camp
1:30 PM	Students arrive
2:00 PM	Welcome to camp
2:30 PM	Dismissal of guardians
3:00 PM	Pre-test and lab
3:30 PM	Ice breaker exercise
3:45 PM	Assign quotes
4:00 PM	Get to know your waterfowl
4:30 PM	1-Conc-Muscles & Skeleton
4:50 PM	2-Conc-Feathers
5:10 PM	3-Conc-Egg/Chick/Adult Development
5:30 PM	4-Conc-Internal Organs
5:50 PM	5-Conc-What ducks eat & why (Bills & Nutr.)
6:10 PM	Crop analyses
6:30 PM	Supper
7:15 PM	Plant/Wing of the Day-1
7:30 PM	Intro to Wetland Ecosystems 101
7:45 PM	Flock Dynamics
8:05 PM	Intro to Photography
8:35 PM	Trivia-1
8:45 PM	Thank You letters
9:05 PM	Dog Breeds
9:35 PM	Outside Leadership
10:35 PM	Duck Species 101
10:50 PM	Motivation or TED TALK
11:05 PM	Photo highlights
11:20 PM	Roosts Secured

Day 2- Friday	
6:30 AM	Dog Demo
7:00 AM	Breakfast
7:45 AM	Conservation 101
8:05 AM	Habitat lap sit
8:20 AM	Depart to Field
8:30 AM	Plant Collections
10:30 AM	Migration - 4 Flyways
10:45 AM	Plant/Wing of the Day-2
11:00 AM	Trivia-2
11:30 AM	Habitat Requirement/Breeding & Wintering
11:45 AM	Critical Thinking
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM	Surveys/Banding
1:00 PM	Regulations Process
1:10 PM	Survey Game - Wildlife Counts
1:25 PM	Duck Calling
2:10 PM	Habitat Mgmt 201
2:25 PM	Show me the Money
2:40 PM	Leadership/Critical Thinking
2:55 PM	Thank You letters
3:35 PM	Wounding Loss
4:00 PM	Duck 201 - More Duck ID
4:15 PM	Trivia-3
4:45 PM	Plant/Wing of the Day-3
5:00 PM	Delta talk or leadership
5:45 PM	Intro to gun safety
6:00 PM	Supper
6:45 PM	Shooting
8:15 PM	Leadership Activity
8:45 PM	Decoy painting
9:45 PM	Plant/Wing of the Day-4
10:00 PM	Roost report
10:15 PM	Motivation or TED TALK
10:30 PM	Photo highlights
10:45 PM	Naptime

Day 3- Saturday	
5:45 AM	Depart to Field
6:00 AM	Journaling or art
7:00 AM	Breakfast in Field
7:30 AM	Depart to Field
7:40 AM	Conc-Decoy Setup / dog demo
8:20 AM	Conc-Habitat Evaluation
9:00 AM	Conc-Capture Techniques
9:40 AM	Conc-Entomology-Dip Nets
10:20 AM	Predator Management / drone
11:00 AM	Hunter Ethics Skit
11:40 AM	Rocket net video
11:50 AM	Depart to lodge - Get Clean
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM	Conc-Mock TV Interviews
1:00 PM	Conc-Newspaper/Media Skills
2:00 PM	Wildlife Tech
3:00 PM	Policy
3:20 PM	Wood Duck Box project
4:20 PM	Delta Waterfowl
4:50 PM	Telemetry Activity
6:00 PM	Supper
6:45 PM	Shooting
8:15 PM	Trivia-4
8:45 PM	Duck Formations
9:15 PM	Predator Management
9:45 PM	Roost Site Reports
10:00 PM	Motivation or TED TALK
10:15 PM	Photo Highlights
10:30 PM	Roosts Secured

Day 4 Sunday	
6:30 AM	Dog Demo
7:00 AM	Breakfast
7:45 AM	Group Photo
8:15 AM	Duck Calling for score
9:00 AM	Shooting for score
10:00 AM	Trivia for score
10:30 AM	Final test and practical
11:00 AM	Any words from students or adults
11:30 AM	Top Flock
12:00 PM	CLEAN UP CAMP
1:00 PM	Pinning students or whatever we decide
1:00 PM	Recognize whomever is needed
2:00 PM	Snacks and dismissed

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*Tomorrow Foundation is to
teach outdoor education and to
promote and fund conservation
of wildlife worldwide.*

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