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News

Explore Bowhunting Workshops in Houston, San Antonio Area this Summer

2 Explore Bowhunting Workshops in DFW Area this summer

Grand Classroom – Summer Trip for you and your students to Grand Canyon

Summer Wildlife Conservation Camp for students

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience – Jan. 15, 2015
 - DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event – May 3, 2014
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Teacher Training

New Teacher Training (Details on Page 3)

- TPWD Angler Education
- TPWD Boater Education Instructor
- TPWD Hunter Education Instructor
- National Archery in Schools Program
- Dutch Oven Cooking - CPR/First Aid

**\$51,562,020 for
Texas from the
Pittman-Robertson
Wildlife Restoration
Program**



EXPLORE BOWHUNTING



2 Explore Bowhunting Teacher Workshops Limited Space Available

Time: 8:30 – 1:00 PM

Houston Area, Friday, June 13, 2014

Pasadena Memorial High School, room 507
4410 Crenshaw Road
Pasadena, TX 77504

RSVP with Lloyd Love – Memorial H.S. Outdoor Adventures- llove@pasadenaisd.org
or Danny Yarbrough - Danny.Yarbrough@tpwd.texas.gov

San Antonio Area, Monday, June 16, 2014

James Madison High School
5005 Stahl Road
San Antonio, TX 78247

RSVP with Stacey Moore – smoore@neisd.net

Workshop is FREE Explore Bowhunter Kits (\$2000.00 value) will be given to several teachers attending the workshop.

Special Note:

Explore Bowhunting is an outdoor conservation education program focusing on interactions with people and wildlife. Explore Bowhunting teaches students how to interact with the natural world by developing basic skills used to bowhunt which focus on getting close to animals. Not only does Explore Bowhunting teach students how to interact with nature using ageless hunting skills, but it also teaches an appreciation of what is around them and enhances their enjoyment with the outdoors.

Teaching materials will be provided to every participant in this workshop.



Teacher Training RSVP

940-465-0366

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 Boat Safety will require some homework prior to the training. I will review the requirements for each upon your RSVP.

RSVP: scot@dallasecologicalfoundation.org

Teacher Training in North Texas for Spring 2014 – Location – Argyle, TX

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....New Time	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	April 18
TPWD Boater Instructor.....New Time	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	April 18
TPWD NASP BAI.....	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	TBA
TPWD Angler Instructor.....	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	TBA
Dutch Oven Cooking/First Aid/CPR.....	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	May 9

Additional Hunter Instructor Classes

AUSTIN	Sat Jul 19, 2014	8:00 AM	(512) 633-0164	(To register send e-mail to graciela@moonandback.org)
AUSTIN	Sat Sep 27, 2014	8:00 AM	(512) 633-0164	(To register send e-mail to graciela@moonandback.org)
COLLEGE STATION	Sat Apr 12, 2014	8:00 AM	(979) 845-4865	
COLLEGE STATION	Thu May 8, 2014	8:00 AM	(979) 845-4865	
CORPUS CHRISTI	Sat Feb 7, 2015	8:00 AM	(361) 853-8644	
COTULLA	Sat Apr 26, 2014	8:00 AM	(830) 591-4197	(@CHAPARRAL WMA)
IRVING	Tue Jun 10, 2014	8:30 AM	(972) 263-1219	(@Police and Fire Training Academy 2603 Esters Rd)
OLMITO	Sat Jun 7, 2014	8:00 AM	(361) 825-3249	
SAN ANTONIO	Sat Jun 14, 2014	8:30 AM	(000) 000-0000	(jthompson6@satx.rr.com)
SAN ANTONIO	Sun Sep 21, 2014	8:30 AM	(000) 000-0000	(jthompson6@satx.rr.com)

Additional Angler Education Instructor Classes

April 16, 2014, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Choke Canyon State Park, Calliham, TX, Caleb Harris, caleb.harris@tpwd.texas.gov

512-389-4472

Additional Dutch-Oven Cooking classes

April 12, 2014 – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Martin Dies, Jr. Park, Amy Kocurek amy.kocurek@tpwd.texas.gov 409-383-0144

