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News

If you need activities to help finish the year please consider the following from this newsletter:

- Post Course Survey – Link is on this page, lower right corner
- Only 900 Post-Course Surveys have been collected so far. Please take your class to the computer lab.
- TPWD Angler Ed. Report Forms and Student Certificates

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NASP Nationals May 10-11, 2013
- DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event – Sept. 21, 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

Reminder

Please take you classes to the computer lab to complete the last survey. The Post Course Survey is available at:

<https://www.surveymk.com/s/OAEPsurvey>

This is the last request for this survey. Responsive Management collected some unbelievable information in the spring 2012 survey. The fall 2012 survey and this spring's survey will finalize Responsive Management's Survey request. This data will help outdoor skill education across the country.

NEED YOUR HELP

Responsive Management collected over 5000 pre-course surveys but only 900 post-course surveys. If you took your class to the computer lab for the pre-course survey, PLEASE, take your class back to the computer lab for the post-course survey.

"FREE FISHING IN STATE PARKS"

Free Fishing in State Parks is designed to encourage more people to get out and enjoy the great sport of fishing. It has long been one of the most popular activities in the U.S., and it is our hope that everyone will want to share in the countless memories that can be created out on the water.

To do that, Texas Parks & Wildlife has waived the normal fishing license and stamp requirements for anyone fishing inside the property boundary of a Texas state park. Once you've paid the park entrance fees, no one needs a fishing license or stamp, whether freshwater or saltwater, adult or child, as long as they're inside the state park. However, bag limits, length limits, and other regulations will still apply, and be enforced.

This applies to fishing from the bank, a pier, river or creek fishing, and fishing from a boat, if the water body is fully contained within the state park boundary. You can even wade fish in our coastal state parks along park property.

Outdoor Adventures On-line Post-Course Survey

<https://www.surveymk.com/s/OAEPsurvey>

If you took your Outdoor Adventures classes to a computer lab in January and completed the on-line pre-course survey. Please take your classes to the computer lab and complete the post-course survey. It will take your students around 15 minutes to complete. The types of questions will be centered on experiences and anticipation on the following topics: hunting, archery, angling, boating, shooting sports. Then the survey will ask a few general questions about school, attendance, physical activity and knowledge about wildlife conservation.

Why ask questions in so many different areas? Outdoor Adventures is gaining a lot of interest from the following groups: Physical Education, Wildlife Conservation Agencies, State Department of Natural Resources, Special Interest Groups supporting Outdoor Skills.



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 2013 – Location – Dallas

TPWD Hunter Instructor..... 4:00 PM – 9:00PM May 16

Teacher Training in North Texas for Summer 2013 – Location – Argyle (DFW)

TPWD Hunter Instructor.....	8:00 – 2:00	June 17, July 22
Texas Archery in Schools Program.....	8:00 – 4:30	June 18, July 23
TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....	8:00 – 2:00	June 19, July 24
TPWD Angler Instructor	8:00 – 2:00	June 20, July 25
Dutch Oven Cooking/ First Aid/CPR.....	9:00 – 3:00	June 21, July 26

Additional Hunter Instructor Classes

COLLEGE STATION	Thu May 9, 2013	8:00 AM	(979) 845-4865
COLLEGE STATION	Sat May 18, 2013	7:30 AM	(979) 845-4865
HOUSTON	Sat Jul 27, 2013	8:00 AM	(832) 344-2110

HOUSTON	Sat Oct 26, 2013	8:00 AM	(832) 344-2110
SAN ANTONIO	Sat Aug 3, 2013	8:00 AM	(210) 648-7850
WACO	Sat May 18, 2013	8:00 AM	(254) 722-5660

Additional Angler Education Instructor Classes

May 18, 2013 9:00 – 1:30, Pearland, Texas, greg.akins@tpwd.state.tx.us 821-534-0123

May 18, 2013 9:00 – 3:00, Austin Nature and Science Center, caleb.harris@tpwd.state.tx.us 512-389-4472

Additional NASP – BAI Courses – contact burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us

May 11, 2013 – 7:45-4:00, Irving, TX

Additional Dutch-Oven Cooking classes

May 4, 2013 – 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Martin Dies, Jr. State Park, Jasper, TX, Katherine Crippens, 409-384-5231



TPWD Angler Education Needs \$\$\$

Very Important....TPWD Angler Education receives all of their funding based on the number of students completing their program. By completing the short or long version and sending the forms ensures continued funds for the angler education program. Please help TPWD Angler Education and complete the form for each class.

