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News – Happy New Year!

DEF Youth Members

- Teach your students to become stewards for wildlife conservation and Outdoor Adventures. Share with them the youth membership applications on page 4.

Youth Alligator Hunt

- New Youth Conservation Project! Watch for details in the next Newsletter. The winning student will go on a 2 day Alligator Hunt in Louisiana in September.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience – Jan. 7, 2016 –event is full.
- DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event – April 2, 2016
- TASP Tournament – March 31-April 1, 2016

New DEF Memberships!

**Support the DEF Mission –
Outdoor Education and
Wildlife Conservation**



DSC's Youth S.A.F.E.T.Y. Extravaganza – April 2, 2016

Send some students to the one-on-one firearm safety and shooting event at Hidden Lakes Hunting Lodge. To learn more look at the DSC Newsletter sent on January 22, 2016. Request a new copy of the newsletter. Students will learn safety and how to shoot a rifle, pistol, muzzle-loader, archery, crossbow and much more. Free for the students! Check out the pictures.....



DEF Memberships!

The DEF would like to encourage all Outdoor Adventure Teachers to become Members of the DEF. Please promote the DEF Youth Memberships as well. Encourage youth to start supporting conservation organizations like the DEF. All proceeds from the memberships will support new Outdoor Adventure schools and wildlife conservation projects. A separate DEF Newsletter will be produced to highlight DEF's wildlife conservation efforts, great OA programs and a listing of new schools. Teach your students to give back and support the DEF.

Each adult Sponsor Membership will receive a logo patch, sticker, pin, newsletter and membership card.

Each Youth Membership will receive a logo sticker, pin and membership card.

Membership Application is on page 4. PLEASE PRINT the Applications and pass them out to your students.



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

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

Hunter Instructor Classes

CORPUS CHRISTI	Sat Feb 6, 2016	8:00 AM	(361) 853-8644	
CORPUS CHRISTI	Sat Aug 20, 2016	8:00 AM	(361) 853-8644	
CORPUS CHRISTI	Sat Feb 4, 2017	8:00 AM	(361) 853-8644	
FORT WORTH	Sat Nov 12, 2016	8:30 AM	(512) 923-3509	(@ Texas Motor Speedway Longhorn Council Camporee randy.spr)
HURST	Sat Apr 23, 2016	8:30 AM	(512) 923-3509	(@ BSA Longhorn Council office randy.spradlin@tpwd.texas.gov)

NASP – Basic Archery Instructor Pre-register at: www.naspbai.org

To receive further information or register for any of the courses below please contact Burnie Kessner, burnie.kessner@tpwd.texas.gov.

League City, Feb. 27

Boater Education Instructor Classes

BROWNSVILLE	Sat Feb 27, 2016	10:00 AM	(281) 705-5216	(@RESACA DE LA PALMA 1000 NEW CARMEN DR)
CEDAR HILL	Sat Mar 19, 2016	8:00 AM	(281) 705-5216	(@DOGWOOD CANYON AUDUBON CENTER 1206 W FM 1382)
DICKINSON	Fri Feb 19, 2016	5:00 PM	(281) 705-5216	(@1502 FM 517 EAST)
DICKINSON	Sat Feb 20, 2016	10:00 AM	(281) 705-5216	(@1502 FM 517 EAST)
GALVESTON	Fri Mar 18, 2016	5:00 PM	(281) 705-5216	(@SEA SCOUT BASE 7519 BROADWAY)

Angler Education Instructor Classes

Jan. 23, 2016, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Austin, TX, Caleb Harris, caleb.harris@tpwd.texas.gov 512-389-4472

Feb. 6, 2016, 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM, Houston, TX, Greg Akins 713-201-8110, greg.akins@tpwd.texas.gov

Feb. 13, 2016, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Dallas, TX, Jerry Hamon 214-457-3407 revtcf@gmail.com

Feb. 18, 2016, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, New Braunfels, TX, Caleb Harris, caleb.harris@tpwd.texas.gov 512-389-4472

March 6, 2016, 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM, Grand Prairie, TX, Keira Quam, keira.quam@tpwd.texas.gov 469-644-2705



The Dallas Ecological Foundation's Mission is; "to teach outdoor education and to promote and fund conservation of wildlife worldwide".



