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News

Great Message to share with your class. Please print pages 6-7 and discuss, "Wild Harvest Initiative". The OTF is a sponsor of this great effort.

Educator of the Year 2018

Steven Seeley – Coppell Middle School East

"Gift Basket" Challenge

Get your students to donate items for an Outdoor Adventures "Gift Basket". All baskets will be in the OTF's Silent Auction. The basket with the highest bid will have the funds donated back to the school. More details on page 2

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QUICK FACTS:

- OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IS TAUGHT IN 24 DIFFERENT STATES
- 369 OUTDOOR ADVENTURES' SCHOOLS
- 35,000 STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Reminder – Recruit a New School Earn a Chance for a Shotgun

Recruit a new school and receive a chance for a new shotgun! Every school that joins Outdoor Adventures with an approved Purchase Order for the Outdoor Adventures curriculum will earn the recruiting teacher one chance for the incentive shotgun. 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 June 2018. Winner will need to go through an FFL to receive their new shotgun.

“Gift Basket” Challenge

Who wants to support the OTF?

Create a “Gift Basket” for the OTF’s silent auction. The gift basket that raises the most funds will get the money donated back to the school.

Items must be new. OTF will pick up items first week of March 2018.

Ask your students to contribute to the basket. Create a awesome Outdoor Adventures theme. Here are some examples: Game Bag, Tackle Box/Bag, Outdoor Cooking Bag, Camping Bag, Etc. If 100 students all donate one small item to the basket, the “gift basket” would be huge and it will create a lot of interest and BIDS!





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

TBA – Most likely in Arlington, TX 76016

Dutch Oven Cooking.....	8:00 AM– 1:00	June 11 w/ Angler Ed.
TPWD Angler Instructor.....	8:00 AM– 2:00	June 11 w/ Dutch Oven Cooking
TPWD Explore Bowhunter.....	2:00 PM – 5:00	June 11
TPWD Explore Bowfishing.....	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	June 11 – Dinner will be provided
TPWD NASP BAI.....	8:00 AM – 4:00	June 12
TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 AM – 2:00	June 13
TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....	2:00 PM – 6:00	June 13

Arlington Archery Center 4215 Little Rd. Arlington, TX 76016

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TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....	2:00 PM – 6:00	July 18

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.

Feb. 19, Lindale, TX

Feb. 24, Granbury, TX

Feb. 20, Athens, 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.

Feb. 9 – Katy

May 19, - Waco, TX

Feb. 10 – El Paso

Oct. 20 – Austin, TX

March 6 - Sherman

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.

April 28 - Austin, TX

TX Angler Education Instructor Classes

April 20, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Mansfield, TX keira.quam@tpwd.texas.gov 469-644-2705

May 16, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Denton, TX keira.quam@tpwd.texas.gov 469-644-2705

National Archery Tournaments - https://nasptournaments.org/TournamentExplorer.aspx?cn=US&st=TX&tf=IPUC&rt=*

Explore Bowfishing and Bowhunting Workshop

Explore Bowfishing and Bowhunting are two of the newest outdoor educational programs being offered by Texas Parks & Wildlife. Both are educational programs designed to help instructors, program leaders and educators teach students ages 11-17 the basic skills associated with these two amazing sports. To further promote our efforts in advancing archery, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and Pasadena Independent School District (PISD) has teamed up to offer an invitation only Explore Bowhunting/Bowfishing Development Workshop at Fairfield Lake Fri – Sat, March 9 - 10. We will begin promptly at 10 a.m. on Friday in the dining hall and will conclude at 5 p.m. with an interactive bowfishing experience on the banks of Fairfield Lake. If you're interested, there's an option to camp overnight. PISD is providing the camping gear, however, please bring your own personal items (toiletries, extra clothing, snacks, etc.) In addition, please dress according to the weather. PISD is also providing dinner (see menu below). If you would like to learn more about these educational programs, please visit:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/archery/explore>

If you are interested in participating please contact Kendrick Gray at kendirck.gray@tpwd.texas.gov

Workshop Topics:

- Equipment and safety
- Techniques used in bowfishing and bowhunting
- Curriculum and interactive activities

Menu (supper):

- Menu is steak and boiled shrimp and grilled shrimp wrapped in bacon, jalapeno poppers, and salad for supper. Cobbler, what-ever is in season for the desert.
- Please feel free to bring you favorite camping dish to share with the group

Additional Hunter Education Training - SAVE THE DATES!!!!

