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The **Fourth Annual Youth Hunter Education Challenge** is approaching on May 6-7, 1995. Interested coaches who would like to enter a team in this year's challenge should contact **Betty Allen** at Rt.2 Box 4, Killeen, Texas 76542, or call (817) 793-2167 for a registration packet to meet the April 15, deadline.

This year's Challenge will be held at the Parrie Haynes Youth Ranch, and is co-hosted by Texas Hunter Education Instructor's Association, Texas Game Warden's Association, Texas 4-H and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Billy Whitfield, current President of THEIA, is this year's Challenge Director. Several volunteers have already been at the ranch to lay out the Challenge course and hopefully make this event one of the best yet.

Scotty Oliver, Range and Facilities Coordinator for TPWD, along with Alton Anderson, of Texas Game Warden Association, THEIA officers and members, and the hunter education volunteer instructors have done an excellent job in preparing

the site for the upcoming event.

There was another work week-end scheduled on March 3-4 to lay out the Orienteering course and finish up some details on the other areas of planning associated with the competition. The Game Warden Association is having a lot of the work done by the resident caretaker. Once the ranch site has been completed, this should be an excellent area to conduct future Youth Challenges.

The International Youth Hunter Education Challenge will be held in Leesburg, VA, July 23-29. The National Rifle Association Hunter Services Division will conduct this event. Throughout the year, YHEC participants train with volunteer instructors to compete in state and provincial events that simulate actual hunting and field situations with top finishers advancing to the annual finals.

Also, coming up, is the **Fifth Annual Hunter Education Instructors Conference** to be held in Corpus Christi on June 3-4. We will have this year's event at the Howard Johnson Marina Hotel on the bayfront. The 5-Stand sporting clays

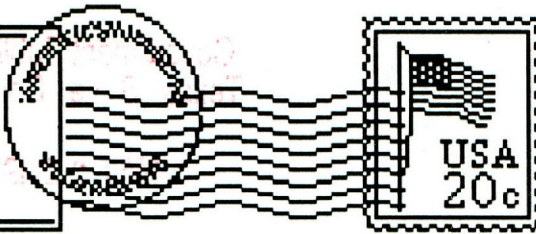
truck will be available at the Corpus Christi Rifle and Pistol Club for anyone who wishes to try their hand at busting a few clay birds. All ammunition will be provided, and guns will be available on the 5-Stand truck. However, you may bring your own shotgun as long as it is a 20 gauge or a 12 gauge.

A special package will be sent to all instructors who have signed up for the conference. So far, only eighty instructors have indicated that they want to come. If you did not sign up for this event on the workshop schedule back in November, then, please look for an information request form in this newsletter.

There are a number of exciting things to do in the Corpus Christi area. Why not make this a mini-vacation for the family. The Texas State Aquarium is close by, and so is the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Lexington. Fishing trips are in the making for those who want to take advantage. Since school will be out, come take a dip in the cool Gulf of Mexico and kick back and relax before the Fall Hunter Education classes start!



# Letters to the Editor



that I think I am," (Ha Ha), I did not have a compass with me. I became momentarily disoriented and began walking in the wrong direction. My son had his compass with him, and he had been marking the directions that we had been walking. I kept walking in the wrong direction against his insistence. Finally, I listened to him and followed his advice. We returned to our vehicle without any further incident. We were never in any grave danger, but his new found skill saved us some anxious moments and a lot of walking in the snow.

This and the many other hunting and safety skills my son learned in the Hunter Education course provided us with a safe and memorable hunting trip. Congratulations on the fine program and the excellent instructors such as Ken.

Manuel Guillen  
El Paso, Texas

*Editor's Note:*  
*Thanks Ken, for a job well done! I'm glad we didn't have to read the headlines in the paper that could have said....."Father and Son Die of Hypothermia While Lost on First Hunting Trip." You probably helped this father and son develop a relationship that will last for many years. Keep up the good work. We need more relationships like this.*

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Dear Staff:

In the most recent edition of "Target Talk," there was an article that chronicled **John Dea's** recognition for his contributions in the Hunter Education field. These honors came at the national level, and show how far-reaching his efforts have been appreciated.