April 12, 2014 – 2:00 PM – 3:45 PM, Cooper State Park, Jim Beach, james.beach@tpwd.texas.gov 903-945-5256

Teacher Training in North Texas Summer 2014 – South Grand Prairie HS

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 – 2:00	June 16
Texas Archery in Schools Program.....	8:00 – 4:30	June 17
TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....	8:00 – 2:00	June 18
TPWD Angler Instructor	8:00 – 2:00	June 19
Dutch Oven Cooking/ First Aid/CPR and Explore Bowhunting Workshop	9:00 – 3:00	June 20

Argyle HS

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 – 2:00	July 14
Texas Archery in Schools Program.....	8:00 – 4:30	July 15
TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....	8:00 – 2:00	July 16
TPWD Angler Instructor	8:00 – 2:00	July 17
Dutch Oven Cooking/ First Aid/CPR and Explore Bowhunting Workshop	9:00 – 3:00	July 18

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If you need a good book for younger readers. This is a news series by S.J. Dahlstrom. Check out his books and buy a few for your classroom.

<http://www.wildergood.com/>



Be Wilder.

The Elk Hunt: The Adventure Begins (number one in The Adventures of Wilder Good series) is a book of fiction for young readers. Twelve-year-old Wilder Good goes on an elk hunt with his mentor in Colorado. The narrative is classic adventure story, in which an idealistic, modern ethos of hunting evolves—one in which hunting is not just harvesting a mature animal for food, but is a process for developing relationships with others and for becoming a stronger, more courageous individual.

"If you like Hank, you'll like Wilder Good too."

John R. Erickson, author of *Hank the Cowdog*

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2014 DEF's Outdoor Adventures Educator of the Year - Jason Anderson

590 Student Enrolled in Outdoor Adventures at Allen High School



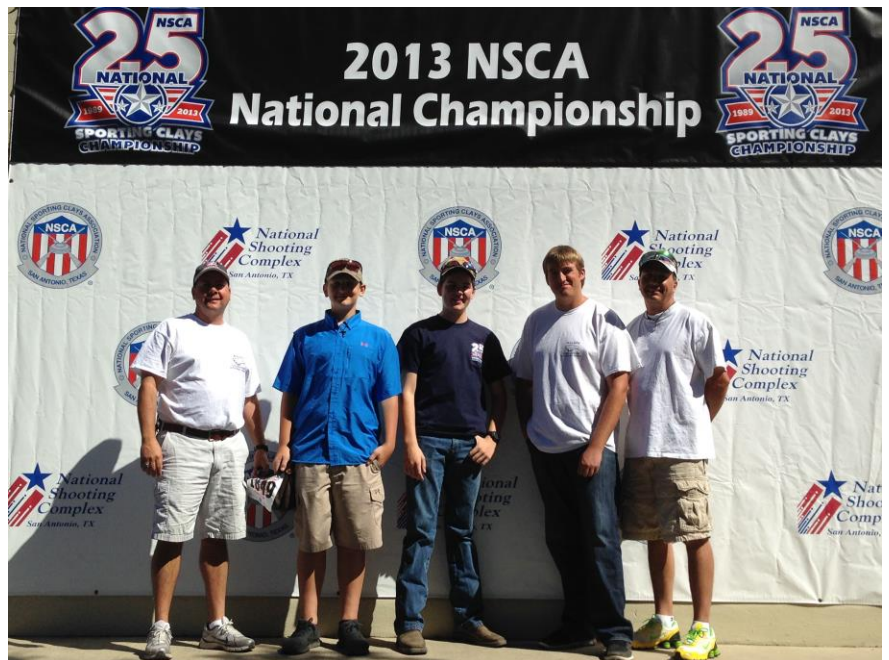
The Dallas Ecological Foundation's 2014 Outdoor Adventures Educator of the Year is Jason Anderson, Allen High School's Lowery Freshman Center. Mr. Anderson has an incredible Outdoor Adventures program where he teaches the course full-time. In fact, there is such a high interest in Outdoor Adventures education at Lowery additional teachers are required to teach the enrollment. Mr. Anderson is one of three teachers and the school administration is looking at adding a fourth teacher next year. The extra Outdoor Adventure teachers allow Mr. Anderson to offer an Outdoor Adventures II class. In this class, the students are able to expand and research wildlife conservation, outdoor skill activities and shooting sports at a greater depth than the regular course. He also organizes a field trips, organize an Archery Club, Bass Fishing Club

