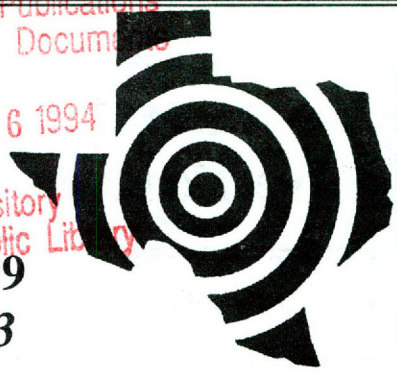


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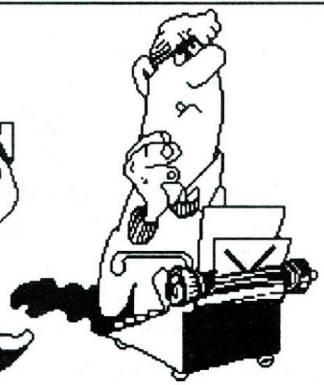
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"There are two kinds of people involved as instructors...Pillars and Caterpillars. The Pillars hold up the program, and the Caterpillars simply go in and out." When I first heard this quotation, I took it to mean the Caterpillars are the bad guys and Pillars are the good guys. But the more I thought about it, the more I wondered. Pillars do not change. They are made of stone. Sometimes people get so intent on holding up the program they become too set in their ways. They support the program, but they forget about the learners, who are the Ones the program is for. Perhaps they "hold up" the program in another way and keep it from advancing.

Caterpillars, on the other hand are alive. As long as they keep "going in and out" - "in" to receive more advance training, and "out" to spread the teachings in the world--they are moving and changing. And we all know what happens to caterpillars--the "Big Change" metamorphosis comes when they break out of the cocoon and they lift their lovely wings.

So it goes both ways. The Pillars would profit by adding "Cater" to their name, and breaking out of their stony shells. And the Caterpillars should remember that their last name is "Pillar," and that they had better do their share of the "upholding" so that there will continue to be an instructor program to go in and out of. (from the Southwestern Episcopalian)

What a neat way to describe our instructors.....I consider all of you as part of this intriguing process. We come in, we learn, we go out and we teach. Then, the process begins all over. Certainly, no one wants to remain the same all the time so the "Caterpillar" in us takes over and the metamorphosis begins.

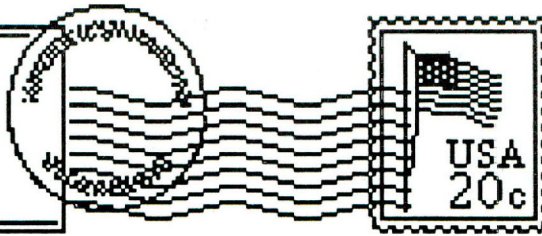
We try to offer additional advanced workshops so the "Pillars and Caterpillars" can make that ever important move. We've seen that change take place over the last year and a half. The Standards of Live-Fire/Hunter Skills Trail workshops have provided an avenue to offer our students more hands-on training. Those instructors who have completed this workshop have seen what a great way it is to accomplish better teaching methods.

One of our "Pillars" is now becoming a "Caterpillar." Rafael Salgado is migrating back to Colorado to become the Program Director for Cal-Wood Environmental Education Resource Center where he was located before coming to TPWD in 1992. We have certainly enjoyed having him share his expertise during the instructor workshops, student courses and especially during the Game Warden Association Summer Youth Camps. We will really miss him and his everpresent smile and willingness to jump right in there on any assignment.

Since he will be gone by the time any of you read this, anyone wishing to contact him may do so by writing him at Box 347, Jamestown, CO 80455. We do wish him the very best of luck and hope he won't get too cold up in the mountains.....Good by, good luck and may God bless.

-Terry Erwin

Letters to the Editor



Dear Hunter Education Staff:

Recently, I was invited to hunt on a friend's land in Colorado. Through investigation, even though I'd served in the US Army (active duty) from 1969 thru '71, & had hunted since childhood, I discovered it was necessary to take a hunter education course.

Upon calling the local Parks & Wildlife office here in San Antonio, I was given the telephone # of Mr. Bernie Heer. This gentleman is a true asset to your hunter education program. His dedication, experience & organizational ability made the class I attended at least three times as enjoyable & rewarding as I expected.

