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News – Happy New Year!

DSC's Youth SAFETY Event is April 2nd at Hidden Lakes Hunting Club near Yantis, Texas. We need 85 more students. Please watch this video and recruit students.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d60VjHwElek>

If you need registration information, please let me know.

Youth Alligator Hunt

- New Youth Conservation Project! 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

Here is a Youtube video that shows how the various lures work when they are in the water, a "fish eye view", so to speak!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1v0KynxRt4>

**DSC's Youth S.A.F.E.T.Y.
Extravaganza – April 2, 2016
Deadline extended to March 11.**

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.....





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 SUMMER 2016

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 AM – 2:00	June 6 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....	2:00 PM – 6:00	June 6 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD NASP BAI.....	8:00 AM – 4:00	June 7 – Keller, TX
Dutch Oven Cooking.....	8:00 AM– 1:00	June 8 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Explore Bowhunter.....	2:00 PM – 6:00	June 8 – Dallas (DEF Office)
TPWD Angler Instructor.....	8:00 PM– 2:00	June 8 – Dallas (DEF Office)

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 AM – 2:00	July 18 – Dallas
TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....	2:00 PM – 6:00	July 18 – Dallas
TPWD NASP BAI.....	8:00 AM – 4:00	July 19 – Keller, TX
Dutch Oven Cooking.....	8:00 AM– 1:00	July 20 – Dallas
TPWD Explore Bowhunter.....	2:00 PM – 6:00	July 20 – Dallas
TPWD Angler Instructor.....	8:00 PM– 2:00	July 20 – Dallas

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 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)
PLAINVIEW	Wed Mar 9, 2016	8:00 AM	(512) 923-3509	(@SPIRIT OF THE WIND RANGE)

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.
TBA

Boater Education Instructor Classes

Fri Mar 18, 2016	5:00 PM	GALVESTON	(281) 705-5216	(@SEA SCOUT BASE 7519 BROADWAY)
Sat Mar 19, 2016	8:00 AM	CEDAR HILL	(281) 705-5216	(@DOGWOOD CANYON AUDUBON CENTER 1206 W FM 1382)

Angler Education Instructor Classes

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

April 22, 2016, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Harker Heights, TX, Sarah Mylcraine, smylcraine@ci.harker-heights.tx.us 254-953-5466

Alligator Hunt in Louisiana



Use this project as your semester spring semester final!

“How has the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation allowed the Alligator to return to sustainable levels?” Must report on regulated hunting and its role in conservation.

Trip will be in September 2016, date TBA

Piktochart Wildlife Conservation Project - Project Due to DEF office – May 27th

Criteria:

- Age limit: 14-18 and enrolled in Outdoor Adventures course in 2015-2016.
- Students create a Piktochart www.piktochart.com about “How the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation has allowed the alligator to return to sustainable levels. The report must include how regulated hunting has helped with conservation.
- Teachers select the top 3 projects and sends them to Scot McClure, DEF, by **May 27, 2016**. Winners announced June 3, 2016
Use the attached grading rubric for project scoring.

One Outdoor Adventure student and parent will spend a weekend on a houseboat in the Louisiana swamps hunting alligators and fishing with guides! Participants must sign letters of release and pay for their own transportation Louisiana.

OA Teachers: Advantages for using this project as your final grade: **Grading Rubric is provided!!!!**

- 1) One of your students could win a weekend alligator hunt and fishing trip in September 2016.
- 2) Use the Piktocharts in your local community news outlets for increased awareness for your program.
- 3) Incorporate Technology into Outdoor Adventures and use computer labs and technology for your final exam.
- 4) Students will learn about a real the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation.
- 5) Teach students how they can impact wildlife conservation outcomes.

Student Name	Class Period	Final	Grade
Criteria	Level 1 100 points	Level 2 80 points	Level 3 54 points
Overview of The North American Wildlife Conservation Model	Content is accurate. Delivered all relevant information necessary for full understanding of model. 10 pts	Content is accurate, but description leaves some undefined information. 8 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. Poorly stated or not clearly defined. 6 pts
Describe Basic Principle #1	Content is accurate. Delivered all relevant information necessary for full understanding. 5 pts	Content is accurate, but description leaves some undefined information. 4 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. Poorly stated or not clearly defined. 2 pts
Describe Basic Principle #2	Content is accurate. Delivered all relevant information necessary for full understanding. 5 pts	Content is accurate, but description leaves some undefined information. 4 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. Poorly stated or not clearly defined. 2 pts
Describe Basic Principle #3	Content is accurate. Delivered all relevant information necessary for full understanding. 5 pts	Content is accurate, but description leaves some undefined information. 4 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. Poorly stated or not clearly defined. 2 pts
Describe Basic Principle #4	Content is accurate. Delivered all relevant information necessary for full understanding. 5 pts	Content is accurate, but description leaves some undefined information. 4 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. Poorly stated or not clearly defined. 2 pts
Describe Basic Principle #5	Content is accurate. Delivered all relevant information necessary for full understanding. 5 pts	Content is accurate, but description leaves some undefined information. 4 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. Poorly stated or not clearly defined. 2 pts
Describe Basic Principle #6	Content is accurate. Delivered all relevant information necessary for full understanding. 5 pts	Content is accurate, but description leaves some undefined information. 4 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. Poorly stated or not clearly defined. 2 pts
Describe Basic Principle #7	Content is accurate. Delivered all relevant information necessary for full understanding. 5 pts	Content is accurate, but description leaves some undefined information. 4 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. Poorly stated or not clearly defined. 2 pts
Identify the initial concerns for the preservation of the alligators in Louisiana and Texas	Identifies the potential wildlife conservation concerns in a clear and concise manner. 20 pts	Identifies the potential wildlife conservation concerns with some undefined information. 16 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. 12 pts
Describe the impact the North American Model has had on the preservation of alligators in Louisiana and Texas	Clearly describes impact with abundant data to support impact. 25 pts	Clearly describes impact but with minimal data to support impact. 20 pts	Content is incomplete or inaccurate. Poorly stated no factual data to support impact. 16 pts
Piktochart layout, design and grammar	Content is presented in clear and concise fashion. Presentation uses graphs, color, pictures and diagrams. All grammar is correct. 10 pts	Content is presented in clear and concise fashion. Presentation uses some graphs, colors, pictures and diagrams. Most grammar is correct. 8 pts	Content is unclear and difficult to interpret. Presentation uses basic format. A lot of grammatical mistakes. 6 pts

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



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.