From what I know of John, he is  
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## Editor's Note:

*It really means a great deal to have your students leave class with a change of attitude like this. My hat is off to Charles and John for their continued efforts. I spent some time at the Survival Workshop on the YO Ranch and saw how dedicated these two instructors are. I, too, say "Keep up the good work!"*

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Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to compliment and thank you for the fine Hunter Education Program here in the El Paso area. In particular, I would like to commend your instructor, **Kenneth Pogorzelski**.

Ken went that extra mile in order to provide my twelve year-old son, Joshua, with the course. He provided the instruction at a time that was convenient for our schedule, but, I'm sure, was inconvenient for him. My son and I hunted the second season in New Mexico, and because of my work schedule, we would not have been able to hunt if Ken had not provided the course at the time he did.

If your department is ever in need of a spokesperson to attest to the effectiveness of the program, I would like to volunteer. On the first day of the hunt, we were hunting about 30 miles north of Silver City in the Gila National Forrest, when we were caught in a blinding snow storm. Visibility was reduced to about 50-75 meters. Being the "know-it-all, experienced dad that

Dear TPWD:

Att: Andrew Sansom, Executive Director:

My name is Chris Lantrip and I'm a sixteen year old Texas hunter. I love to deer hunt and bird hunt. A few months ago, before deer season opened in September, my father signed both me and himself up for the Hunter Education course. I had been dreading this course ever since I first heard about it, and I didn't want to take it.

It was all evening on a Thursday and all day Saturday. I thought I had always been taught safety and that I was safe enough. I didn't think they could teach me anything I didn't already know. But, boy, was I wrong.

I really enjoyed the course and I got a lot out of it. It teaches you more than safety. It teaches you important outdoor survival skills, responsibility and many other things.

The instructors shared their own personal experiences, and, so did some of the other students. The course was great, and I think many other people will enjoy it in the future like I did.

I appreciate the State of Texas for making me take this course. I can never be safe enough, nor respect wildlife enough. I also appreciate **Charles English** and **John Marley** for making this course fun and interesting. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
Chris Lantrip  
Mesquite, Texas



## SUPPORT TPWD WILDLIFE RESEARCH

During the past year, the Wildlife Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) initiated 23 new wildlife research studies on topics ranging from "Survival and Reproduction of Eastern Turkeys" to "Texas Horned Lizard Population Dynamics." These studies were funded through a variety of sources including private donations.

Ron George, TPWD Coordinator of Wildlife Research, said the Wildlife Division currently is trying to recognize those persons who contribute to wildlife research at three funding levels. Those persons who contribute \$25.00 or more will receive a "I Support Wildlife Research" shoulder patch featuring a Texas horned lizard. Those contributing \$250.00 or more will receive the shoulder patch plus a signed and numbered, limited-edition "I Support Wildlife Research" art print by Department artist Elishea Morgan. The print features a mountain lion and ten other species of Texas wildlife. Those contributing \$1000.00 or more will receive the shoulder patch, the art print, and a certificate of appreciation signed by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director Andrew Sansom. All contributions are tax deductible.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the "Texas Parks and Wildlife Department" and clearly marked "For Wildlife Research." Contributions should be sent to:

**Wildlife Research  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, Texas 78744**

## **THOMPSON/CENTER ARMS TO CONTINUE INSTRUCTOR PURCHASE PLAN FOR 1995**

As in the past, Thompson/Center will continue the Instructor Purchase Plan again this year. Any instructor wishing to purchase a T/C product will be able to do so at a special price. Those instructors needing information should call the Hunter Education office at 1-800-792-1112+63 for a price on a particular firearm. Only one purchase per instructor per year is allowed. We will have a limited number of catalogs available. Instructors will be requested to furnish a copy of their instructor certification and make checks or money orders payable to Thompson/Center. Shipping charges will be paid by T/C.

