News – Happy New Year!
Announcing Our Newest Partner, Cabela’s Outdoor Fund! Sponsoring 250 new schools across North America in the next three years.

Special thank you and recognition to our largest donor, DSC! Over $1 million in support since 1998.

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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

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Winners of the King Salmon Fishing in Alaska
Sample of a Winning Poster on sidebar:

Stephenville High School Winners
Aaron Abilla
Caroly Leija
Ashlynn Thomas
Robert Ford

Allen High School Winners
Melanie Bartolo
Alyssa Brown

Thanks for everyone participating in the contest. Winners were selected by DEF Board members

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.

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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 Spring 2016 (Must have 5 teachers for these classes to make)
Hunter, Boater, Angler, NASP will be announced next month

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

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**Additional 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.

**Additional 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.ains@tpwd.texas.gov
Feb. 18, 2015, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, New Braunfels, TX, Caleb Harris, caleb.harris@tpwd.texas.gov 512-389-4472

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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

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**Membership Application**

**Name**
Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss.____________________________________________________

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Sponsor #1: ___________________________________________ Sponsor #2: __________________________

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**Membership Type**

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

I would like my membership information to remain private. ☐ Yes ☐ No

DEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The non-deductible Sponsor membership services portion of your DEF membership is $15.

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**Payment**

CC #:__________________________________________ CVC:__________ EXP:__________ /__________

☐ 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

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Texas Archery Tournaments

State Qualifier tournaments must be conducted between November 30 – December 22

List of Texas Tournaments
http://www.nasptournaments.org/TournamentExplorer.aspx

Texas Parks & Wildlife

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

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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

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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: __________
Texas Youth Hunting Program provides Mentored, Introductory Hunting Opportunities!!!

**TYHP Overview**
- Hunts offered in all parts of Texas
- All game species, exotics, & varmints
- Trained Volunteers run the hunts
- Firearm and Bow Hunts
- Safe, Educational, Affordable and Fun

**Requirements for hunting with TYHP**
- Age 9 – 17
- Hunter Education Certification
- Valid Texas Hunting License plus applicable Stamps
- Accompaniment by a Parent or Guardian

**How Do You Join In?**
- Create a Youth Account @ [www.tyhp.org](http://www.tyhp.org)
- Check Hunt Schedule on website
- Apply for Hunts that interest you
- Hunt fee ($150) due only after you are selected

**Contact Us**
Website: [www.tyhp.org](http://www.tyhp.org)
TYHP Main Office: (800) 460-5494

TYHP North Texas Coordinator:
Bob Barnette (214) 282-3697
bbarnette@texas-wildlife.org
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](http://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!

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:
Aminee Carasco, Executive Director
Zelina Alvarado, Program Coordinator
texasbrigades@texasbrigades.org
www.TexasBrigades.org

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