**DEF
501(c)(3)**



Supporting Outdoor Adventures Education and Wildlife Conservation

Your membership, cash donations and other gift contributions will assist the DEF in its worldwide endeavors to promote outdoor education and the conservation of wildlife.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
dallasecologicalfoundation.org



Guardians of the Legacy welcomes individuals and corporate entities who wish to support the DEF's programs and designated initiatives. DEF has a recurring giving plan.

Wildlife Heritage Society is an endowment fund whereby the invested principle remains intact thus ensuring a permanent source of funding. The earned interest income is available for annual DEF program support. The WHS accepts cash donations and planned giving gifts.

Contact the DEF:
dallasecologicalfoundation.org
972-392-3505

Dallas Ecological Foundation is a qualified 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. Please refer to the DEF website, <http://dallasecologicalfoundation.org/fundraising.htm>, for disclosures relating to donations.

Membership Application

Name

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss _____ / /
First MI Last Suffix Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

_____ () - () - () -
Email Home Mobile Business

_____ Address 1 Address 1

_____ City State ZIP Country

Sponsor #1: _____ Sponsor #1: _____

Membership Subject to Board Approval

Membership Type

- ☐ Sponsor \$50.00/yr.
☐ Youth \$10.00/yr.

I would like my membership information to remain private. ☐ Yes ☐ No
DEF is a 50(c)(3) non-profit organization. The non-deductible Sponsor membership services portion of your DEF membership is \$15.

Payment

CC #: _____ CVC: _____ EXP: _____ /
_____ MM/YY

☐ AMEX ☐ Discover ☐ MC ☐ Visa

☐ Check Amount: \$ _____

Payment Total: \$ _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

- ☐ I would like to make a donation to further the DEF's cause at this time. Amount: \$ _____
☐ Please contact me regarding additional ways to support/donate to the DEF



TPWD Angler Education Changes New policies effective January 1, 2016:

1. The [Angler Education Instructor Resources](#) web page (teaching resources, supply forms, etc) now only requires a password which remains the same for everyone (*gofish*). The user name has been deleted.

Remember: To access the online volunteer system to see your dashboard, and sign up for opportunities or to report your classes, events and hours, the website, and your user name and password is different from the above: www.tpwd.texas.gov/volunteer

You will need your unique User ID and password to access the volunteer system page. If you need assistance with resetting your User ID and password, contact our staff.

2. Volunteer time must be reported by day, with a maximum of 12 volunteer hours per day.
3. No lump sum hours for a specific time period may be reported – see attached for more details.
4. Travel time to/from an event may not be reported as volunteer time.
5. Our volunteer insurance policy has changed. The policy continues to provide secondary coverage for personal medical accidents taking place during your volunteer activity. However, it no longer provides automobile coverage while driving to/from a volunteer event.

New resources:

(available on the Instructor Resource web page mentioned above.)

- Angler Education Program overview PowerPoint
- Angler Education Supply Catalog
- Easy Access Fishing Spots brochures for Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio have been updated.
- Fish ID Silhouette activity (PowerPoint and handouts)
- and more!

New supplies:

(write it in on bottom of order form):

- Sunfish ID card
- Invasive Species Ruler (scale of 1-24", mounted on foam core)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your regional Aquatic Education Training Specialist or me. Thank you for your continued support of TPWD's Angler Education Program and for sharing your passion of fishing with others!

Karen Marks, Aquatic Education Manager, karen.marks@tpwd.state.tx.us, Office: 512-389-4732

Wilderness Survival Workshop - Lake Abilene State Park - Abilene, TX. April 15-17, 2016

Join Randy Spradlin, West Texas hunter education specialist, Ryan Hunter, Abilene State Park Superintendent, James Cummings, Taylor County Game Warden and Dr. John Weishaar with Wolf Creek Wilderness Survival Training for an event-filled weekend of friendship, learning and implementing newly acquired outdoor skills.

This workshop will challenge each participant! Hands-on implementation of outdoor skills, wilderness first aid, shelter building, fire starting, food gathering and many other necessary wilderness survival skills will be taught.

Participants meet at 7:30pm, Friday evening at Lake Abilene SP (guest house) for introductions and agenda.

Rooms are available Friday night on a first-come basis at Lake Abilene SP (guest house). Camping is available around the house with restroom and shower facilities available in the house (bring your tent). Or, campsites are available for rent at the park. Contact the park at 325.572.3204 for reservations.

Saturday combines classroom and outdoor activities, so dress appropriately. We will be outside, rain, sleet, snow or sunshine! Lodging Saturday night will be in your constructed shelter! The workshop concludes early afternoon Sunday.

