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News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event May 4, 2013
- Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience Jan. 9, 2014

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

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Black Bear Hunt Raffle is on-line at www.handbid.com Students simply create an account, go to Dallas Ecological Foundation and Black Bear Hunt to purchase tickets.

\$10.00 per ticket

EXTRA \$500.00 will go to the winning student! School with winning student will get 3 new NASP Genesis Bows!



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Outdoor Adventures Education Pre and Post Course Surveys

Pre-Program Evaluation Survey: https://www.surveymk.com/s/OAEP

Post-Program Evaluation Survey: https://www.surveymk.com/s/OAEPsurvey

The Outdoor Adventures Education Survey will be finalized in June 2013. The spring 2013 semester will be the last semester to conduct the current survey.

End of Course Survey is VERTY IMPORTANT

If your classes took the pre-course survey, please complete the post course survey. If your class is a year-long course, no need to complete the post-course survey until May. If you have classes starting in January, be sure to complete the pre-course survey and the post course survey in May.

Outdoor Adventures On-line Surveys

The DEF contracted with Responsive Management to create pre-course and post course surveys. The initial surveys conducted in the spring 2012 resulted in some very interesting information. More information on those results will appear in future newsletters.

One interesting fact:

Over 50% of the students in Outdoor Adventures have never hunted.

The survey will take about 15-20 minutes.

Some teachers requested a PDF copy of the survey so the students could record their answers prior to going to a computer lab. If you want the PDF version, please let me know.

Why take the survey?

Most outdoor activities that target youth address youth who are already involved in the great outdoors. Outdoor Adventures is one of the only programs that offers outdoor skills, wildlife conservation education programs to students who have no outdoor experience.

The survey results will support the purpose and mission of Outdoor Adventure Education.

This will be vital to maintain Outdoor Adventures in your school and provide valuable information to conservation groups across the country. If we don't create new, knowledgeable citizens about wildlife conservation, hunting, fishing, camping, etc., then who will? If you completed the pre-course survey, please take your classes to the computer lab and take the post-course survey.

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 home work 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 2012 – New Dates will be in the February Newsletter

Additional Hunter Instructor Classes

Sat Jan 12, 2013	8:00 AM	LUFKIN	(936) 635-4416
Sat Jan 26, 2013	7:30 AM	COLLEGE STATION	(979) 845-4865
Sat Feb 9, 2013	8:00 AM	CORPUS CHRISTI	(361) 853-8644
Sat Mar 16, 2013	8:00 AM	WACO	(254) 722-5660
Sat Mar 23, 2013	7:30 AM	COLLEGE STATION	(979) 845-4865
Thu May 9, 2013	8:00 AM	COLLEGE STATION	(979) 845-4865
Sat May 18, 2013	7:30 AM	COLLEGE STATION	(979) 845-4865

Additional Boater Education Instructor Classes - TBA

Additional Angler Education Instructor Classes

January 12, 2013 – 9:00 – 2:00, Corpus Christi – <u>caleb.harris@tpwd.state.tx.us</u>

January 19, 2013 -8:00 – 1:00, San Antonio - <u>caleb.harris@tpwd.state.tx.us</u>

March 2, 2013 – 9:00 – 2:00, Austin - caleb.harris@tpwd.state.tx.us

Additional BAI - NASP Classes - contact: <u>burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us</u>