The course was held at Camp Bullis which added to its effectiveness. Driving onto a military reservation, getting clearance to drive through the electrically operated gate, & then having the gate close behind you, lends to discipline & attentiveness. Furthermore, being able to actually fire a rifle, shotgun and bow & arrow gave the "hands-on" experience every student of hunter education should be subjected to.

Mr. Bill Hawes & Mr. Gary McDaniel are also to be commended on their dedication & willingness to give their time.

Wes Giesbers
San Antonio, TX

Editor's Note:

With dedicated individuals like those mentioned above, how can anyone question the quality of students they turn out. If all our courses were organized with hands-on activities, including live-firing and the skills trail, we would feel much better about signing off on those student forms. Ask yourself, "Would I go afield and hunt with each individual I sign off on"? Thanks Guys!

Dear Staff:

On Saturday September 4th, I had the opportunity to be on a radio talk show here in the Houston area. The host was Alan Richardson. The show is called "Your Outdoors" and it's on every Saturday on Station 700 KSEV. I got a chance to explain to the listening audience what hunter education is about. I also got a chance to talk about the Expo in Austin. Alan, his wife Terri, who helps him host the show, and their producer said it was one of their better shows and want me to be a guest again possibly before November. The next time I'm on their show I'll try to get a tape of it.

Tony Colotto
Galena Park, TX

Editor's Note:

So, we have a new "D.J." in our ranks. Thanks Tony for a job well done. Keep up the good work and always jump on an opportunity to be a spokesperson about hunter education and the many aspects of the sport.

Dear Terry:

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that I will no longer be able to participate/function as an instructor. I have passed all of the materials that I had in my possession on to Preson Parrott, of Permian High School, to include all of the training aids I had acquired over the past sixteen years. I taught in Arkansas for five years before I came to Texas and became active in your program here. I guess its been close to eleven years with the Texas Hunter Education Program now.

I am willing to assist any instructor, or area chief, in any capacity within my limitations. I have nothing but praise for

the Austin operation and staff, having benefitted from their devotion and expertise over these past eleven years. The association with the fellow instructors has been a highlight in my life as well as the association with the students of all my classes.

Please convey my best wishes for continued success to all those associated with the Hunter Education Program.

Jesse F. Simmons Jr.
Odessa, TX

Editor's Note:

The ranks of hunter education students and instructors will certainly miss you. We do want to keep you active as long as you feel up to it, even if its for only a short lesson now and then. Best of luck and Thanks for your many years of support.

Attn: Terry

I recently had a problem with the videos I ordered for my hunter education class of July 30,31 and Aug. 1. Due to some reason in Austin, they did not arrive until the day after the class was completed. I ordered the three videos on or about the first of June which was about 8 weeks prior to the class. When they had not arrived by July 28, I called to find out if they were on the way. The lady I spoke to checked and said they had been sent on Friday July 23. She offered to send me another set on Thursday July 29 overnight mail so they would be to me in time for the class. When they did not arrive on Thursday, I attempted to call back but could not get a call through. When the videos did arrive on Aug. 2, the postmark was July 29 and the packing slip inside said they were sent on July 27.

I realize mistakes happen as is obviously this case. To prevent this problem from occurring, cannot your department send the videos 2 weeks ahead of the scheduled class date? We instructors are asked to order early. I feel it is only fair that they be sent early also.

The class went well in spite of the lack of these teaching aids and all 7 students were certified. We don't need videos to teach but they sure help keep things interesting. To assure that these teaching aids are available when needed, why cannot instructors keep a few "core" videos of their choice of their own? I have been told that instructors cannot copy or buy these tapes. Only when extras are available can they be had on a first come first serve basis as was done earlier this year. However the general public can copy some of the same programs when broadcast on "Made In Texas" on their home VCR's and can buy them for \$10.83 each. These are supposed to be restricted to instructors. We cannot buy them or keep a copy on hand, yet anyone can get some of them just by ordering from TPWD. We instructors donate our time and efforts yet we cannot buy them. We should be given a set of "core" tapes! I would be willing to buy them if you will only let me.

