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OTF Online

News

- OTF's Educator of Year Application – Win \$1000.00
- YWCE – Application
- OA Curriculum Writers - \$25.00/hour

OA Student makes the news.
From Cancer to State Champion!

<http://www.fox26houston.com/good-day/morning-news/making-the-grade/making-the-grade-avery-speaks-pasadena-memorial-high-school>

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**Outdoor Adventures
Educator Incentive
Winner – Aaron Bednarz
Lubbock Cooper High
School**

**What should the incentive
for 2020 be?
Send your ideas to
Scot@GoOTF.com**

The OA Educator Incentive will start over for the 2019-2020 school year. Recruit a new school and receive a chance for a new award! Every School joining Outdoor Adventures with an approved Purchase Order will earn the recruiting teacher one chance for the award. 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. The award will be shipped directly to the teacher's home address.

- Incentive is open to all current Outdoor Adventure teachers across the country!
- Promotion Starts July 1, 2019 and ends June 2020.
- Winner will be drawn at the OTF's Annual General Meeting June 2020.

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.



New OTF Promotional Video Celebrating 500 Schools!

<https://youtu.be/0GgAyYEsZkw>

Teacher Training

Teacher Training outside of Texas – Please visit your state’s Department of Wildlife Conservation. Look into Hunter Education, Boater Education, NASP Archery and Angler Education. Many states will have additional training. Most courses are free. 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

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.

Oct 10, Palestine, TX	Oct. 19, Carrollton, TX
Oct 12, Wimberley, TX	Oct. 26, Grand Prairie, TX
Oct 12, Houston, TX	Nov. 9, Austin, 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.

Oct 12 – Austin, TX
May 16, Waco, 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

Oct 9 - Athens, TX – Keira Quam 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM 469-644-2705 keira.quam@tpwd.texas.gov
Oct 13 - Allen, TX – Keira Quam 1:00-6:00 PM 469-644-2705 keira.quam@tpwd.texas.gov
Oct. 16 – Austin, TX –SESSION 1 (MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS) Adam Comer 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM 512-389-4472 – adam.comer@tpwd.texas.gov
Oct. 16 – Austin, TX –SESSION 2 (MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS) Adam Comer 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM 512-389-4472 – adam.comer@tpwd.texas.gov
Nov. 9 – Pearland, TX – Greg Akins – 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM 713-201-8110 greg.akins@tpwd.texas.gov

WE WANT PEOPLE TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OA CLASSES ACROSS THE COUNTRY! PLEASE LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM AND SHARE PHOTOS OF YOUR CLASS' ACTIVITIES. HELP US CONNECT WITH THE FAMILIES OF OA STUDENTS BY SHARING AND RECOMMENDING OUR PAGE TOO. THANK YOU!



2020 Outdoor Adventures
\$25.00/Hour - Curriculum Writers

Need lesson updates/writers for the following units:
Hunter Education, Boater Education, NASP, Angler Education, Orienteering, Survival Skills, Camping, Hiking CPR/First Aid, Outdoor Cooking, Ice Fishing, Mountain Bike Camping, Fauna and Flora Recognition, Shooting Sports, Backpacking, LV Project, Paddle Sports, Rock Climbing, Challenge Course, Wildlife Conservation,

Need curriculum writers for NEW Units: 3D Archery, Tackle Crafts, Quail Conservation, ATF Safety, Live Trapping, Slingshots

New 2020 Outdoor Adventures Curriculum Coming August 2020. Begin writing January 2020, Finish writing: July 2020
Contact Scot@GoOTF.com

MOST STATE DNR'S (DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES) HAVE TONS OF EDUCATION MATERIALS. SPEND SOME TIME CHECKING OUT YOUR STATE'S DNR WEBSITE. FOR EXAMPLE, HERE ARE A FEW "FISH FLASH CARDS" FROM TEXAS:

[HTTPS://TPWD.TEXAS.GOV/PUBLICATIONS/PWDPUBS/MEDIA/PWD_LF_K0700_0692.PDF](https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_lf_k0700_0692.pdf)

HERE ARE MORE FISH ID:

FRESHWATER FISH

COMMONLY CAUGHT IN TEXAS



Black Crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)

Similar to white crappie, also called **crappie**, **white perch**, **papermouth**. **DESCRIPTION:** Silvery olive with numerous black spots irregularly spaced over body. Black crappie dorsal fin has 7-8 dorsal spines whereas white crappie has 5-6. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Deep water with sparse vegetation and still backwater lakes, reservoirs and sloughs with brush or underwater structures. **SIZE:** Averages less than 2 pounds, but can reach up to 5 pounds. **FISHING:** Small minnows, small streamer flies, small marabou or plastic jig and worms.



Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

Also called **bream**, **sunfish**, **gills**. **DESCRIPTION:** Deep blue underside of gill flap. Flexible, black ear flap and black spot on soft dorsal fin. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Vegetation and sunken trees of shallow backwater rivers, lakes and ponds. **SIZE:** Average under a pound, but can reach up to 4 pounds. **FISHING:** Worms, crickets, mealworms, small jigs, spinners, miniature insect crankbaits or flyfishing tactics (flies, poppers, worm imitations).



Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)

Also called **bass**, **largemouth**, **bigmouth**. **DESCRIPTION:** Jawline extends beyond the back of the eye. Dorsal fins nearly separated or deeply notched. Olive to dark-green to light green with yellowish tint. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Moderately clear to turbid, quiet warm waters in streams, rivers, lakes, reservoirs and ponds. Vegetation, live logs, trees, brush, shrubs and underwater contours. **SIZE:** Average from 1/4 pounds, 12-14 pounds common. **FISHING:** Crankbaits, spinner baits, jigs, soft plastics, spinners, flies, minnows, earthworms, crawfish, leeches, frogs, lizards and reptiles.



Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*)

Also called **channel**, **willow cat**, **fiddler cat**, **twister**. **DESCRIPTION:** Deeply forked tails, curved margin on anal fin. Olive brown to dark blue bodies, young silver with black spots. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Streams, rivers, lakes, estuaries, ponds and even shallowest of waters. **SIZE:** Average 1 1/2 to 6 pounds, but may reach 40 pounds. **FISHING:** Worms, cut bait, shrimp, liver, blood or stink baits.



White Bass (*Morone chrysops*)

Also called **sand bass**, **sandies**, **whites**. **DESCRIPTION:** Double dorsal fin where front spiny portion separated from soft-rayed portion. Dark gray to black on back with bright silver sides and white belly. Several incomplete dusky stripes or lines run lengthwise on body. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Large streams, rivers and lakes. Adults feed primarily on shad and always found in open water. **SIZE:** Averages 1/2 pound to 2 pounds, up to 5 pounds. **FISHING:** Small plugs, spinners, spinners, jigs, minnows and small crawfish in rivers, lakes and streams.



Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Also called **rainbows**. **DESCRIPTION:** Colorful pink or red stripe extending down length of body. Back is dusky olive and sides along with dorsal and tail fins covered with numerous black spots. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Cold water streams, primarily in the Guadalupe River, and stocked for additional angling experiences. **SIZE:** Average less than 1 pound, but can reach up to 3 pounds. **FISHING:** Fly fishing gear and small insect-like flies, small spinners, cheese, corn meal or even small bread balls.



Freshwater Drum (*Aplodinotus grunniens*)

Also called **garfish**, **gus**, **garfish**, **drum**. **DESCRIPTION:** Silvery gray above with shading silver sides and white belly. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Major rivers and reservoir impoundments. Sand and gravel bottoms. **SIZE:** Averages 1 to 3 pounds, but occasionally will exceed 20 pounds. **FISHING:** Crawfish, dead shrimp, nightcrawlers, minnows, jigs, spinners and fish or worm-like soft plastics.

SALTWATER FISH

COMMONLY CAUGHT IN TEXAS



Southern Flounder (*Paralichthys lethostigma*)

Also called **flounder**. **DESCRIPTION:** Flat-bodied, eyes on top. Changes color and pattern of upper side to match color of mud bottom of coastal bays. **HABITAT/HABIT:** In fall, found at the mouth of bayous leading into back bays and marshes, against marsh grasses, oyster reefs and spoil islands. **SIZE:** Average 3-5 pounds, but may reach 13 pounds. **FISHING:** Live finger mullet, mud minnows, live shrimp or artificial lures close to bottom.