NASP Tournaments



- Jan 10, 2013---Union Grove ISD NASP Invitational, contact Brian Gray, grayb@ugisd.org <mailto:grayb@ugisd.org>
- Jan 12, 2013---"Longhorn Shootout", Flower Mound Archery Tournament at Cinnamon Creek Archery Facility, contact
 Ferris Bavousetf, bavousetf@lisd.net
- Feb 2, 2013---"Tournament of Champions", Flower Mound Archery Tournament at Cinnamon Creek Archery Facility, contact Ferris Bayousett, bayousetf@lisd.net <mailto:bayousetf@lisd.net>
- Feb 9, 2013---Ennis JH, Ennis, contact Lanna McCabe, lanna.mccabe@ennis.k12.tx.us
- Feb 15, 2013---Texas-NASP State Tournament, Bell County Expo Center, Belton, contact Burnie Kessner, burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us < mailto:burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us >
- Mar 2, 2013---St. Mary's Catholic School, Longview---flyer attached, contact Alicia O'Connor, aoconnor@stmaryslgv.org <mailto:aoconnor@stmaryslgv.org>
- Mar 24, 2013---Kaufman ISD, contact Casey Becker, cbecker@kaufmanisd.net
- Apr 20, 2013---Poolville Junior High, contact TBD
- Apr 27, 2013---"Red River Shoot-Out", St. Mary's Catholic School, Sherman, contact Nathan Wieck, nwieck@stmarys-sch.org
- May 10 & 11, 2013---NASP National Tournament, Kentucky EXPO Center, Louisville, KY, contact Burnie Kessner-burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us < mailto:burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us <



Youth Black Bear Hunt Raffle Donated by Fraser River Outfitter Ltd. John Sievers

Lillooet, B.C., Canada

www.bchuntingadventure.com

The Dallas Ecological Foundation is proud to offer an exclusive guided hunt for a North American Black Bear for one youth who is enrolled or has completed the Outdoor Adventures program.



Black Bear harvested at Lillooet hunting camp 2012

Raffle Dates: December 1, 2012 – Feb. 18, 2013

Price: \$10.00 per ticket

Hunt Value: \$8050.00 inclusive of 5 day Black Bear hunt & round

trip air fare for two (2) from DFW

New: Winning student will receive \$500.00 to offset expenses and

winning school receives 3 new NASP Genesis Bows.

Raffle Drawing: February 21, 2013 (Do not need to be present to win)

See official rules for more details. Additional costs include licenses and fees.

Official Rules

- a. Raffle Ticket Purchase is necessary to enter or win. The purchase price has been set at \$10.00 per ticket.
- **b. Eligibility:** the raffle is open only to current and former Outdoor Adventure students sponsored by the Dallas Ecological Foundation, who are 18 years of age and younger.
- c. Timing: The raffle begins at 12:01 AM Central Time, 12-1-2012 and ends at 5:00 PM CT on 02-18-2013.
- d. How to enter: Entry is available online starting in December 2012 at www.handbid.com Correctly complete the official entry form and fill in the number of tickets desired and submit accordingly. Entry forms can be mailed directly to the Dallas Ecological Foundation, 13709 Gamma Rd., Dallas, TX 75244. All mailed entries must arrive before 5:00 PM CT 02-18-2013. Entry forms are available on the December Newsletter, visit www.dallasecologicalfoundation.org or through your Outdoor Adventures Education instructor.
- **e. Prize:** The prize award: 5 day hunt inclusive of trophy fee for one black bear in Lillooet, B.C. for one youth hunter and one non-hunter. The non-hunter must be a parent or guardian. Round trip coach airfare from DFW to Vancouver, British Columbia is included. Trophy prep of the hide/skull for transportation to the shipper is included. Hunt must be taken during the 2013 black bear season (May June); winner must contact the outfitter for available dates. A minimum of 6 days is recommended including travel. Airfare must be arranged by March 18, 2013 with the DEF Coordinator. Prize award including hunt and airfare is valued at \$8050.00
- **f. Additional expenses winner must pay will include:** Ground transportation to Lillooet B.C. via car rental \$300 to \$400; Nonresident hunting license, bear tag, and CBCGOA client fee totaling \$504.00; CITES permit of \$60.00; Guide and camp staff gratuities \$300 \$500.00; firearms permit \$25 (outfitter can provide firearm on request); shipping cost of trophy from B.C. \$200-\$250.00; food and lodging accommodations in Vancouver if necessary. **Winner may use any creative fundraiser they are willing to conduct to help offset the additional expenses.** Winner is responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes due on prize award.
- **g. Hunt Upgrades:** Non-hunter may harvest one bear by paying a \$3000 trophy fee. Additional hunters can be added for \$4800. Additional non-hunters can be added at \$1250. Upgrades are plus all license and fees, Cities permit, firearms permit, trophy prep beyond field prep for export, trophy shipping costs, or gratuities, reference (f). Upgrades do not include airfare.
- **h. Random Drawing:** On February 21, 2013, a winner will be selected by the DEF Chairman in a random drawing from all eligible entries received. Drawing will take place during the Dallas Safari Club's Monthly Meeting. Location to be determined. Winner does not need to be present to win. Odds of winning depend on the total number of eligible entries received.
- i. Notification: Winner will be notified at the time of drawing. Winner must correctly complete, execute and return as directed a Waiver and Release and Indemnity Agreement, Image Release (plus any additional documents required at the sole discretion of the DEF). Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may result in disqualification and in the forfeiture of any rights to the prize, in which case prize may be awarded to an alternate by random drawing.
- j. Release: See DEF Hunt and Raffle Release
- **k. Conditions**: DEF reserves the right to modify these rules for clarification purposes without materially affecting the terms and conditions of the Raffle. **Laws**: Subject to all federal, state and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited or restricted.
- Winner's Name: The winner's name and school will be posted on the DEF website www.dallasecologicalfoundation.org.
 m. Raffle Sponsor: Dallas Ecological Foundation, 13709 Gamma Rd., Dallas, TX 75244. There are no tax benefits for raffle ticket sales.