## Upcoming Events

### Live-fire/Skills Trail

Arlington	Apr. 1-2
Austin	Apr. 29-30
Amarillo	May 20-21
	Canceled

### Youth Challenge

Parrie Haynes	May 6-7
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### IBEP

Houston	May 6-7
	Re-scheduled

### Annual Conference

Corpus Christi	June 3-4
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**All student certifications have been processed and all cards have been sent out for 1994. We have rolled over the incentive points and will be sending those awards out in the near future. Most major awards will be presented at the Annual Conference on June 3-4, in Corpus Christi. Hope to see you there!!!**

## **EDUCATION BRANCH**

Steve Hall, Education Director  
Terry Erwin, Recreation Safety Coord.  
Tim Spice, Assistant Coordinator  
Scotty Oliver, Range Specialist  
Kathy Powell, Records Clerk  
Lisa Samaniego, Secretary  
Debi Davis, Video Library  
Jack Nasworthy, Supplies  
Mary Joe Finley, WATS Line



# NOTICE

## GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

### VOLUNTEER INSURANCE PROGRAM PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Effective March 1, 1995, all volunteer Angler, Boater and Hunter Education certified instructors and all Project WILD, Aquatic WILD, and Adopt-A-Wetland facilitators will be provided with Personal Liability insurance at a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. This policy provides protection for a personal injury or a property damage liability claim arising out of the performance of the volunteers' duties. This coverage is in excess of and non-contributing with any other valid and collectible insurance the volunteer may have.

#### PRINCIPAL EXCLUSIONS TO PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

- \* injury or damage arising out of the use of an automobile, aircraft or watercraft (except non-owned watercraft): *(Your personally owned watercraft, or any boat over 26 feet, or any watercraft used to carry persons or property for a charge is not covered.)*
- \* errors or omissions in connection with the volunteer's professional services; *(stress the importance of covering all areas of instruction)*
- \* personal injury resulting from assault and battery committed by or at the direction of the volunteer;
- \* property damage to property in the care, custody or control of the volunteer;
- \* injury or damage by any person who is part of, or associated with, a work release or court ordered program

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If you have any questions, please contact Scotty Oliver at 1-800-792-1112



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not one to be too overly impressed by individual awards. He would rather be a member of an effective team advancing knowledge, skills and attitudes for a cause in which he believes. In my years in the Hunter Education program, I know of no stronger advocate of the lofty goals and high ideals that John exudes. Since the first time we met, some years ago, John has consistently stood as an example to be emulated.

So I, for one, would like to add my congratulations to John and his on-going standard of excellence. I'd also like him to know that his efforts have served as an example for at least one other instructor several hundred miles away. Congratulations John!!

Dan Wilson  
Dallas, Texas

*Editor's Comment:*

*It was indeed an honor for John to have received an award at that level. He continues to be a model for all other instructors to follow. Thanks Dan, for your letter.*

Dear Hunter Education Staff:

I really enjoyed the Trapper Workshop on the weekend of January 14-15, at the Buckner Camp near Burnet. The accommodations were great and so was the food. The whole workshop was well organized. Many thanks to all your staff and the instructors.

*Editors note:*

*Thanks to Rhonda Muller for all her help in planning, organizing and running the workshop for us. We look forward to September 1996, when the next Trapper Workshop is scheduled. The Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association has asked for a different time next year, so they can have an opportunity to prepare a better workshop. This one was great!*

## INSTRUCTORS NEEDED FOR SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

The Texas Game Warden Association's Summer Youth Camps are just around the corner. This is the second year they will be conducted at the Parrie Haynes Ranch near Killeen.

Beginning on Memorial Day weekend, the first group will arrive to be hosted by the TPWD Headquarters Staff. The camp will run until Thursday noon and then the next group will arrive on Sunday at noon, and so on for the following ten weeks of summer.