Breakfast (Saturday and Sunday) and Saturday's lunch will be provided by the Texas Hunter Education Instructor Association (THEIA). Saturday's supper will be harvested for you to process, cook and enjoy! Participation is limited to 25.

For information or registration contact Randy Spradlin at (512) 923-3509 or randy.spradlin@tpwd.texas.gov.

Registration fee - \$25.00, Mail checks to: THEIA, C/O Denise Harmel Garza, 111 Nagle Hall, TAMU 2258
College Station, Texas 77843

INTERNATIONAL HUNTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - USA
GALLERY OF GUNS
"CHAMPIONS OF HUNTER EDUCATION"
HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENT ESSAY

Nomination Form

AWARD QUALIFICATION - DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2016

Two **hunter education students** (high school juniors or seniors at the time of the deadline date) will be selected from those who have submitted a **200-WORD** essay to the IHEA-USA on the following topic:

Now that you have completed a hunter education course ... "What do you feel is the best way to reach new hunters and or shooting sports enthusiasts in the future?"

A **Gallery of Guns \$2,500 'Future Leader in Conservation' Scholastic Scholarship** will be awarded to two high school juniors/seniors -- **hunter education students** -- from a pool of essays submitted to IHEA-USA in 2015/16. Student must submit 1) copy of Hunter Education certification card (must be completed prior to submission), 2) copy of current report card, and 3) biography -- along with his/her essay. Under **Gallery of Guns**, the name of his/her Hunter Education Instructor will also be recognized. Submitted essays will be reviewed by **IHEA-USA's Instructor Advisory Committee** for selection. Selected essays will be forwarded to the Publisher of the Hunter's Handbook for inclusion in the annual issue distributed around May/June 2016.

Student's Name _____ **Home Phone** _____

Parent's Name(s) _____ **Alt. Phone** _____

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS (Parent/Family) _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

HE Instructor _____ **Phone** _____

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Student Signature/Consent _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature/Consent _____ **Date:** _____



Do you like to hunt or fish? If you said yes, then **Outdoor Texas Camp** is the summer camp for you! We have camp locations around the state, covering almost every aspect of hunting and fishing in the state of Texas. Our goal is to develop young sportsmen and women into safe, ethical hunters and fishermen, and to enhance their appreciation of nature and the outdoor sports. Oh, and of course to have FUN in the process! We employ the best instructors that are professionals in their fields to teach the campers how to shoot rifles, shotguns, and bows, cast a fly rod, blow a duck call, and much, much more. At all of our hunting camps we have TPWD certified instructors to teach Hunter's Education to any campers that are not already certified. We accept campers at all experience levels, and we look forward to seeing you this summer!



Come visit us at www.outdoortexascamp.com for more info!

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TEXAS BRIGADES

CONSERVATION LEADERS IN EVERY COMMUNITY



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. There are also opportunities for college scholarships!



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!



Ranch Brigade

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.

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.



2016 Camps

- ♦ Rolling Plains Bobwhite – June 11-15 – Coleman
- ♦ South Texas Buckskin – June 12-16 – Uvalde
- ♦ South Texas Bobwhite – June 24-28 – McCoy
- ♦ Bass Brigade – July 6-10 – Santa Anna
- ♦ Waterfowl Brigade – July 17-21 – Tennessee Colony
- ♦ Ranch Brigade – July 18-22 – Santa Anna
- ♦ North Texas Buckskin - July 24-28 – Santa Anna

NEW FOR 2016

- ♦ Coastal Brigade – July 26-30 – Galveston

Applications will be available
January 2016.

*Email us to get on the
distribution list for information.*



Interested in volunteering?

Texas Brigades needs adult leaders who want to help youth develop into leaders. No prior experience or special knowledge required! For more information, send us an email or feel free to call.

For more information, contact:
Aimee Carrasco, Executive Director
Zelina Alvarado, Program Coordinator
texasbrigades@texasbrigades.org
www.TexasBrigades.org



Applications are due March 15, 2016!

Last 4 Digits of SSN: _____

Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camp Application Form

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Brigades. Please read all of the instructions carefully. Admission to the Brigades program is a competitive process. Applications for each camp are pooled and then graded by a committee. The top 20-30 applicants are selected and notified of their acceptance. We are looking for 13-17 year old students (incoming 8th graders to incoming seniors) who are highly motivated, active in a variety of extracurricular activities, and interested in the outdoors, wildlife, and natural resource conservation.