I would appreciate any comments you have on this subject. Write or call me any time. At least send videos earlier.
David M. Crane
Blue Ridge, TX

Editor's Note:

My sincere apology for the mix up. During the time of your request, a major transition took place in our office. Personnel were moved, computers were moved, supplies were moved and service to our "customers", you the instructor, was well below par. I can assure you that obstacles have been corrected and things should be back in order.

We are working on some things that may be what you suggested. A "core of videos for each instructor." Bear with us until we can get some items worked out. You may buy the videos made by TPWD or you can copy only those produced by TPWD. Contact our office for a list and prices. Thanks for your letter and comments.

Mr. Bryan:

Thanks for taking the time to teach our 2nd period class, Hunters Education, I really appreciate it. I never knew there was a course you had to take. Thank you.
Richard Rowland
Pasadena, TX

Terry:

Just a line to enclose the nice thank you card from a student at Sam Rayburn High School in October.

It restores my faith in the younger people. There are still some good ones, the ag. science teacher told me, (Richard) was a top student.

Thought it might fill in a blank spot in Target Talk, I have received several in the past. Also, I am a member of the FFA Chapter (Honorary) how about that.

Harold Bryan, Area Chief
Houston, TX

Dear Hunter Education Staff:

The George West High School Hunter's Education classes would like to thank the Live Oak County Sheriff's Department as well as local and area Game Wardens for their time and help in conducting a live-firing exercise on Friday, October 8th. The classes met at the firing range for a brief demonstration by Sheriff Larry Busby and then it was on to the firing line. Groups of six students were assisted by Game Wardens Steve Woodmansee, Garland Burney, Mitchell Pawlik, Neil McCarn, David Modgling and County Deputy John Brosig. Each student, along with their individual instructor, shot five rounds with a .22 rifle. We feel that being able to fire these rifles has been a great boost to our Hunter's Education Program and that each of these students will become safe hunters and careful gun owners.

A special thanks to Mr. Garland Burney for helping us put this program together and making everything a great success.

Charlie Tomlin, Ag. Teacher
George West High School

Editor's Note:

Thanks Charlie for taking the time to acknowledge the wardens, deputy and sheriff who helped with your class. Since every instructor is supposed to attend the Standards of Live-Fire/ Hunter Skills Trail in the coming years, I hope your group will attend and, thus, enhance your class even more.

Random Shots

One youngster, taking a gun safety course, paraphrased all the safety rules as succinctly as possible: "Watch out," he wrote on the quiz, "for your before and your behind."

-IWLA Outdoor Ethics Newsletter
Fall 1992



I am sorry for the delay in the processing of class records. This time of year, I process over 5,000 students compared to 900 or so per month during the off season. This is the main reason we made our temporary pink copies good for 90 days instead of the old 30 day temporaries. I hope to be caught up by the end of December. Thanks for your patience.

-Gilbert

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Texas Instructor Wins '93 "Dream Hunt"

Tim McNair, agriculture science teacher, from Wichita Falls, was one of four lucky instructors drawn for the 1993 Winchester Hunter Education "Dream Hunt." The trip consisted of an all-expense paid two-day hunt at Quail Country Lodge near Albany, GA. Other instructors drawn for this year's hunt were: John Parson, Mingo, Iowa; Charles McCray, Scottsboro, AL; and Mike Murphy, Moultrie, GA.

Four hunter education course graduates were drawn from thousands of post card entries to participate in the 1993 "Dream Hunt." Each youth drawn could bring along a parent/guardian, and the winners were as follows: Jamison Teague and his father Lonnie, Madisonville, Tenn.; Jeff Brown and father Mike, Prince George, VA; Arthur Summers and uncle Richard, Menlo, KS; and Eric Foran and his father John from New Castle, New Brunswick, Canada.

Most of the winners were flown to Albany, GA and were met by the "Ultimate Outdoors" film crew. After arrival, the luggage was collected and participants were driven approximately 35 miles to the Quail Country Lodge. Some winners, Charles McCray, Mike Murphy along with Jamison and Lonnie Teague lived within driving distance (2-6 hours), and elected to drive down for the hunt.

