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News

NEW SAFETY Event Location was a huge success!

TPWD's Trapper Workshop was worth every minute

Kennedale High School Outdoor Adventures was on Big Billy Kinder's radio show.

Summer Camps and Opportunities in South Africa.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience – Jan. 7, 2016**
- **DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event – Sept. 26, 2015**

Bonnie's Corner

Spring is here and I am sure you are gearing up for some fun "outdoor adventures" with your class. I know some of you are not Pinterest pinners, however, you might consider checking it out for some cool ideas for your class. There are ideas for Dutch oven cooking, orienteering, survival, etc. on Pinterest. Just go to Pinterest and search your topic. Below are a couple of boating ideas you could use in your class. Have students make the boat or the sail boat and label all the parts of the boat, (starboard, port, bow, stern, color the lights, etc.) Here are the links for the boats:

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/431290101784695464/>

<http://www.deschdanja.ch/kreativ-blog/115-origami-boat>

Once your class has their boats made, set up a waterway in your gym. Your students could make the signs, buoys, etc. Then have each student move through the waterway with their boat. You could even turn off the lights and have them use colored flash lights for moving at night. This will allow them to practice "right of way" and other navigation rules they have learned from their boater ed. book.

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TPWD Trappers Workshop

I want to encourage every one of the Hunter Ed Instructors to attend this workshop in the future. I had an absolute blast. Learning the techniques and heritage of trapping that was utilized by the explorers of our country. Keith Jackson, Jim Brooks, and Earl Blakney of the Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association did an amazing job teaching us the skills they use in the field.

This workshop is also a great chance to get students involved as well. Everyone who attended the workshop was given the opportunity to set a trap. The workshop also explained the ethics of trapping and dispatching the animals in the most humane methods and these methods were used on the animals we were able to trap over the weekend clinic.

We were successful in trapping 2 bobcats and several raccoons. I can't wait for the next workshop as I will definitely be going again with some of my students.

Damon Fudge
Frisco Heritage High School
Outdoor Adventures Instructor



5am Saturdays on WBAP 820am

7am Saturdays on Hank FM Ft Worth 92.1 FM

Big Billy Kinder Outdoors is a great sponsor for DEF's Outdoor Adventures. His radio show highlighted the Kennedale High School Outdoor Adventures program. The show can be heard through the DEF's website: <http://www.dallasecologicalfoundation.org/videos.htm>

Weekly podcast's available at 6am on bbkoradio.com.

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



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 Boater Education will require some homework prior to the training. I will review the requirements for each upon your RSVP. scot@dallasecologicalfoundation.org

Teacher Training in North Texas for Spring 2015

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	May 4 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Boater Education Instructor....	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	June 8 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD NASP BAI.....	2:00 PM – 9:00 PM	April 9 - Brock
Dutch Oven Cooking.....	7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Arlington Martin HS

Teacher Training in North Texas for SUMMER 2015

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 AM – 2:00	June 8 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Boater Education Instructor....	2:00 PM – 6:00	June 8 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD NASP BAI.....	8:00 AM – 4:00	June 9 – Keller, TX
Dutch Oven Cooking.....	8:00 AM– 1:00	June 10 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Explore Bowhunter.....	2:00 PM – 6:00	June 10 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Angler Instructor.....	8:00 PM– 2:00	June 10 – Dallas (DEF Office)

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 AM – 2:00	July 27 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Boater Education Instructor....	2:00 PM – 6:00	July 27 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD NASP BAI.....	8:00 AM – 4:00	July 28 – Keller, TX
Dutch Oven Cooking.....	8:00 AM– 1:00	July 29 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Explore Bowhunter.....	2:00 PM – 6:00	July 29 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Angler Instructor.....	8:00 PM– 2:00	July 29 – Dallas (DEF Office)

Additional Outdoor Skills Workshops (Orienteering, Rock Climbing, Dutch Oven Cooking, Birding and much more) <http://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/outdoor-skills-workshops-seminars>

Additional Hunter Instructor Classes

BRIDGEPORT	Sat Apr 11, 2015	8:30 AM	(512) 923-3509	(huntereducation@longhorn.org @SID RICHARDSON SCOUT RANCH)
COLLEGE STATION	Sat Apr 11, 2015	8:00 AM	(979) 845-4865	(dharmel-garza@ag.tamu.edu)
COLLEGE STATION	Wed May 13, 2015	8:00 AM	(979) 845-4865	(dharmel-garza@ag.tamu.edu)
CORPUS CHRISTI	Sat Feb 6, 2016	8:00 AM	(361) 853-8644	

Additional NASP – Basic Archery Instructor

To receive further information or register for any of the courses below please contact Burnie Kessner, burnie.kessner@tpwd.texas.gov. The following information pertains to all courses. Pre-register at: www.naspbai.org

Brock – April 9
Austin – April 18
Commerce – April 24
Brownsville – April 25

Additional Angler Education Instructor Classes

April 11, 2015, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Waco, TX, Keira Quam, keira.quam@tpwd.texas.gov 469-644-2705
April 14, 2015, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Burnet, TX Caleb Harris, caleb.harris@tpwd.texas.gov 512-389-4472
April 18, 2015, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Rockport, TX Caleb Harris, caleb.harris@tpwd.texas.gov 512-389-4472
May 2, 2015, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, San Antonio, TX, Caleb Harris, caleb.harris@tpwd.texas.gov 512-389-4472
May 9, 2015, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Austin, TX, Caleb Harris, caleb.harris@tpwd.texas.gov 512-389-4472
May 9, 2015, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Spring, TX, Michael Scherer, bigperctx@yahoo.com 832-202-5221

