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## News

**Teachers Please Post our Facebook and Instagram Page in your classroom – page 4**

**FREE !!!**

- Mounts
- Interactive quiz
- Hunting Checklist
- Firearm Safety
- Ethical Hunting
- Pocket Hunter Facts



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event – Sept. 24, 2016
- National Hunting and Fishing Day – Sept. 24, 2016
- YWCE – January 6, 2017

## BONNIE'S CORNER

Bonnie Newcombe is an Outdoor Adventures Manager and she shared the following:

This is a good YouTube video for the 10 commandments of firearm safety. However, in their demonstration, there is some mishandling of firearms, see if your students can pick it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=katoko733iw>

## TPWD Supply Order Forms

### Hunter

[https://tpwd.texas.gov/learning/hunter\\_education/instructor/supply.phtml](https://tpwd.texas.gov/learning/hunter_education/instructor/supply.phtml)

### Angler

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/angler-education/instructor/order-forms-for-angler-education-instructors>

### Boater

[http://tpwd.texas.gov/learning/boater\\_education/instructor/supplyorderform.phtml](http://tpwd.texas.gov/learning/boater_education/instructor/supplyorderform.phtml)

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### *The Texas Outdoor Writers Association, Dallas Safari Club and the Dallas Ecological Foundation*

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are promoting youth in the outdoors with an adventure essay contest open to Texas middle and high school students. Themes should involve personal experiences while fishing, hunting, camping or enjoying other outdoor adventures. A conservation message is encouraged.

**Deadline: Jan. 31, 2017.** Maximum word count: 500. Essays must be typed. Stories will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar, punctuation and style. The contest is divided into middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (9-12). First place winners will receive a laptop or tablet computer. Second place gets \$100 cash. Third place prize is \$25. Winners also may be invited to the 2017 TOWA conference the final weekend in February.

***Submit stories to TOWA, attention: Tom Linton, PO Box 151293, Austin, TX 78715-1293.***





## 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](mailto: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

SULPHUR SPRGS	Thu Sep 22, 2016	9:00 AM	(000) 000-0000	(CONTACT monica.bickerstaff@tpwd.texas.gov @ Sulphur Springs)
COLLEGE STATION	Sat Sep 24, 2016	8:00 AM	(979) 845-4865	(ExHunterEd@gmail.com)
AUSTIN	Sat Nov 12, 2016	9:00 AM	(512) 633-0164	(Please bring the completed documents found @ <a href="http://tpwd.tex">http://tpwd.tex</a> )
FORT WORTH	Sat Nov 12, 2016	8:30 AM	(512) 923-3509	(@ Texas Motor Speedway Longhorn Council Camporee randy.spr)
CORPUS CHRISTI	Sat Feb 4, 2017	8:00 AM	(361) 853-8644	

### **NASP – Basic Archery Instructor** Pre-register at: [www.naspbai.org](http://www.naspbai.org)

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

**Brock, TX, September 18, 2016**

### Angler Education Instructor Classes

Sept 10, 2016, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Edinburg, TX 78542, Marisa Oliva, [moliva@cityofediburg.com](mailto:moliva@cityofediburg.com) 956-381-9922

Sept 10, 2016, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Katy ISD, TX 77494, Robert Brashear, [robertmbrashear@katyisd.org](mailto:robertmbrashear@katyisd.org) 281-237-6001

Sept 22, 2016, 4:00-8:00 PM, Mountain Creek Library, Dallas, TX, Keira Quam, [keira.quam@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:keira.quam@tpwd.texas.gov) 469-644-2705

Sept 24, 2016, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, San Antonio, TX, [caleb.harris@tpwd.gov](mailto:caleb.harris@tpwd.gov), 512-389-4472

Oct. 1, 2016, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Pearland, TX [greg.akins@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:greg.akins@tpwd.texas.gov) 281-534-0123

Dec 3, 2016, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Buda, TX, [caleb.harris@tpwd.gov](mailto:caleb.harris@tpwd.gov), 512-389-4472

Jan. 21, 2017, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Austin, TX, [caleb.harris@tpwd.gov](mailto:caleb.harris@tpwd.gov), 512-389-4472

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# Texas – NASP State Qualifying Tournament Details

1. The Texas-NASP State Qualifying Tournament timeframe will be from Jan 3, 2017 to Jan 31, 2017. In order to be considered for participation in the State Tournament, schools must participate in the State Qualifying Tournament. The State Qualifier is considered a “virtual tournament” in that schools may conduct their tournaments alone or with other schools during the specified timeframe and then coaches register, submit scores and pay online. Detailed directions will be sent later during the Fall semester. *Only schools offering NASP archery during the regular school day are eligible to compete.* Link to the: [NASP competition rules](#).

2. The 2017 Texas-NASP State Tournament will be held March 23 & 24, 2017.

The [2017 State Tournament](#) will be held at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton March 23 & 24, 2017. This will be the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the tournament and will likely exceed 2000 archers for the first time (*in 2016 more than 1800 registered and 1674 submitted scorecards*). The High School Division top 5 boys and top 5 girls will again be shooting for their share of \$30,000.00 in college scholarship money. Detailed directions and information will be sent later.

3. Local, school-hosted invitational tournaments are posted at [www.nasptournaments.org](http://www.nasptournaments.org).

Find out where and when tournaments are being held or list a NASP tournament that you are hosting. Tournaments typically start as early as mid-September and are offered through the school-year until mid-to-late April. Hosting a NASP tournament is a good way to fund-raise for your archery program and a great way for students to gain experience and warm-up for the State Tournament.