Sandy Wood, Winchester Shooting Promotion Manager, flew in to represent Winchester as the primary sponsor. After arriving at Quail Country and meeting the other winners, the guest changed clothes, relaxed awhile and got well acquainted. All the youngsters were about the same age (14-16).

Since this "Dream Hunt" is taped and shown on ESPN as Wayne Pearson's "Ultimate Outdoors" Christmas show, Christmas did indeed come early for these excited young hunters. A beautiful tree was decorated and abounded with gifts provided by the sponsors. Leading the list was a Winchester 20 gauge shotgun from U.S. Repeating Arms. Next came a Crosman airgun with scope; a Trebark camouflage garmet bag filled with hunting pants, shirts, vest, hats, and a jacket with the HEA (Hunter Education Association) logo along with Wayne Pearson's Ultimate Outdoors logo; La Crosse boots; a double gun case by Woodstream; Otis gun cleaning kit; Quaker Boy game calls; a custom made knife by Bob Dill from Colorado; and Quail Country Hunting Preserve provided the hunt and accomodations. Other major supporting sponsors include Sunshine Mills dog food; Bear Archery; Easton and of course W.P. Productions who provided a years membership in the Sunshine Outdoor Sportsmans Club and some of the most outstanding steaks cooked by Wayne Pearson himself.

Each instructor winner and the youth's parent/guardian were completely outfitted with hunting attire including pants, shirts, vest, caps and jacket. You never saw so much blaze orange in one area. What a way to promote safety....to see twelve hunters, cameramen, guides and host all in blaze orange vests and hats.

The "Dream Hunt" will continue next year but may be under another name. In the meantime, tell your students to mail in their entry card received with their certification. Be sure and watch "Ultimate Outdoors" on ESPN at 6:55AM on December 18 for the "Dream Hunt."

It's Not Always What You Say, But How You Say It!!!

No matter what you say it can usually be interpreted in several different ways depending on who's listening, how they want to hear it and how you say it. Does what you say in class get misinterpreted? Probably. Take a look at this sentence and see how many ways you can interpret 7 simple words? *I DIDN'T SAY HE SHOT HIS DEER.*

EXPO A Success

Well, Texas Wildlife Expo '93 is history. What a weekend. I met myself coming and going and didn't even have time to speak. Some 19,900 participants attended the two-day event, and this didn't include those under six years of age.

On behalf of TPWD, I want to express my sincere **THANKS** to all the instructors and volunteers who were on hand to provide their expertise. Shooting activities had a total of 6,276 participants broken down into the following categories: TPWD 5-stand sporting clays - 551; Winchester 5-stand - 755; Youth/Women shotgun - 1,419; LSBA Archery - 1,877; Crosman Airgun - 734; and Thompson Center muzzleloading - 940.

Women made up over 15% of the shotgunning events and they shot pretty well. One of the TPWD's goals is to get more women involved in outdoor activities. Why not hold a hunter education course geared to women, especially single parents who have youngsters that otherwise would not have an opportunity to enjoy shooting, hunting and the great outdoors.

Instructors who volunteered their time received 25 advanced workshop points. I hope they will return next year as the Expo is again scheduled for the first weekend in October. For those of you who did not attend, you missed an exciting adventure. I invite all of you to come and help.....we could certainly use it.

SOME SCOPE LIGHTS RULED LEGAL

AUSTIN- Law enforcement personnel and legal staff at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have ruled that the use of certain battery-powered, artificially lighted scoping devices attached to a firearm or archery equipment and the artificially lighted sight pins on bows used to hunt an animal or bird are legal.

Charles Hensley, TPWD law enforcement director, said such devices are legal if no light beam or illumination is projected at or onto the target or causes the eyes or any other part of the target or the surrounding area to be illuminated in any manner or degree.

The statute in the Parks and Wildlife Code (Section 62.005) which prohibits hunting with an artificial light originally was written in 1897 and was enacted with almost the same wording as today's statute. It states in Subsection (a), "No person may hunt an animal or bird protected by this code with the aid of a headlight, hunting lamp, or other artificial light, including an artificial light attached to a motor vehicle." Subsection (b) speaks to the possession of a headlight or hunting lamp used on or about the head.