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	Outdoor Adventure Teacher Name	REQUIRED Parent Signature:
TO THE STATE OF TH	Parent Email	Raffle Winner Announced: 2-21-2013
Dallas Ecological Foundation Outdoor Adventures Education	Ticket: \$10.00	Dates for entry: 12-1-2012 to 5:00 PM CT 2-18-2013
Youth Black Bear Hunt Raffle Ticket	Number of Tickets : Each entry will have a separate ticket for the random	Mail check (no cash) and entry ticket to:
StudentParent\	drawing.	Dallas Ecological Foundation Black Bear Hunt
Guardian	Check or Credit Card	13709 Gamma Rd.
Home Phone	Credit Card No.	Dallas, TX 75244
School	Exp. Date Sec. Code	All rules, releases and disclaimers apply

TEXAS YOUTH OUTDOOR WRITING COMPETITION

WIN A LIFETIME HUNTING & FISHING LICENSE

Presented by **TexasHuntFish.com** in association with TexasOutdoorNews.org, TexasOutdoorCalendar.org, TexasWildlifeNews.com and OutdoorChannel.com

How to Enter: To enter, submit an original story related to hunting, fishing and/or related outdoor activities in compliance with these Official Rules.

To Submit a Story:

- 1. Write your story and organize any photos or videos you want to include
- 2.Register at: http://www.texashuntfish.com/app/register
- 3. Upload your Story to the Journals section at: http://www.texashuntfish.com/app/journals/add

Contest Time Line:

- STORY SUBMISSION PERIOD
 October 1, 2012 through January 15, 2013
- JUDGING TO SELECT FINALISTS AND ALTERNATES
 February 1, 2013 through February 28, 2013
- STORY VOTING PERIOD
 October 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013
- WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON TEXASHUNTFISH.COM March 15, 2013

