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News

NEW Hunter Story – Alligator Hunting

NEW SAFETY Event Location

Educator of the Year – Sabina Harrington - Arlington Martin High School

Summer Camps and Opportunities all across Texas and in South Africa. Learn about wildlife conservation, shooting skills and much more.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience – Jan. 7, 2016
- NASP State Tour. – March 5, 2015
- DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event – March 28, 2015

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

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“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are”
Theodore Roosevelt

First Alligator!



New Hunter Stories!

My First Alligator

"Me, my brother and my Dad went to Cameron, Louisiana to go alligator hunting. I shot a 9 foot gator with a .22 cal. 5 times and it was still alive. I finally got him. It was very exciting and can't wait to go again."

Kaleb Thompson , 7th grader at Mount Pleasant Jr. High.

33rd S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza

DATE: MARCH 28, 2015

**LOCATION: HIDDEN LAKES HUNTING RESORT
YANTIS, TEXAS (near Lake Fork)**



The spring SAFETY Event is in east Texas to help those schools in that area attend an event. We will follow the same format as the previous events. We will charter bus participants from two locations, one from Cabelas in ALLEN, TX and the other at Emory Rains Middle School.



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 – 3:00 PM	Feb. 21
TPWD Boater Instructor.....	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	TBA
TPWD NASP BAI.....	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Feb. 27
TPWD Angler Instructor.....	12:00 PM – 5:00PM	March 10
Dutch Oven Cooking/First Aid/CPR.....	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	TBA

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

Friendswood	Sat. March 28, 2015	8:00 AM	(713) 829-1377	(Heidi.rao@tpwd.texas.gov)
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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

Killeen – Feb. 16
Rusk – Feb. 21
Brownsville – April 25

Additional Angler Education Instructor Classes

March 14, 2015, 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Pearland, TX, Greg Akins, greg.akers@tpwd.texas.gov 281-534-0123
May 2, 2015, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, San Antonio, TX, Caleb Harris, caleb.harris@tpwd.texas.gov 512-389-4472

Additional Boater Education Instructor Classes

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)

Congratulations to the Dallas Ecological Foundation's Educator of the Year 2015 – Sabina Harrington Arlington Martin High School



YWCE 2015 – Huge Success





TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION



TWA HAS RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE - CLASSROOM TEACHERS, HOMESCHOOL TEACHERS, INFORMAL EDUCATORS, AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FACILITIES, AND CAMPS!



Wildlife by Design - FREE presentations for grades K-8 brought to your location by a TWA Educator. Each program includes a hands-on, inquiry based lesson and activity, 30-60 minutes in length, for a group of 20-40 students, and can be repeated up to six (6) times that day. Presentations are available regionally. <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/program-areas/lands-outreach-wildlife-by-design-classroom-presentations>



Discovery Trunks - Statewide Discovery Trunks are full of hands-on, program-enhancing, natural resource materials and lessons, geared for grades K-6. Seven (7) trunk topics are available in two-week reservation periods and are available at no cost! Designed for groups of 40 students or more. Reserve your Discovery Trunk online <http://trunks.texas-wildlife.org/>



Critter Connections - An educational, interactive newsletter targeted for youth ages 13 and younger. Subscribe online for a free class set (25 copies) or an individual subscription (1 copy). All issues available for free online. Several issues also available in Spanish! Quantities limited. <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/program-areas/subscribe-to-critter-connections>



Educator and Volunteer Workshops & Trainings - Are you interested in including conservation, natural resources, and wildlife education in your classroom? Would you like to help advance natural resource literacy in your community? For more information go to: <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/program-areas/educator-and-volunteer-workshops-and-trainings>



Distance Learning - Watch TWA's programs to spark your student's interest in wildlife and private land stewardship. Available as on-demand Webinars and via videoconferencing (also online). Programs are interactive, TEKS-aligned for grades 1-6, and free to view! <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/program-areas/lands-outreach-distance-learning>

Viewing On-demand Webinars:

Visit texas-wildlife.webex.com
and click on [View Event Recordings](#).