4. Texas Parks & Wildlife Department is hiring a new Community Archery Specialist for the Houston area and will office in West Houston. The posting is open until September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please forward the following link to anyone you think might be interested – the position will be in West Houston: [Houston Archery Position](#)

5. All NASP® educators should use the new Texas Parks & Wildlife Department online volunteer management system to report their hours spent teaching NASP® archery. Please report your hours within 45 days after teaching your archery unit. If you have a competition NASP® club or team and incur on-going hours spent on NASP archery throughout the year, you can report your hours monthly, or any time within 45 days after the activity. \*\*This is how we will know you are an active NASP® instructor and your certification will not lapse.

To begin the process of documenting these hours, each of you must first create a volunteer profile, if you haven't already. After creating your profile, you may then use this online system to report your archery activity.

I. Here are the steps to create your profile: Please go to the TPWD Volunteer website, [www.tpwd.texas.gov/volunteer](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/volunteer) and **complete these steps** to create a volunteer profile:

1. Select “**FIND AN OPPORTUNITY**” and enter in the **KEYWORD** search box: “Archery Education Classes and Events”.
2. The Opportunity, “Archery Education Classes and Events” with the location “statewide” will appear, click on the **DETAILS** button
3. On the following screen, scroll down and click on the **SIGN UP** button
4. **Sign up for the opportunity:**

*If you are already a registered TPWD Volunteer* enter your **User ID and password** (example of TPWD Volunteers include: Angler Education, State Park hosts, Sea Center, Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC), Master Naturalist, or Project WILD, etc...)

*If you are not a TPWD volunteer*, click on the “**Apply to become a Volunteer**” link and set up your profile. Remember to...

Authorize and complete the Criminal Background Check section.

**Dallas Ecological Foundation is a qualified 501 (c)(3) charitable organization under IRS regulations**

All fields must be completed including your Drivers License number and date of birth

Please note there are two places requesting electronic signatures (scroll down the page for the 2<sup>nd</sup> signature block.)

ATTN TEACHERS: Since most school district servers block email to multiple recipients, please consider using a personal email address. If you have archery activity hours from the last 45 days, step II below describes how to report your hours.

II. Here are the steps to log your Archery Instruction activity after having created your volunteer profile.

1. Go to, [www.tpwd.texas.gov/volunteer](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/volunteer) and log-in
2. Click on the “report service” choice.
3. Select “Archery Education Classes and Events” and fill out the survey.
4. The event hours must be reported within 45 days of the start of your archery event/activity to be used toward our federal matching requirement.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected. If you need help creating your profile, please contact **Burnie @ 281-793-5135**.

## **6. National NASP news, trivia and more:**

--- 2,437,128 students participated in NASP archery worldwide during the 2015-2016 school-year.

---By comparison, in the High School age-range there were 750,000 participants in NASP, 487,000 in Baseball, 340,000 in tennis. Three High School sports that posted higher participation---track-- 1 million, basketball-- 970,000 and soccer-- 808,000.

---NASP’s “Academic Archer” program kicks-off in early September for the 2016-2017 school-year. This is a great way to recognize the work of your NASP students and tournament participation is not required. Find out how to sign them up here: [Academic Archer Toolkit](#)

--- News and tidbits are posted frequently on the [Texas-NASP Facebook page](#), check it out!

--- Need staff certified as NASP Basic Archery Instructors? The schedule of classes and registration is at [www.naspbai.org](http://www.naspbai.org) or contact Burnie to schedule a course at your school.

# Top Quality Trophy Mounts for Your Classroom

A private individual wants to give several of his trophy class mounts to Outdoor Adventures' schools. Mounts will not be delivered to schools. Mounts must be picked up at the DEF office weekdays, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM by Oct 1, 2016. DEF, 1209 W. Trinity Blvd., Grand Prairie, TX 75050.

First to inform Scot McClure gets to first pick the mount they want. 469-805-2390  
[scot@dallasecologicalfoundation.org](mailto:scot@dallasecologicalfoundation.org)

When the mount is picked up, a DEF form will be signed by the teacher stating the DEF is not the owner of the mount and the DEF is only providing a place to pick-up the mount.

8 mounts to be donated by private donor, not the DEF (images are just for show, not actual mount):



Full body tahr



Red stag shoulder mount -380 pt



1/2 body mount chamois



Fallow deer shoulder mount - gold medal



Whitetail shoulder mounts

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Proper firearm storage is the number one way to prevent firearm accidents. With this in mind Texas Parks & Wildlife Department is working with the **National Shooting Sports Foundation** to remind hunters that “The Hunt Isn’t Over Until You Are S.A.F.E.”

S.A.F.E. stands for **Store** firearms responsibly, **Always** practice firearm safety, **Focus** on your responsibilities as a firearm owner, and **Education** is key to preventing accidents. Project ChildSafe emphasizes safely securing firearms when they are not in use as the #1 way to prevent firearm accidents.

The hunting season is a time of year when a lot of firearms are in use and in transport, so we urge hunters to remember what they can do to prevent firearm accidents in the field, at the range, at home and everywhere in between.

To complement TPWD’s hunter education programs and provide you with additional resources on proper firearm storage and safety, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, as part of its Project ChildSafe program, has made several resources available, which can be found at TPWD’s web site and/or are included in this weekly blog (below):

- [An interactive quiz on hunting safety](#)
- A [Hunting Checklist for Families](#)
- [Tips and guidelines](#) on safe firearm handling
- NSSF’s [Ethical Hunter brochure](#) and [Pocket Hunter Fact Card](#)
- An [infographic](#) with guidelines on a variety of firearm storage options

The idea is to help everyone hunt responsibly, return home safe, and securely store their unloaded firearms. Together we can help prevent firearm accidents!