Students will be going through the Hunter and Angler Education courses, while doing hands-on activities as much as possible. The four-day camp will consist of orienteering; canoeing; camping; hunter skills trail; firearms; archery; responsibility, ethics and game laws; survival and fishing activities.

Any instructor wishing to volunteer their time and teaching skills at any of the camps is welcome to come and be a part of the program. The Game Warden Association will have representatives from each of the ten law enforcement regions from all over the state, but instructors are needed to conduct the training in all of the above mentioned areas.

Lodging and meals will be provided for each instructor who comes and participates in the camps. Lodging is dormitory style with four people to a room. Each instructor will need to bring their sleeping bags, towels, personal items and training aids for teaching.

If you would like to be involved with these camps, please give us a call, so that a schedule can be set up to meet each of your time frames, and best satisfy the needs of the camp. We look forward to having you there, so, let me hear from you soon. It will be most rewarding for all those who participate. Thanks !!!



## YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

Any instructors wishing to voluntarily assist with this year's Challenge on May 6-7, can contact Scotty Oliver. There is more than enough duties, and we need help. Come and join in on the activities. It will be an opportunity to see the Parrie Haynes Ranch where the summer youth camps will be held. Y'all come!

## Attention Agriculture Science Teachers

### \*\*NOTICE\*\*

As the 1995 school year draws near, we would like you to take an inventory of Hunter, Boater and Angler Education supplies on hand. That way, when you reorder for the Fall semester, you will have a better idea of needed items.

We have experienced a significant difference between supplies ordered and students certified. If you have student manuals available for use in the upcoming Fall semester, please utilize them and adjust the number of supplies ordered accordingly to match what you have on hand.

Some instructors are using the material and not requiring the students to pay for them in the Hunter Education course. This can no longer be done, because of the expense of supplying the manuals. Remember, if a student receives the material, a \$5 fee must be paid. A registration form must be filled out and returned for those who want certification. If you have students that take the Ag. 381 course and have already been certified, they will not have to be recertified and, therefore, do not have to pay the extra fee, unless they want the new material.

Jack Nasworthy will be at the Ag. Science Conference this summer to answer questions and take orders. He should have a list of available brochures and materials to order from. Please take advantage of ordering materials early if you know how many students you will have for the Fall semester. Otherwise, Jack will try to ship materials to you in time for the start of school. Thanks for your cooperation with this matter. Have a good summer!!!



## Notice



Telephone numbers for the Recreation Safety Programs are as follows:

- (512) 328--5275
- Fax (512) 328--5632  
or 1-800-792-1112
- +61 Videos or Supplies
- +62 Class Schedule Info.  
for general public
- +63 Instructor Training  
(Terry's Office)

## Announcing

## NRA PISTOL INSTRUCTOR COURSE OFFERED

Anyone wishing to take a National Rifle Assoc. Certified Pistol and Home Firearm Safety Instructor Course in Cleveland may contact Area Chief, Ken Grau, at (713) 592-9702, to get your name on the list.

Those instructors wishing to take advantage will be given workshop credit after the course is completed. Sign up now!!!



## WELCOME NEW AREA CHIEFS

Rick Moncrief	League City	Howard Canafax	Petrolia	Lee Stinson	Fort Worth
John Cappadonna	Midland	Robert Freise	Gordonville	Travis Wehring	Houston

## Welcome New Instructors

### November

Charles Hill	Teneha	Milton Sales	Houston	Ronnie Fleming	Teneha
Kevin Page	Magnolia	Lester Cyrus	Bishop	Brian Benson	New London
John Carter	Del Valley	Paul Cunningham	Seguin	Timothy Morton	Justin
Fudy Ritz	Menard	Mike Chennault	Ennis	Joel Phillips	Seagoville
Arthur Wadford	Kempner	Randy Rheinlaender		Charles Wilson	Cuero
		New Braunfels			