Thank You!

Please place your cursor on the link below and hit control +click.

TPWD Angler Education Class Report Form – Short Version

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_0589u_k0700_angler_class_report_short_form.pdf

TPWD Angler Education Class Report Form – Long Version

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_589t_k0700_angler_class_report_long_form.pdf



TPWD Angler Education Certificates

TPWD Basic Angler Certificate – Template

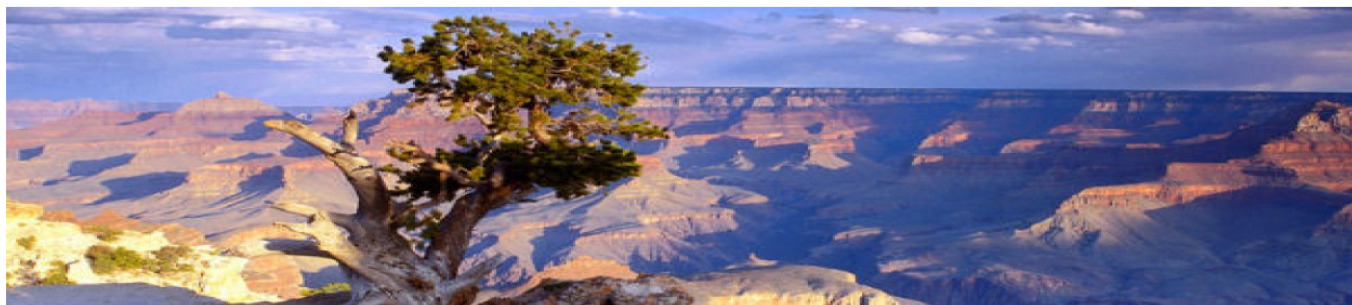
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdforms/media/cs_ct_k0700_022a_basic_fishing.pdf

TPWD Advanced Angler Certificate – Template

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdforms/media/cs_ct_k0700_0200b_advanced_fishing.pdf

Free Summer Trip for **Outdoor Adventure Education Teachers!**

Grand Classroom will offer Outdoor Adventure Education teachers a summer camp specifically designed for your Outdoor Education and Wildlife Management students. Look at the attached information and see if this is a program for your students next year.



Grand Classroom Outdoor Adventures

Grand Classroom Outdoor Adventures are student trips that offer tremendous experiential educational opportunities. In addition to the important character-building aspects of student travel, the participants will be exposed to a constant stream of interactive lessons in science, history and conservation of wildlife/habitat.

The students will be outside the majority of the trip, and will learn by hands-on experience with docents and expert guides. In this age of computers, television and video games, we at Grand Classroom believe that students benefit greatly from education combined with movement and outdoor activity. The majority of our trips are housed in quality properties like the Courtyard® by Marriott. The trips can be customized to meet your curriculum and the interest of your group.

As a teacher, you would sponsor the trip at your school. Grand Classroom provides marketing materials and handles all of the planning, registration, and money collecting. You receive a free chaperon for every ten students registered. Once you decide on a trip and date we will send letters to hand out to all the students. A web site will be created just for your trip. It will include a link for registration, trip itinerary, packing information, and behavior and medical release forms.

The trips are one all-inclusive price. They include three meals a day, hotel accommodations, air fare, ground transportation, all entry fees, and medical and dental insurance.

To request more information contact Tim Maxwell at 800-852-1453 or timmaxwell@grandclassroom.com. You may also visit the send more information page at:

<https://fdm.wufoo.com/forms/send-me-more-information/>

Please use this special link so your group can be coordinated with the Outdoor Adventures Program.