Department officials can only speculate as to what legislators meant in 1897 when they spoke of "or other artificial light." It could have been anything from a hand held kerosene lantern to a blazing pine knot.

"There are two things we can be certain of," Hensley said. "Legislators were considering only an artificial light that either cast a beam or light or a light such as a carbide head lamp that illuminated the animal and its surroundings or a least reached the animal with enough candlepower to cause the eyes to reflect the light.

"The second certainty is that legislators in those days never dreamed of the artificially lighted sighting devices modern technology has given us today. These devices greatly enhance the hunter's ability to place the bullet or arrow in an area that reduces the number of crippling losses, especially those hunters experiencing failing eyesight."

This interpretation does not include any artificially lighted sighting device which projects what is commonly referred to as a laser beam or laser dot or any other artificially lighted device that may illuminate, in any part or parcel, the animal or bird. This ruling also does not change legal hunting hours.

"This is a different direction than taken in the past," Hensley said. "In today's world, we have a responsibility to increase our kills to one shot, thus reducing wounding loss. I feel a certain responsibility, if a product is on the market to enhance one shot kills, we should do that."

For more information, or if you have questions about a scope, contact your local game warden.

TPWD Press Release

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INSTRUCTOR DISCOUNTS

*Marlin Firearms Company is offering instructors special discounts on gun locks. Their gun locks are designed to prevent youg children (and discourage others) from loading the chamber of nearly any breech-loading shotgun, rifle, or handgun. These locks make excellent training aids for demonstrating the safe storage of firearms. Price: \$4.75 each (Retail: \$7.95) in case lots of six per shipper only. Case of 6: \$28.50 postpaid. To order, send check or money order to:

Hunter Safety Gun Locks PO Box 248
Marlin Firearms Co. North Haven, CT 06473-0905
100 Kenna Drive

*FeatherFlex Decoys, manufacturers of wildlife decoys, archery targets, and seat cushions is currently offering dealer pricing to volunteer hunter education instructors. For prices contact:

Dave Berkley
1655 Swan Lake Rd.
Bossier City, LA 71111

WELCOME NEW INSTRUCTORS

AUGUST

Dale B. Caddell	Sonora	Martin J. Schafer	El Paso	Michael Gabrielse	Huntsville
Jerry W. Norris	Kilgore	Charles C. Martin	Whitehouse	Franklin A. Love	Burnet
Danny K. Gunn	Lamesa	Kevin L. Land	Wharton	Allen L. Lee	Lorena
Lee G. Wilson	Carrollton	Jose O. Garcia	Irving	David Marconnett	Ft. Worth
Adam T. Hewitt	Dallas	Donna S. Gipson	Gilmer	Richard Gamez	Austin
Coy D. Hewitt	Dallas	Randy R. Tidwell	Lindale	Cynthia D. Belyeu	Austin
Kevin B. Lynch	New Caney	Gilberto Perez III	Roma	Kevin L. Brendle	Dickens
James McFarland	Grandfalls	Robert M. Blew	Plano	Jacky R. Miller	Slaton
Scott K. Sostarich	Nixon	Ronald D. Ballard	Tenaha	Brady L. Gage	Kerrville
Marion W. Mahler	Electra	Randall L. Riggs	West	Greg L. Priddy	Haskell
Kay C. Richards	Abilene				