and the Allen Competitive Shooting Team. Allen I.S.D. administration is very supportive of the program. In fact, the school district completely remodeled the school's old Agriculture Building to make it the new Outdoor Adventures Building. There is a full indoor archery range, two classrooms, offices and rest rooms devoted to the Outdoor Adventures program. The school principal, Ms. Jill Stafford, loves the enthusiasm and hands-on experienced Outdoor Adventures provides the students. It is one of the most popular courses in the entire school district. Students love the class and a waiting list just to enroll has been created to meet the demand. The Physical Education department enrollment grew by 40% this past year. Outdoor Adventures grew 107% to 590 students for the 2013-14 school year. Outdoor Adventures students are enjoying numerous after school programs. The after and before school clubs in archery, fishing and shooting sports allows for hundreds of students to participate in activities that are unique to Outdoor Adventures. The students are able to shoot archery in the indoor facility and use a laser shotgun similar to help with safety and proper shooting techniques. The students compete in tournaments across north Texas. Individuals and the Allen teams have successfully competed at the state and national level with several teams winning state honors. Not too bad for a program in its third year.

A great video about Jason Anderson's Educator of the Year can be seen on the DEF webpage:

www.dallasecologicalfoundation.org
under the education tab.

I know the Dallas Ecological Foundation is fortunate to have Mr. Anderson teaching and changing youth people's lives. Thank you Mr. Anderson for all you do!





Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Wildlife Conservation Camp
P.O. Box 1400
Sinton, TX 78387
www.wildlifecamptx.org

"Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship Through Science and Education."

Event: Wildlife Conservation Camp
Location: Welder Wildlife Foundation – Sinton, TX
Date: July 20-26, 2014
Application Deadline: Thursday, May 1, 2014, www.wildlifecamptx.org
Contact: Meg Streich, wildlifecampdirector@yahoo.com, 361-364-2643

The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society invites high school students to the best week of their summer! The 21st annual Wildlife Conservation Camp will be held July 20-26, 2014 at the Welder Wildlife Foundation in Sinton, Texas. High school students that have completed the 9th-12th grades can apply at www.wildlifecamptx.org and applications are due May 1st.

Campers will experience hands-on activities led by wildlife professionals, which include wildlife and plant identification, hunting as a management tool, species diversity, conservation ethics, wildlife capture and survey techniques, wildlife tracking, predator-prey dynamics, white-tailed deer management, fishing, hunter safety, shooting skills, and much more. The week-long camp is especially recommended for high school students who are considering a career in wildlife management or natural sciences. Students will develop an appreciation for the outdoors through a priceless experience that they will carry with them forever.

The Welder Refuge is a 7,800-acre wildlife refuge and research facility with on-site lodging and dining facilities. The Refuge is home to beautiful coastal wetlands and south Texas vegetation, and boasts a plethora of native wildlife, including mammals, reptiles, amphibians and hundreds of species of birds. Campers will have the opportunity to view and study these animals on the Refuge.

The camp fee is \$300 which covers lodging, meals, materials, and transportation during camp. Contact your local Farm Bureau for possible sponsorships.

Applications are available at www.wildlifecamptx.org. For additional information contact Meg Streich, 2014 Camp Director, at wildlifecampdirector@yahoo.com or 361-364-2643.



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP

July 20-26, 2014

Application Deadline:

May 1, 2014

Location:

Welder Wildlife Foundation

www.wildlifecamp.tx.org



The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society's Wildlife Conservation Camp is designed for high school students who have completed the 9th grade or higher. Hands-on, outdoor activities are led by wildlife professionals from across Texas.

Campers will study:

- wildlife and plant identification
- wildlife and habitat management techniques
- The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation
- conservation ethics & land stewardship
- wildlife capture, tracking, and survey techniques
- predator-prey dynamics
- fishing
- hunter safety
- shooting sports and much more!



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