- **FEB 3 – Turkey Hunting 101 Workshop**; Lake Ray Roberts – Johnson Branch - Designed for family members of all ages, National Wild Turkey Foundation and TWPD professionals are partnering to share the basics of turkey hunting. The workshop will offer tips, techniques and tools used in pursuit of the wild bird that almost became our national bird. Join us for a day of learning!
- **MAR 23 -24th - Treestand Manufacturer Association's Treestand Safety Certified Trainer Training** (8-hours total) – Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, Athens
- **March 24th – Treestand Manufacturer Association's Treestand Safety Instructor Training** (4-hours) – Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, Athens

WEST TEXAS– 2018 – CONTACT Brock Minton to ATTEND at brock.minton@tpwd.texas.gov
(ALL Active/Pending instructors welcome—statewide!!!)

- **FEB 16-18th – Trapper Education Workshop, San Angelo State Park** registration link: <https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course/hunter-education-hunting-101-optional-3/>

CENTRAL TEXAS– 2018 – CONTACT Burnie Kessner to VOLUNTEER at
burnie.kessner@tpwd.texas.gov
(ALL Active/Pending instructors welcome—statewide!!!)

- **MAR 21-22 3 –National Archery in Schools Statewide Tournament;** Bell County Expo Center and **Texas-NASP State 3-D Challenge** will be held on the same dates and at the same place as the State Tournament (bullseye). (The Bullseye tournament will be in the usual place, the Exhibition Hall, and the 3-D Challenge will be in the “Dome” next door.)



OTF's Educator of the Year 2018 Steven Seeley Coppell Middle School East

Steven Seeley of Coppell East Middle School has been nominated as OTF's 2018 Outdoor Adventures Educator of the Year! This teacher came to OTF highly recommended for the award by his principal, students and parents. Moreover, Seeley's passion for the outdoors and teaching drives his incredible success with the OA program, speaking volumes itself.

Seeley describes the OA program as "a blessing," to both himself and those involved in the program, especially the students. He shares, "in the three years . . . over 200 kids got to experience Outdoor Adventures. [The] majority of them had never been camping, caught a fish, shot a bow or done anything outside." Recalling his first-year teaching, Seeley states, "my

favorite memories that year include seeing kids catch their first fish and celebrating when young ladies (who are also vegetarian) got their Hunter's Ed Certification so that they could better support conservation efforts." Currently, 70 Coppell Middle School students partake in the OA program each year; 70% of which go on to obtain their Hunter's Ed and Boaters Ed Certifications. After three years of teaching the Outdoor Education Program, Seeley continues to inspire students as well as impress parents and fellow teachers alike. Laura Springer, principal at Coppell East Middle School praises Seeley saying, "this teacher has a unique ability to develop a rapport and love of learning with all students. His love of the outdoors, his desire to pass that on to his students is a thing of beauty to watch. His passion for teaching hunting safety, boater safety, team building, and gun safety is inspiring." Seeley's success in teaching is so felt and seen throughout the community that he is sought after from parents to teach their children, and from students who quickly overfill his class list. Seeley fully supports OTF's OA program stating that, "my mission statement as a teacher has always been to **'EMPOWER FUTURE GENERATIONS'** so they can impact their world," and our . . . program is one of the greatest tools I have to fulfill this occupational objective."



The OTF thanks all of the Educator of the Year applications. The OTF Board Selection Committee was very impressed with the quality of the candidates and encourages everyone to apply again next year.

WILD HARVEST INITIATIVE®

A Program of conservation VISIONS®

What would happen if hunting & angling were to end?