Red Drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*)

Also called **redfish**, **red**, **fat red**, **bull red**. **DESCRIPTION:** Haddad bronze with black spot on each side of base of tail. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Feeds heads down, tail-up, searching bottom for crabs, shrimp, marine worms and small fish. Young prefer the shallow, bay water; adults migrate to the Gulf. **SIZE:** up to 50 pounds. **FISHING:** Live finger mullet, cut mullet, live croaker, live or dead shrimp and lures fished close to the bottom and gold and silver spoons. **NOTE:** There are stocked red drum in a few of our fresh water impoundments.



Sheepshead (*Archamia probatocephalus*)

Also called **sheepshead**, **convict fish**, **bay snapper**, **large**. **DESCRIPTION:** Black and white bars up and down fish's sides; sheep-like teeth. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Oyster reefs, barnacle encrusted pier pilings, bulkheads and jetty rocks. **SIZE:** Averages 2 pounds, but may reach 15 pounds. **FISHING:** Fish with hermit crabs, fiddler crabs, live or dead shrimp around pier pilings, rock grains, jetties and oyster reefs.



Black Drum (*Pogonias cromis*)

Also called **drum**, **drumfish**. **DESCRIPTION:** Barbels, or whiskers, on chin; young have black vertical stripes, absent in adults. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Shallow bay waters to Gulf waters more than 100 feet deep. **SIZE:** Average 2 pounds, but may reach 80 pounds. **FISHING:** Dead shrimp or pieces of crab.



Spotted Seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*)

Also called **speckle**, **speckled trout**, **trout**, **spotted weakfish**. **DESCRIPTION:** Silvery sides, greenish back and numerous dark spots on the upper sides of the body and on the dorsal and caudal fins. Mouth orange inside, one or two distinctive canine teeth, tip, upper jaw. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Shallow waters, near sea grass bed, reef or marsh. **SIZE:** Averages 1 1/2 to 3 pounds, but may reach exceed 13 pounds. **FISHING:** Live shrimp, live finger mullet, live croaker or artificial baits.



Sand Seatrout (*Cynoscion arenarius*)

Also called **sand trout**. **DESCRIPTION:** Large, orange mouth, one or two rounded teeth front upper jaw. Lacking spots with pinkish sheen upper sides. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Deeper bays, channels and shallow Gulf. **SIZE:** Average 3/4 pound, but may reach 3 1/2 pounds. **FISHING:** Dead shrimp or cut fish and jigs under lights.



Atlantic Croaker (*Micropogonias undulatus*)

Also called **croaker**, **golden croaker**. **DESCRIPTION:** Row of small barbels (whiskers) each side of lower jaw. Young silvery and older fish brassy yellow; short, irregular brown streaks. **HABITAT/HABIT:** Bottoms of bays, surf, shell spoil islands. **SIZE:** Average 3/4 pound, but may reach 4 pounds. **FISHING:** Peated shrimp, live shrimp, cut bait.



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OUTDOORS TOMORROW FOUNDATION (OTF) EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR APPLICATION GUIDELINES



Check out last year's OTF Educator of the Year Video:
Van Bowen, Mt. Pleasant Junior High School
<https://youtu.be/xkrC6Gtk5XE>

Application available to Outdoor Adventure's educators **Oct. 1, 2019**
Application deadline due back at OTF office along with Principal's Letter of
Recommendation (Can be sent separately if necessary). **Nov. 11, 2019**

Mail, fax, scan, email to OTF

DEF, P.O. Box 543305, Dallas, TX 75354, scot@GoOTF.com

Winner chosen by OTF committee **On or before November 18, 2019**

Winner notified by OTF committee **On or around November 18, 2019**

Winner will need to be available to do a video on or around the first two
weeks of December 2019.

Presentation of Educator of the Year Award will be at the Dallas Safari
Club's Annual Convention January 10, 2020. Winner will need to be
available to receive the award and \$1000.00 check!

Educators must have the following qualifications to apply:

- Taught OTF's Outdoor Adventures curriculum for 3 years.
- Completed Educator of Year application on time.
- Signed Letter of Recommendation from Principal.

Previous winners need not apply at this time.



Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation Educator of the Year Cover Sheet

Name of Teacher: _____

Campus: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Grade Level: _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date: _____

Principal Signature _____

Date: _____

Please return to

Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation

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469-805-2390

Note: Educator of the Year reviews are anonymous. This cover sheet will not be included as part of the actual selection process by the OTF committee. Consideration will be based entirely on your attached application. Principal letters of recommendation should not include the teacher's name or reference the school name. Principal letters must be signed. A copy will be provided to the OTF committee for consideration with the principal's name and signature removed to keep the process anonymous.



OUTDOORS TOMORROW FOUNDATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

Do NOT include campus or teacher name in this application.

1. How many years have you been teaching the Outdoor Education Program?
2. Explain how your program is inclusive of every socioeconomic demographic within your school and provide the percentages of male and female students in your program.
3. Do you provide off campus activities for your students related to the course, if so explain?
4. Explain how your program has grown and provide an approximate number of students who have benefitted from your Outdoor Education Class.
5. How has your administration and community been supportive of your Outdoor Education program?
6. Please include a 500 to 750-word essay explaining your program and the effect it has had on you and your students as it relates to any of the following: Hunting, Fishing, Shooting Sports, Changed Lives.

Please type answers and essay on separate pages and attach to your application along with principal's recommendation letter unless sending separately.



**Outdoor Adventure's
Youth Wildlife Conservation
Experience (YWCE)
January 9, 2020
Dallas Convention Center**



The Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation's Outdoor Adventures program would like to extend a special invitation to you. Thanks to a very special Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience (YWCE) endowment from Larry and Brenda Potterfield, the Outdoor Adventures program will have 400 students attend the Dallas Safari Club's "Adventure" Convention. The YWCE initiative is designed to educate youth on the importance of wildlife conservation and the role of the hunter, outfitters, conservation groups and local governments in the sustained use of wildlife around the world.

Agenda: 8:30 – 9:00 – Check In - Pass out badges, lunch tickets, convention bags.

9:00 – 11:00 Conservation Workshop Speakers will include: Wildlife Outfitters; Guides; Biologist and Special Conservationist from Alaska, South Africa, New Zealand and Europe; Wilderness Survival Experts, Wildlife Artist, Taxidermist, Wildlife Photography, Gun Smith, Shooting Techniques, Hunting Skills and Thrills, Laser Shot, Shotgun Laser, National Wild Turkey Federation's indoor shooting station, Turkey Calling, Bird Dog Demonstrations, Duck Calling, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Safari Box, Game Warden Wall of Shame, and much, much, more

The workshop will be set up for students to listen to several of the above-mentioned speakers and try out the shooting venues.

Noon – 3:00 Eat lunch and visit the convention

VERY IMPORTANT:

- The OTF will provide schools up to \$500 for Enrichment Funds to support extracurricular activities. The school may use the funds to pay for anything that assist students with outside of the classroom experiences. The school takes all responsibility for the activities outside of the school academic setting.
- All attendees will receive a backpack, convention badge to visit the Exhibit Hall and a \$10.00 lunch ticket. This is a limited opportunity for the first 400 students to register.
- Reserve your school and student's spot today. When 400 spots are reserved, a waiting list will be created.
- Once I have your reservation form returned to me with your principal's signature, I will send you parent/student release documents.



Outdoor Adventures Enrichment Fund Application

Maximum Fund Request per School: \$500.00

Please complete all blanks and get your principal signature. Scan it and email or fax to Scot McClure. scot@GoOTF.com fax (972-263-2801)

Each school requires a different format for funding student field trips. Please use this form and send it to Scot McClure to reserve your spot at the YWCE.

Outdoor Adventures Teacher Name _____ Date _____

School _____ District _____

Principal Signature for Verification: _____

Number of student reservations needed: _____

Actual expenses and addresses for bus, bus driver and substitute teacher

\$_____ Bus expenses to travel to Dallas Convention Center, 650 S. Griffin St., Dallas, TX 75202

\$_____ Bus driver expenses for field trip to YWCE

\$_____ Substitute Teacher expenses for Outdoor Adventures Teacher to travel to YWCE.

\$_____ Total amount requested (maximum per school is \$500.00)

Address to remit payment _____



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