### December

Lester Phillips	Athens	Wesley Murphy	Athens	Robert Nelson	Dallas
Jeffrey Price	Hartley	David DeLeon	Temple	Timothy Gabor	Artesia Wells
Mustafa Curtis	Rockport	James Fugate	Falfurrias	John Huff	Tilden
Richard Taylor	Uvalde	William Sheguit	Cotulla	Robert Korenek	El Campo
Leif Henderson	Hebbronville	Melisa Montemeyor	Laredo	Jim Alexander	Carrizo Sprgs
Joe Herrera	George West	Susan Waldroup	San Antonio	Percy Rees	Hallettsville
Jay Williams	San Antonio	James Hillje	Cotulla	Joyce Moore	Dilley
Albert Castilleja	Catarina	James Lenaburg	Keller	George Thomas	Elkhart
Richard Rabe	Tuleta	Robert Payne	Arlington	James Russell	Denison
		Michael Rheinlaender			
		New Braunfels			

### January

Robert Matherne	Beaumont		Michael Castle	San Angelo
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If any of these instructors are in your area, please give them a call and offer them an opportunity to help with your next class. The "TEAM" effort will pay off for everyone.





## 1995 "Dream Hunt"

Details for the upcoming "Deam Hunt" are under way at the printing of this newsletter. This year, we will have a new way of distributing the entry cards. **Instructors** will give out the cards to those students who meet eligibility requirements, which are: ( **Students must be under eighteen (18) years of age and have successfully completed the Hunter Education course, and have a parent or guardian signature**).

Upon successful completion of the course, the pre-addressed entry cards may be given out. Encourage students to take them home for a parent or guardian signature and then mail. This is a trip of a lifetime, and all students have an equal chance to win if the card is mailed. There are no strings attached and nothing to buy.

All instructors are eligible for a special drawing to go on an all-expense paid hunt, and possibly accompany these students. We have had three instructors drawn in the last five years. So, buy a **plain** post card and write your name, address, day-time phone number, along with a statement that you are a certified Hunter Education instructor, and mail to the following address:

SUNSHINE / HEA CLASSICS  
OLD VALDOSTA ROAD, PO BOX 5078  
NASHVILLE, GA. 31639

Clip and mail

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

YES --- I would like more information on the Fifth Annual Hunter Education Conference coming up on June 3-4, 1995, in Corpus Christi, at the Howard Johnson Marina Hotel.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SS # \_\_\_\_\_ - -

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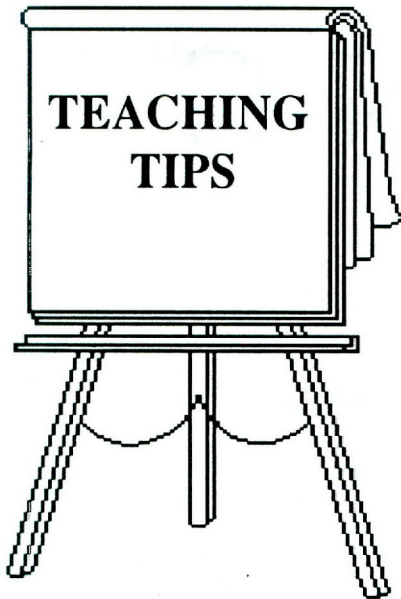
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## The Dowel Gun

Go by the local gun shop and ask for a donation of or purchase cheap, old stocks that have been cracked or have seen their better days. Attach a 3/4 inch wooden dowel rod using screws or glue. Paint the muzzle end red or orange, and use to simulate a rifle or shotgun.

Cut one stock shorter and show the students the importance of a properly fitted stock. Add a trigger guard and sling to one. These work great in field exercises and even indoors where firearms might be prohibited.

Have two students hold a rope to make a fence, and have two other students, using "dowel guns," demonstrate how to cross safely. Make sure they "unload" before they cross.