Viewing Videoconference programs:

Visit connect2texas.net

L.A.N.D.S. Intensive Curriculum & Trinity River Project

- With the L.A.N.D.S. Intensive program, schools and teachers have access to classroom curricula, special presentations, field investigation days, and necropsies, as part of our Learning Across New Dimensions in Science (L.A.N.D.S.) youth stewardship initiative. Trinity River Project, Grades 4-5 — L.A.N.D.S. Intensive Curriculum Grades 7-12. <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/program-areas/learning-across-new-dimensions-in-science-l.a.n.d.s>



iTunes U

- TWA has collaborated with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to bring our On-demand Youth Webinars to the TEA page on iTunes U. Previews of each On-demand Webinar and corresponding worksheet are now available right on your iPhone or iPad. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/texas-wildlife-association/id884228948>



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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CAMP

July 26-August 1, 2015

Application Deadline:

May 1, 2015

Location:

**Texas Tech University Center,
Junction, TX**

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.

Campers will study:

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

Contact: Stephen Ross

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Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society

"Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship Through Science and Education."

Wildlife Conservation Camp

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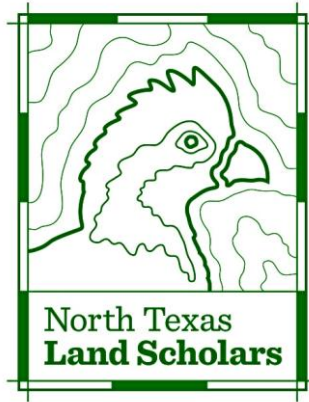
The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society invites high school students to the best week of their summer! The 22nd annual Wildlife Conservation Camp will be held July 26-August 1, 2015 at the Texas Tech University Center in Junction, Texas. High school students that have completed the 9th-12th grades can apply at www.wildlifecamp.tx.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 Texas Tech University Center offers on-site lodging and dining facilities located on the banks of the South Llano River. The Center and Llano River Field Station boast a plethora of native wildlife, including mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds. Campers will have the opportunity to view and study these animals.

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

Apply online at www.wildlifecamp.tx.org. For additional information contact Stephen Ross, 2015 Camp Director, at wildlifecampdirector@yahoo.com or 361-364-2643.



For more information contact Greta Bowling, Director of the North Texas Land Scholars, at (817) 808-3433 or visit the North Texas Land Scholars website: www.ntls.unt.edu; Facebook page: www.facebook.com/norhtexaslandscholars or click on the below links to these web pages.

North Texas Land Scholars

September 2014 Newsletter

The University of North Texas and UNT Quail is pleased to announce the successful completion of the first annual North Texas Land Scholars Youth Camp, which was held July 13–17 at Cedar Mountain Lodge in Scurry, Texas. "The North Texas Land Scholars camp was nothing short of life changing," said Dr. Kelly Reyna, executive director of UNT Quail. "Our goal was to introduce land stewardship and land entrepreneurship to young adults in hopes of getting a few interested in the outdoors. We ended the camp with 16 young men and women who now have the tools to be leaders in the ranching and entrepreneurial worlds, who really understand the dynamic of land ethics and enterprise, and will make the world a better place."

Two \$2500 scholarships to UNT were awarded to those campers who accumulated the most points by the end of the camp. The top male point earner was Osiel Castañeda from Trinidad Garza Early College High School, while Carolyn White from Colleyville Heritage High School was our top female performer. All campers were recognized for their unique contributions to the camp and were given awards for such activities as public speaking, leadership, innovative thinking and completing naturalist and sports-related events like insect collections and trap shooting, respectively. "Campers exceeded all of our expectations for this first camp! We are excited about what the future holds for our newest program," said Dr. Greta Bowling, science education director of UNT Quail.

The youth camp focused on leadership, holistic ranching, and wildlife, while also experiencing outdoor activities like birding, hiking, swimming and zip-lining!

"Campers were taught to analyze the land in fun and exciting ways and also had the chance to experience two Texas ranches," said Reyna. This camp included field trips to the award winning 77 Ranch in Blooming Grove, Texas where campers observed how one of the state's top cattle producers operates, and a tour of wildlife operations at Cedar Mountain Lodge.