How many pounds of naturally produced, locally sourced meat do we get, on average, from a wild-harvested white-tailed deer, elk, or antelope? How many pounds come from a limit of mallards, a wild turkey, or a brace of quail? How many healthy meals can be procured from a day spent fishing for trout, bass, or salmon? How much of this food will be shared with friends and family and with people who do not hunt or fish? How much would it cost to replace this wild food through agriculture and aquaculture? How much wildlife habitat would have to be taken and how much fuel, irrigation water, fertilizer and pesticides would have to be used? What would the harvesting, processing, and transportation costs be?

Each year, in the United States and Canada, nearly 45 million people partake in the legal harvest and consumption of wildlife and fish obtained through hunting and angling. However, no serious effort has been made to assess the actual amount nor the economic value and dietary significance of the wild meat and fish that we harvest and consume.

We believe the recreational harvest of wildlife in North America to be one of the most sustainable, healthy, and environmentally friendly food procurement systems in existence. However, the truth is, we do not know its real economic, social, or ecological value. The Wild Harvest Initiative® will change this, providing the first comprehensive assessment of recreational wildlife harvest in the United States and Canada and a new valuation for wildlife as a real component of our nations' food security.

The Wild Harvest Initiative® will influence our understanding of natural resource conservation, and encourage positive attitudes towards sustainable wildlife use.





Wild harvesting includes many sorts of sustainable natural resource use

The Wild Harvest Initiative® will be of interest to people everywhere who are concerned with safe, healthy food and with their own food security. Its findings will be relevant to wildlife management practices, indigenous cultural traditions, recreational hunting and angling, human health and fitness, conservation and sustainable resource use, agriculture, and public and private land use policies.

The Wild Harvest Initiative® will quantify the magnitude of the recreational harvest of wildlife and fish in the U.S. and Canada and the contribution this harvest makes to food security, providing new information about the role of wildlife and fish in the U.S. and Canada in terms of nature derived benefits for human health and nutrition. It will also substantiate and expand the economic valuation of this wild harvest, in real dollars and cents. It will showcase the sustainability and low environmental impact of recreationally harvested wild meat and fish, and provide positive comparisons with agriculture and commercial fisheries.

By increasing awareness of the positive social, economic, and environmental values of recreational wildlife harvests, the Initiative will enhance the public's knowledge and impressions of hunting and angling. It will increase recognition of the importance of wildlife and fish habitat as a food reservoir, encouraging greater efforts for its conservation. Further, it will mobilize a new, broader, more inclusive valuation of wildlife and fish, helping increase the profile of these resources in land use policy decisions and expanding public awareness of hunting and angling as effective conservation tools, as well as traditional components of food security. While dispelling the myth that hunting and angling activities have become irrelevant in modern society, the Initiative will remind the general public of the current cost of wildlife and fish management and of how much greater a burden would fall to the average taxpayer if hunters and anglers who practice wild protein harvest did not, by doing so, contribute so substantially to conservation.

By emphasizing healthy food practices, the Wild Harvest Initiative® will provide common ground for discussion and public engagement on wildlife conservation issues, thereby laying the groundwork for wider and more effective coalitions in support of wildlife and fish conservation. The Initiative will also link North American recreational and wild meat gathering to harvests by indigenous and rural peoples around the world to demonstrate the normalcy, as well as the cultural and historical significance of this activity.

To learn more about the Wild Harvest Initiative®, please visit www.conservationvisions.com or contact us by email at insights@conservationvisions.com.

WILD HARVEST INITIATIVE® PARTNER ROSTER:



"In the harvest of wild food, we engage in the circle of life as true participants, and thus learn the realities of man's place in nature"
- Shane Mahoney, President & CEO



Outdoor Adventures' teachers may be familiar with creative ways to make NASP ground quivers using PVC pipe. OA Teacher, Junior Martinez, at Sharyland High School created some nice arrow quivers. (see picture to the right).

NASP Ground Quivers!

Mr. Martinez also created a Rod/Reel Storage unit with PVC Pipe. rmartinez2@sharylandisd.org





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