Courtesy - Jenny Dietrich, Area Chief, Austin

## THE COMPUTER AGE -- To Better Serve You

The current list of Hunter Education and Boater Education scheduled courses is now in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's computerized Bulletin Board Service (BBS) and is readily accessible if one has a modem and computer with communication software. Simply dial (512) 389-4430. When you reach this number and log on, punch in F for Forums. The information can then be obtained in the Hunter Ed. or Water Ed. file, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Paul Hope is available on Mondays and Tuesdays at (512) 389-4570, if you have any problems or questions. Updates will be done on the 1st and 15th of each month. "Log on Folks"

## "What We're Up Against"

Game wardens responded to a criminal trespass call on an Edwards County ranch in early November.....

During questioning, the suspect claimed that, after drinking about 12 beers, he fell asleep in his deer stand. While asleep, someone stole his rifle and jacket from the stand, shot across the nearby fence and crossed the fence in search of a deer - all while he was asleep. The rifle and jacket were left by the fence. *Yea right!! Poachers aren't the brightest folks, are they? Keep up the good work, and we will endure.*

**Please notify us when you have a change of address to help us save postage on returned mail. Thanks!**



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# IN DEFENSE OF HUNTING

JAMES A. SWAN

In the moving spirit of Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac*, *In Defense of Hunting* is a distinctively personal and powerful analysis of the essential role of hunting in the delicate balance of life and the environment. Author James A. Swan blends psychological and spiritual arguments with wildlife biology and deftly told stories in a powerful examination of the heart and soul of hunting.

In a challenge to all stereotypes about hunters, Swan re-introduces the archetype of the hunter—a cultural hero throughout most of human history. Ultimately, *In Defense of Hunting* calls upon hunters and nonhunters to drop their war of words and rally together to restore and preserve wildlife habitats and curb poachers, ensuring a future for both people and animals.

James A. Swan is the author of six books, including *Nature as Teacher and Healer*, which has been named “one of the best environmental books of the last five years” by the Sustainable Futures Society. He has written more than one hundred articles that have appeared in magazines including *Audubon*, *Longevity*, *Utne Reader*, and *American Health*. The recipient of many awards for his environmental work, Swan holds degrees from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and has taught natural resources, psychology, and recreation at the Universities of Michigan, Western Washington State, Oregon, and Washington.



“An excellent piece.”

—Bill Karr, *Western Outdoor News*

“Swan here presents hunting as a near-mystical experience, a test of skill, an opportunity to commune with nature.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Swan’s book, thoughtfully crafted, . . . [is] a must read.”—*Denver Post*

“This book is the first step in building a bridge of communication between hunters and anti-hunters.”

—Dave Watson, *The Oak Ridge Boys*

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# TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

**TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION (THEIA)** has been formed as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of promoting and encouraging hunter safety and education in the State of Texas. Some of the goals of THEIA are to motivate hunter education instructors to strive for high quality instruction in order to achieve maximum learning by students; and to emphasize laws established for the protection and conservation of our natural resources. These are only a few of the goals of THEIA which strive to unify the goals of Hunter Education Instructors in Texas. Support the Association by joining today and encouraging others to become members or supporting members.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### THEIA

TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION  
 P.O. Box 40041 Georgetown, TX 78628



- I hereby apply for membership in the  
 TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION (THEIA).  
 I am currently certified by Texas Parks and Wildlife as a *Hunter Education Instructor*.
- I support the TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM  
 and wish to become a *SUPPORTING MEMBER* of the  
 TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION (THEIA).  
 As a supporting member, I will promote safe hunting and conservation of our natural resources.  
 I further understand that membership does not constitute certification as an instructor.

Enclosed is my check for

**INSTRUCTOR MEMBERSHIP:**

- 1 year for \$10.00  
 3 years for \$25.00

**SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP**

- 1 year for \$20.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ INSTR. # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Region Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Patch sent \_\_\_\_\_  Membership card sent \_\_\_\_\_

Renewed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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