Official Contest Rules: Contest Host (Entity): TexasHuntFish.com. NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN; VOID WHERE PROHIBITED; INTERNET ACCESS REQUIRED. Eligibility: The contest is open only to legal residents of the United States who are at least 9 years old and less than 18 years old as of the date of entry. Entries by an individual less than 13 years of age must be submitted - not written - by a parent or legal guardian. Employees of TexasHuntFish.com and their families are not eligible to enter. Only an original document you created will be eligible to win. An entry may only be submitted by a single individual. Group entries will not be accepted. Only the author of a story may submit an entry, unless a parent or legal guardian of a contestant between the ages of 9 and 13. Contest Conditions: Void where prohibited. No purchase necessary, nor will purchase increase your chances of winning. By participating in the Contest, you agree to be bound by these Rules and TexasHuntFish.com's Privacy Policy (collectively "Official Rules"). All stories submitted must relate to hunting, fishing and/or related outdoor activities in Texas. All entries must adhere to the submission requirements described in the Official Rules or be subject to disqualification. Entries must be received by January 15, 2013 to be eligible. For the purpose of this Contest, an entry is an original document submission that follows the technical, creative and legal requirements disclosed in the Official Rules. Receipt of an entry occurs when TexasHuntFish.com's server successfully receives the uploaded document and records the required entry information. Your document may be submitted anytime during the Story Submission Period at http://www.texashuntfish.com/app/journals/add. Follow the instructions to upload your original document. By submitting document and entry materials, you agree to be bound by the Official Rules and the decisions of TexasHuntFish.com. Submission Format: We recommend writing your story first, then copying and pasting the text into the Journals submission page. No slides, hand written documents or prints will be accepted for the contest or returned if mailed to TexasHuntFish.com. In consideration of participating in the Contest, you hereby grant to TexasHuntFish.com non-exclusive, irrevocable, fully paid, universal license to use, copy, sublicense, transmit, distribute, publish, delete or display such submission, or any portion thereof, in any media now known or hereafter devised without any further right of approval. You authorize TexasHuntFish.com to utilize, for eternity and in any manner they see fit, the document submitted to TexasHuntFish.com, and to make derivative works from such material. You agree that the results and proceeds of such use shall become the property of TexasHuntFish.com and/or TexasHuntFish.com's licensees, and shall be freely assignable by TexasHuntFish.com and that TexasHuntFish.com and its assignees and licensees shall have no obligations whatsoever to you. Once submitted, an entry may not be deleted, canceled, or modified.

2012/3 TOWA YOUTH OUTDOOR WRITING CONTEST



2012/13 YOUTH OUTDOOR WRITING CONTEST IS OPEN TO STUDENTS

Texas Outdoor Writers Association Teams With Dallas Safari Club to Promote Youth Outdoor Writing Contest



The Texas Outdoor Writers Association has teamed up with the Dallas Safari Club's Dallas Ecological Foundation to again promote the outdoors with good storytelling through a writing contest for middle school and high school students of Texas.

The Dallas Ecological Foundation will promote the contest through its Outdoor Adventures Education Program. The Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau has agreed to help recruit contestants within the host community for the 2013 TOWA conference. The TOWA board of directors is also asking association members to promote the contest at campuses in their respective communities.

Below are the contest rules and entry form. There is no entry fee. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three stories from each age division, middle school and high school. A laptop computer will be given to the author of the overall best story in each age group chosen by a panel of judges. The overall winners will also be recognized at the February 2013 TOWA Conference in Galveston.

Questions should be directed to Board Member TJ Greaney at (512) 292-1113 or tj@kidsoutdoorzone.com.

TEXAS OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIATION JUNIOR OUTDOOR JOURNALIST ADVENTURE STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Sponsored in part by Dallas Safari Club's Dallas Ecological Foundation's Outdoor Adventures Education program

The Texas Outdoor Writers Association and Dallas Ecological Foundation are pleased to announce our First Outdoor Experience Story Writing Contest for students. The contest opens Dec. 1, 2012. There will be two divisions: Middle School grades 6-8 and High School grades 9-12. First Place winners in each division will receive a new laptop computer, Second Place winners will receive a \$100 cash prize, and Honorable Mentions will receive \$25 cash prize. The winners will also receive an invitation to the 2013 TOWA Conference in Galveston, Texas on Feb. 16, 2012. Stories will be judged on originality, creativity, proper grammar, punctuation and writing style. Each contestant should submit her/his story to TOWA, attention TJ Greaney; 9508 Chisholm Trail, Austin, Texas 78748. All entries, whether delivered in person or by mail, must be received by 4 pm

on Feb. 1, 2013.

Winning entries will be featured at the TOWA 2013 conference in Galveston where members and guests may read and enjoy them. All entries become property of TOWA and may be published in full or part in the TOWA and DSC newsletter, web site or brochures. Winners will be notified by telephone or email, and a list of winners will also be posted in the April 2013 edition of the TOWA newsletter.