Apply online at www.texasbrigades.org

Please create and complete your application using only one method; online or mail in a hardcopy, not both.

Please type or print neatly the information requested.

Applicant's Name: _____

Preferred first name for your nametag: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Applicant Cell Phone: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____ Belongs to: _____

Applicant Email: _____

Parent's Primary Email: _____

Shirt size (adult) – Please circle fit and size:
Mens Ladies
XSm Sm Med Lg XLg XXLg

Where (4-H, FFA, magazine, newspaper, website, etc.) or from whom did you learn about the Texas Brigades? _____

You may apply for one or all programs (Buckskin and/or Bobwhite and/or Bass and/or Waterfowl and/or Ranch and/or Coastal). Your application will be directed to the appropriate camp coordinator. If accepted, we will do our best to accommodate your first choice, but cannot guarantee that. To accommodate the most qualified applicants, you will only be selected for one program. Select which camp(s) you are interested in attending and rank your preferences where appropriate. You do not have to rank all of the camps.

Rank these 8 in order of preference (1 for most preferred):

- _____ Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Centennial Lodge, Coleman, June 11-15, 2016
- _____ South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Southern Star Ranch, Uvalde, June 12-16, 2016
- _____ South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Buck Horn Creek Ranch, June 24-28, 2016
- _____ Bass Brigade, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, July 6-10, 2016
- _____ Waterfowl Brigade, BigWoods on the Trinity, Tennessee Colony, July 17-21, 2016
- _____ Ranch Brigade, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, July 18-22, 2016
- _____ North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, July 24-28, 2016
- _____ Coastal Brigade, Sea Scout Base Camp, Galveston, July 26-30, 2016

Members of the Texas Brigades should possess a strong interest in natural resource conservation and management. Following completion of the camp, all cadets are encouraged to present educational programs for the public. Educational programs may be speeches, PowerPoint presentations, working at field days or wildlife programs, setting up demonstrations, etc. The Texas Brigades will equip you with the information, skills, and tools necessary to spread the word about conservation. Such efforts may be rewarded with hunts, fishing trips and other outdoor adventures, as well as college scholarships, and other suitable awards.

Please answer the following questions on additional paper/separate pages.

- *Answers should be typed, between 200-500 words per question, single-spaced, and single-sided.*
 - *Do not put your name on the essay page. Instead, put the last four (4) digits of your social security number in the upper right corner of the page.*
1. Who do you know that is a leader? What qualities do you believe make them an effective leader, and how has that inspired you to become a leader?
 2. In your opinion, what is the greatest natural resource issue facing your generation? And why?

Sponsorships are available for anyone requesting assistance.

Tuition for the camp is \$500, which is not due until you receive notification of acceptance.

☐ Yes ☐ No Please indicate if you are interested in getting your Hunter Education Certificate if you are selected for a Brigade camp. This has no bearing on whether or not you are accepted. Hunter Ed is not offered at all camps.

☐ Yes ☐ No Please indicate permission to send a news release to your local paper if you are accepted to a Brigades camp.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE (POSTMARKED BY) MARCH 15, 2016.

Mail your application to:
Texas Brigades
3660 Thousand Oaks Dr., Ste. 126
San Antonio, Texas 78247
Or FAX: 210-826-4933

Applicants will be informed of their selection no later than 30 days prior to the camp for which you have been selected.

For more information, contact Aimee Carrasco
at (855) TXBRIGS, (210) 556-1391, acarrasco@texasbrigades.org,
or go to the website, www.texasbrigades.org.

Applications are due March 15, 2016!

Last 4 Digits of SSN: _____

Letter Grade Avg: _____
(A=90-100+, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=below 70)

Gender: _____

Date of Birth: _____

County, State: _____

Grade completed by Summer 2016: _____

School name: _____

List your achievements, honors, awards, and/or participation in school, church, community organizations, clubs, etc. Please list full name of organizations, not abbreviations. Please list any officer positions held and include years of participation. Please limit attachments to two (2) pages.

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List your hobbies and other interests:

Do you intend to go to college when you graduate? If yes, in what field(s) of study do you intend to major?

Have you ever attended other Brigades camps? ____ Yes ____ No Which Year(s)?: _____

If you answered "Yes" above, have you ever submitted (including this year) a Book of Accomplishments? ____ Yes ____ No

For which camp(s)?: _____

If you did not submit a Book of Accomplishments, please provide a summary of your Texas Brigades related activities.