Additional Boater Education Instructor Classes

CEDAR HILL	Sat Mar 14, 2015	10:00 AM	(281) 705-5216	(Pre- Registration Required)
COLLEGE STATION	Wed May 13, 2015	10:00 AM	(281) 705-5216	(Classes & materials are free; Please pre-register with Instr)
COLLEGE STATION	Thu May 14, 2015	10:00 AM	(281) 705-5216	(Classes & materials are free; Please pre-register with Instr)
SOUTH PADRE ISL	Thu Apr 16, 2015	10:00 AM	(281) 705-5216	(Pre-Registration Required)
SOUTH PADRE ISL	Sat Apr 18, 2015	10:00 AM	(281) 705-5216	(Pre-Registration is Required)

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DSC's Youth S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event Was A Huge Success!

Those attending the DSC's Youth SAFETY Event had a great time Saturday. Each student and parent got to learn all about safety and shoot muzzle loaders, pistols, shotguns, rifles, crossbows and archery. The Fall SAFETY Event will be September 26, 2015. The following pages show a few of the youth enjoying their day. Hidden Lakes Hunting Lodge was an excellent venue and we hope more east Texas schools will join us March 2016.

Thank You DSC for the SAFETY Event!



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Opossums Aren't Nearly as Bad as You Think

Thu, Feb 05, 2015

Sure, they're annoying and ugly, but they're also tick-killing machines.



From the 2015 Jan./Feb. issue of *Sporting Classics*.

Researches have found that possums are more than just ugly; they're tick-killing machines.

According to *The News Times* of Danbury, Connecticut, researchers with the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies researched the roles various mammals and birds play in the spread of ticks and disease. Their methods included capturing white-footed mice, chipmunks, squirrels, possums, veerys, and catbirds, then caging them and subjecting each animal to 100 ticks. The possums killed a larger percentage of the parasites—more than 90 percent—than any of the other animals. This is especially good news for folks who live in areas where the ranges of possums overlap with black-legged and western black-legged ticks, which can transmit Lyme disease.

The possums make great tick killers for two reasons. One, they eat anything they can fit into their mouths, including mice and roaches and other insects. Two, despite their pitiful appearance, possums are very concerned with hygiene. They continually lick themselves clean. If a possum finds a tick while cleaning itself, it simply licks the insect free and then eats it.

- See more at: <http://sportingclassicsdaily.com/issue/2015-1/article/possum-aren-t-nearly-as-bad-as-you-think#sthash.DU1DK0oa.dpuf>

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“Introduction to Dangerous Game Hunting”

June and July 2015

Southern Africa Wildlife College

10 days

<http://www.wildlifecollege.org.za/index.php>

***** Please announce to all eligible current and former students *****
Age Limit: 16 – 21

Once in a lifetime opportunity to learn all about dangerous game hunting in South Africa. Fundraising Opportunities – Eligible students can raise money on their own to cover cost of the course and airfare.

Details:

- Fly to Johannesburg, South Africa and then on to Hoedspruit, South Africa.
- Collection and drop off at the Hoedspruit airport which is an easy 45 minute drive from the SAWC on good black top roads.
- Shared, double accommodation each with our bathroom.
- Three meals per day – evenings spend around a campfire.
- Costs would be \$ 250 per person per day, ie \$ 2500 for the 10 day course.
- This would cover all costs – pick-up and drop off at airport, shared accommodation, meals, lectures, training material and ammo to be used, and guided field walks.

Proposed Itinerary:

Day 0 – arrive at SAWC – in afternoon sometime.

Day 1 Topic – Hunting Ethics and the role of sustainable utilization in African Wildlife Conservation

Afternoon game walk/drive

Day 2 Topic – Africa Game Animals – Habits and Habitat with special emphasis on the big 7.

Afternoon game walk/drive

Day 3 Topic – African ‘ballistics’ and a close look at current day bullets and safari ammo.

Afternoon game walk/drive

Day 4 Topic – Africa Safari Rifles – demonstration and handling of different types.

Afternoon – shooting range – shooting practice to conclude with advanced big bore rifle handling – the opportunity to shoot from the SAWC’s extensive rifle collection.

Day 5 Topic – African game animal anatomy & shot placement.

Impala dissection and the sighting and hanging of a leopard bait with the remains.

Day 6 Topic –Hunting techniques for all the dangerous species

Shot placement practical using laser pointers on live dangerous game animals.

Day 7 Topic – Introduction to tracking and game animal spoor demonstration.

Afternoon game walk and tracking practical.

Day 8 Topic – Trophy measuring, trophy estimation and assessment – all local species.

Afternoon game walk/drive.

Day 9 Simulated Hunts – as close as it gets to the ‘real thing’ – shoot the SAWC ‘buffalo and elephant’ course with live ammo and your choice of big bore rifle.

“Stopping the charge” – shooting range – and having fun.

Day 10 – guided trip into the world renowned Kruger National Park.

Day 11 – depart for airport after breakfast.