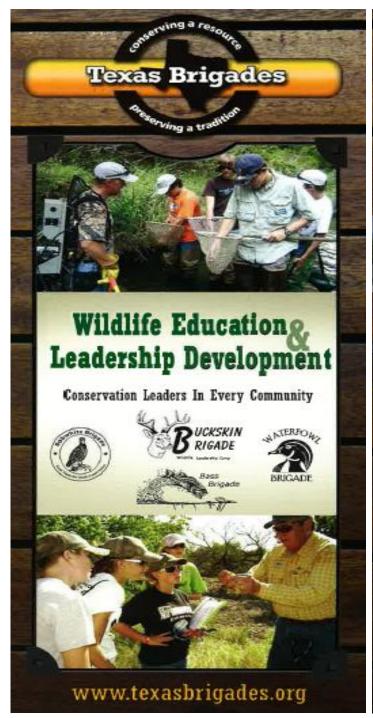
RULES:

- 1. Your story must be your own original work on the topic "My Best Outdoor Adventure."
- 2. Type your story (minimum 12-point font) on 8.5" x 11" paper.
- 3. Maximum word count should not exceed 500 words.
- 4. Do not include any artwork.
- 5. Only one story may be submitted per person.

Stories will not be returned. Stories not following these rules will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.

CUT AND CLIP TO YOUR STORY

TOWA JUNIOR OUTDOOR JO	URNALIST ADVENTUR	ADVENTURE STORY WRITING COMPETITION		
Title of Story:	Grade Level:	Number of Pages:	Word count:	
Student's Name:	Parent's N	Jame:		
Street Address/P.O. Box:	City:	State:	Zip:	
Primary Phone Number:	Secondar	Secondary Phone Number:		
Teacher:	Teacher e	mail:		
School Name:				
Street Address/P.O. Box:	City:	State:	Zip:	







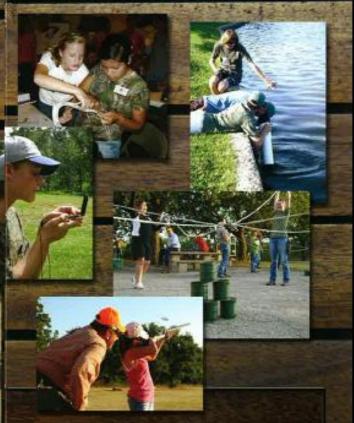
- Habitat management and evaluation
- Leadership and team building
- Public speaking and community outreach
- Photography and journalism



Each Texas Brigade camp is a five-day program for students ages 13-17. You will hone your communication skills, try aging and scoring deer, discover the importance of wetlands and watersheds, learn how to manage wildlife habitat, and develop a land ethic. Participants have the opportunity to earn college scholarship monies and fishing and hunting trips!

With exclusive access to private ranches we use as large-scale study labs, you will be challenged to become a leader and make new friends that share your passion for the outdoors.





In addition to learning animal anatomy and behavior, aquatic ecology, botany, habitat management, and population dynamics, you will learn valuable life skills. Communication is the key as you write news releases, present educational programs, and become comfortable being interviewed by radio and television reporters.

There are four programs to choose from: Buckskin Brigade, Bobwhite Brigade, Bass Brigade, and Waterfowl Brigade. Check our website for dates and locations at www.texasbrigades.org. If you are interested in wildlife and fisheries biology, natural resource conservation, or just enjoy the outdoors, you should apply to the Texas Brigades.

For more information and application materials: www.texasbrigades.org (855) TX BRIGS (892-7447) or (210) 556-1391

TEXAS BRIGADES



What is Texas Brigades?

The Texas Brigades is a wildlife 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 and wildlife management, 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!

Ranch Brigade

What will I learn?

Everything you ever wanted to know about 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.

2013 Camps

South Texas Buckskin Brigade – June 16-20 Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade – June 15-19 South Texas Bobwhite Brigade – June 23-27 Bass Brigade – July 8-12 North Texas Buckskin Brigade – July 14-18 Waterfowl Brigade – July 21-25 Ranch Brigade – July 28 – Aug. 1

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.



For more information, contact:
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