As an extension of North Texas Land Scholars, we offered each camper an opportunity to become NTLS Ambassadors. This position is only offered to those individuals completing the NTLS camp followed by participating in public speaking and community events throughout the year. "The Ambassador title is one that must be earned by campers that have completed our five day camp; however, we do offer incentives for campers such as youth hunts and opportunities for a scholarships to UNT," stated Bowling.

"We are looking forward to an even bigger turnout in 2015, with dates set for July 12th – 16th," said Bowling. Deadlines and locations for the 2015 NTLS summer camp are currently underway.

JULY
2015

North Texas Land Scholars

YOUTH OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP CAMP **\$2500 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**



SHOOTING & TRACKING **CAMPER FAVORITES**



BIRDING & **SWIMMING**



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SIGN UP *NOW* FOR THE EXCITING NORTH TEXAS LAND SCHOLARS!

- ✓ SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- ✓ FUN OUTDOORS WITH FRIENDS
- ✓ AGES 13-17, 10 COOL GUYS AND 10 AWESOME GIRLS

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2014 Camp Results

- 16 Campers, now future leaders, attended from the greater DFW area
- Mission: Instill wildlife and land-use sustainability with an entrepreneurial thread
- Trap Shooting, Swimming, and Water Analysis were favorite activities
- Science Literacy increased 17% during camp
- Camp funds were matched by 13 additional grants and gifts



\$2500 UNT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Osiel Castañeda from Dallas

Carolyn White from Colleyville



- The North Texas Land Scholars Ambassador program was formed as a post-camp community outreach program in which campers share their camp knowledge and continue to cultivate valuable communication skills
- Land Scholars have been invited to speak at 6 events, including: the Cross Timbers Quail Coalition Annual Banquet, Dallas Safari Club Convention, Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, DFW Child Camp Fair, Earth Day Dallas, and the Clay County Turkey Fest.

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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.

TEXAS BRIGADES

What is Texas Brigades?

The Texas Brigades is a wildlife and natural resource education and leadership development program. Each camp is 5 days. The camps are designed to teach life skills and increase knowledge of wildlife and habitat management. It is a fun, intensive, hands-on experience!



Who puts on these camps?

The Texas Brigades is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. The camps are put together by a dedicated group of volunteers from various government agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses, and individuals interested in teaching youth about the great outdoors.



Funding for the Brigades is provided by many donations and grants from businesses, foundations, organizations, and individuals.

Why should I go?

You will learn a lot about wildlife, beef cattle and conservation, as well as develop your leadership, team-building, and communication skills. This camp will help you no matter where life takes you.



Where are the camps held?

Most camps are held on private ranches. All of the facilities are set up for large groups and are very comfortable. Check out our website for exact locations!

Who is eligible?

Anyone with an interest in the outdoors and is 13-17 years of age is eligible to apply. This is a co-ed camp. There is a deadline, so call or email us today to get an application. Apply on-line at www.texasbrigades.org.



What will I learn?

Everything you ever wanted to know about cows, quail, deer, bass & waterfowl! You will study anatomy, botany, habitat management, population dynamics, conservation, biology, and a whole lot more. In addition to a heaping dose of ecology, there are lessons on photography, entomology, art, firearm safety, leadership, communication, and team building. You will have the opportunity to learn from some of Texas' leading wildlife and natural resource experts.



2015 Camps

- ♦ Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade: June 13-17
- ♦ South Texas Buckskin Brigade: June 14-18
- ♦ South Texas Bobwhite Brigade: June 26-30
- ♦ Bass Brigade: July 7-11
- ♦ Ranch Brigade: July 14-18
- ♦ North Texas Buckskin Brigade: July 19-23
- ♦ Waterfowl Brigade: July 19-23

Email us to get on the distribution list for information.

Application deadline is March 16, 2015.

Interested in volunteering?

Texas Brigades needs adult leaders who want to help youth develop into leaders. No prior experience or special knowledge required! Apply online at www.texasbrigades.org.

For more information, contact:

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