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Some of the exciting activities offered on a Grand Classroom Adventure:

- Hiking the South Kaibab Trail at the Grand Canyon
- Hiking the Narrows in Zion National Park
- Float trip on the Colorado River through Glen Canyon
- White water rafting on the Snake River
- Swimming with the Dolphins
- Explore Anasazi dwellings at Wupatki National monument
- Hike among the Hoodoos at Bryce Canyon National Park
- Visit Old Faithful
- Multiple opportunities for wildlife viewing



Grand Canyon Sample Itinerary

Day One

- Arrive Las Vegas
- Red Rock National Conservation Area
- Valley of Fire State Park
- Hotel in Springdale, UT

Day Two

- Zion National Park
- Hike the Narrows (weather permitting)
- Checkerboard Mesa
- Overnight in Kanab, UT

Day Three

- Horseshoe Bend
- Float trip on the Colorado River
- Wupatki and Sunset Crater National Monuments
- Rock climbing at indoor gym
- Check into hotel in Flagstaff, AZ

Day Four

- Grand Canyon National Park
- Canyon View Information Plaza
- Hike the South Kaibab Trail
- Desert View Watchtower
- Other stops as time allows
- Return to hotel

Day Five

- Slide Rock State Park
- Depart for Las Vegas
- Planet Hollywood Dinner
- Fountains of Bellagio
- Depart for airport

Yellowstone Sample Itinerary

Day One

- Arrive Salt Lake City
- Antelope Island State Park – Swim in Great Salt Lake
- Depart for Yellowstone
- Hotel in West Yellowstone, MT

Day Two

- Enter Yellowstone
- Norris Geyser Basin
- Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
- Mammoth Hot Springs
- Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center
- Return to hotel

Day Three

- Enter Yellowstone
- Grand Prismatic Spring
- Old Faithful
- Continental Divide hike
- Enter Grand Teton National Park
- Hotel in Jackson, WY

Day Four

- Enter Grand Teton National Park
- Ferry across Jenny Lake to Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point
- Rafting on the Snake River to private campground
- Overnight camping

Day Five

- Whitewater rafting from camp on the Snake River
- Depart for Salt Lake City
- Free time for shopping in Salt Lake City
- Depart for home

Florida Sample Itinerary

Day One

- Arrive in Florida
- Depart for Key Largo
- Florida Keys Wild Bird Center
- Feed tarpon at Robbie's Dock
- Check into hotel in Key Largo, FL

Day Two

- John Pennkamp Coral Reef State Park
- Snorkel in Pennkamp
- Nature hike
- Kayak through mangroves
- Return to hotel

Day Three

- Swim with dolphins
- Turtle Hospital
- Depart for Key West
- Mallory Square
- Sunset in Key West
- Return to hotel

Day Four

- Depart for Everglades National Park
- Shark Valley Tram Tour
- Tour an organic herb farm
- Check into hotel in Naples, FL

Day Five

- Depart for Ft. Lauderdale
- Sawgrass National Recreation Area
- Airboat ride
- Gator and Wildlife show
- Depart for home

Costa Rica Sample Itinerary

Day One

- Arrive in San Jose (sights dependent on arrival time)
- Depart for Selva Verde Lodge
- Stops and sights en route per guide
- Hotel and dinner

Day Two

- Depart for river rafting
- Whitewater rafting
- Depart for Arenal
- Los Lagos for dinner and pool time

Day Three

- Arenal Volcano National Park
- Visit a local school – interact with local children
- Visit an organic farm
- Hotel
- Free time at hotel

Day Four

- Depart for Monteverde
- Sights around Lake Arenal
- Night hike in cloud forest
- Check into hotel

Day Five

- Depart for Selvatura
- Zip-line over the jungle
- Hanging bridges in cloud forest
- Beach time
- Hotel

Day Six

- Pacific coast beaches
- Sights and stops as time allows per guide
- Depart for Heredia
- Hotel

Day Seven

- Driving tour of San Jose (time permitting)
 - Depart for airport
- (Note: Travelers are responsible for \$29 departure tax)