



# Outdoor Adventures



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**News**

**ATA – Explore Bowhunting Kits – see information on this page, bottom right.**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- TASP State Tournament – Feb. 15, 2013
- DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event – May 4, 2013
- NASP Nationals May 10-11, 2013
- Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience – Jan. 9, 2014

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**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!!!**

**ATA has given the DEF 5 additional Explore Bowhunting Kits valued at \$2000.00 each. I have 10 schools attending a workshop at the DSC offices, Feb. 22. If you want to include your school in this program, please let me know ASAP. You must attend the workshop and teach the unit for 2 weeks this spring.**

**Hurry!**  
**First Schools to contact me.**

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## Outdoor Adventures Education Educator of the Year 2013



### **Bill Parker Coppell High School**

Bill's program has grown tremendously the past few years due to his leadership and compassion for his students. The Coppell Outdoor Adventures students travel to Elm Fork Shooting Range each semester and enjoy a full day of shooting. Coppell High School also has a new Competitive Shotgun team starting this year. Mr. Parker also includes indoor rock climbing, fire craft building and survival skills exercises with his classes. The DEF Board of Trustees wants to say thank you very much for all you do for your students and sharing the great outdoors with them.

### **New Boater Education Deferral**

**Under the new boater education deferral rule, a person 18 years or older may purchase a one-time 15-day deferral for \$10 to operate a vessel on Texas waters. This deferral gives vacationers and new boater operators an opportunity to use a watercraft before they take a boating safety class. Fifteen days was selected because it matches the days required for a new boat owner to register their boat, and it also covers a two week vacation period. The deferral may be purchased on-line and through the point-of-sale system, just like purchasing a hunting license.**

**The TPWD was required by the past legislative session to put this deferral rule in place. This could spark some good class discussion regarding the requirement of rules like this!**

**Thanks Bonnie Newcombe for the Boater Education Update!**



# 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](mailto:scot@dallasecologicalfoundation.org)**

## Teacher Training in North Texas for Spring 2013 – Location – Dallas

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|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>TPWD Hunter Instructor.....</b>            | <b>4:00 PM – 9:00PM</b> | <b>May 16</b>            |
| <b>Texas Archery in Schools Program.....</b>  | <b>8:00 – 4:30</b>      | <b>March 30, Feb. 18</b> |
| <b>TPWD Boater Education Instructor.....</b>  | <b>8:00 – 2:00</b>      | <b>TBA</b>               |
| <b>TPWD Angler Instructor .....</b>           | <b>8:00 – 2:00</b>      | <b>April 6</b>           |
| <b>Dutch Oven Cooking/ First Aid/CPR.....</b> | <b>9:00 – 3:00</b>      | <b>TBA</b>               |

### Additional Hunter Instructor Classes

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|-----------------|------------------|---------|----------------|
| AUSTIN          | Mon Feb 18, 2013 | 8:00 AM | (512) 221-7174 |
| COLLEGE STATION | Sat Mar 23, 2013 | 7:30 AM | (979) 845-4865 |
| COLLEGE STATION | Thu May 9, 2013  | 8:00 AM | (979) 845-4865 |
| COLLEGE STATION | Sat May 18, 2013 | 7:30 AM | (979) 845-4865 |
| CORPUS CHRISTI  | Sat Feb 9, 2013  | 8:00 AM | (361) 853-8644 |
| CORPUS CHRISTI  | Sat Feb 1, 2014  | 8:00 AM | (361) 853-8644 |

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|-------------|------------------|---------|----------------|
| 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 |
| WHITSETT    | Sat Mar 9, 2013  | 9:00 AM | (210) 413-1101 |

### Additional Angler Education Instructor Classes

February 28, 2013 -9:00 – 2:00, Lake Whitney State Park - [caleb.harris@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:caleb.harris@tpwd.state.tx.us) 512-389-4472

March 2, 2013 – 9:00 – 2:00, Austin - [caleb.harris@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:caleb.harris@tpwd.state.tx.us)

March 30, 2013 8:30-1:30, Sea Center Texas, [greg.akins@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:greg.akins@tpwd.state.tx.us) 821-534-0123

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

### Additional NASP – BAI Courses

March 3, 2013 – 7:45-4:00, North Joshua Elementary School, [burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us)

# NASP Tournaments



- Feb 9, 2013---Ennis JH, Ennis, contact Lanna McCabe, [lanna.mccabe@ennis.k12.tx.us](mailto:lanna.mccabe@ennis.k12.tx.us) <<mailto: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) <<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) <<mailto:aoconnor@stmaryslgv.org>>
- Mar 24, 2013---Kaufman ISD, contact Casey Becker, [cbecker@kaufmanisd.net](mailto:cbecker@kaufmanisd.net) <<mailto: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](mailto:nwieck@stmarys-sch.org) <<mailto: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) <<mailto:burnie.kessner@tpwd.state.tx.us>>

# 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?

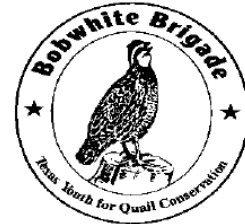
Most camps are held on private ranches. All of the facilities are set up for large groups and are very comfortable. Check out our website for exact locations!



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](http://www.texasbrigades.org).



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