SEPTEMBER

Thomas E. Stashak	Pasadena	Roy V. Brindley III	Houston	John E. Cobb	Centerville
Louis W. Stone	New Waverly	H. Clint Starling	Pasadena	Gus B. Smith	Houston
Joe Stengel	Austin	George W. Litton	Waco	Robert W. Hagan	Houston
Lincoln Allen	Austin	Frederick Presley	Baytown	Kenneth L. Edgar	Stephenville
Ronald G. Nauert	Austin	Leroy R. Freeman	Krum	Russell E. Lowe	Clarksville
Tex J. Ballard	Buffalo	John H. Daniel	Shelbyville	Gary L. Hinson	Pasadena
Jason S. Faubion	Gatesville	Henry D. Birdwell	Jacksboro	James D. McDaniel	Stephenville
Phillip K. Allen	Cisco	Robert Choiniere	Bastrop	Jeffrey J. Caswell	Stephenville
Dan J. Jackson	Iredell	Troy B. Webb	Cleburne	Vernon C. Roberts	Kingsbury
Monte A. Griffin	Stamford	John S. Foshee	Corpus Christi	Clyde E. McMeans	Bellaire
William N. Chalupnik	League City	George Whatley	Atlanta	Cecil J. Humbird	Santa Fe
Harley A. Bartee	Weesatche	David C. Wood	Karnes City	Timothy Mattingly	Kemp
Robert A. Parkinson	Weesatche	Willard T. Williams	Mathis	Lyndon J. Wiggins	Huntsville
William R. Flora	Gonzales	Charles W. King	Livingston	Robert G. Kellar	San Angelo
Glen K. Heard	Robert Lee	Terry L. LeBlanc	Alvin	Joe P. Kinyon	San Angelo
James C. Boyett	Arlington	Charles R. Zachry	Garden City	Robert E. Mikula II	San Angelo
Barry L. Randolph	Shallowater	David S. Payne	Grand Prairie	Leslie A. Pharis	Colorado City
Robert D. Terry	Wichita Falls	Juan L. Requenz	Alice		

OCTOBER

Ruben Lopez Jr.	Laredo	Robert M. Senter	Friendswood	Kenneth M. Moore	Blanco
Anthony D. Mays	Dimmitt	Terry P. Rodgers	Blanco	Hank Tullis	Alto
Andrew O. Pool	Schulenburg	David T. Abraham	Austin	John N. Wright	Austin
Michael J. Robertson	Pampa	Terry W. Turney	Pt. Arthur	Richard J. Savoy	Orange
James A. Sutherlin	Nederland	Ronald L. Preston	Pampa	Mickey C. Johnson	Colorado City
Douglas C. Vanek	Beaumont	Charles W. Hartje	Pt. Arthur	Justin P. Hurst	Normangee
Jeffrey K. Rost	LaGrange	Ricky L. Alexander	Garland	Luther K. Irvin	Bryan
Rodney J. Martine	Conroe	Deborah K. Wicke	Conroe	Shedrach L. Moore	Palestine
Jimmy E. Bivens	Pineland	Cory D. Fowler	Rusk		



Ten Outdoor Commandments

- 1) Everything belongs to the public or some individual. Well-defined rules govern its enjoyment, use or possession. Observe them.
- 2) Common decency demands thoughtful use and protection of the property of others. Obtain permission before camping, fishing or hunting on private property.
- 3) Extreme care should always be exercised in the use of firearms. Target or game shooting where dangerous to the lives or stock of others is inexcusable.
- 4) Carelessness with fires means barren wastes. Build small, safe cooking fires; never larger than one-fifth of the space cleared to moist ground. Drown camp fires and embers effectively with water before leaving.
- 5) Be sure to close gates and bars to prevent livestock from straying. Keep off newly seeded fields. Avoid shortcuts through growing crops. A few extra steps will improve your relations with the owner.
- 6) Protect beneficial wildlife, and don't waste it. Observe open seasons and limits. No one steals a neighbor's milk from his doorstep; why steal his share of fish and game?
- 7) Keep waters pure; don't pollute springs, streams and lakes. Depositing body discharges in a stream is unforgivable.
- 8) Leave campsites free of rubbish. Take care of your wastes. Don't litter highways by throwing trash from autos.
- 9) Wild flowers, shrubs and trees are beautiful only when growing. Leave them for the enjoyment of those who follow you.
- 10) Help make the outdoors more beautiful for those who come after you, and so conduct yourself that you will always be a welcome future visitor.

-by Seth Gordon

Before You Go

A 10-point checklist for the Responsible Hunter

- *Are you familiar with all the game laws and regulations that apply to the species you plan to hunt?
- *Are you familiar with your game's habits, and can you readily identify the species in the field?
- *Are you familiar with how to properly clean and care for your game?
- *If you're planning to hunt on private land, are you sure you have permission from the landowner and understand where you may hunt on his land?
- *Are you familiar with the safe and proper operation of the gun you will be using?
- *Is your gun clean and in good working order?
- *Are your gun and ammunition appropriate for the game you will be hunting?
- *Is your ammunition the proper match for the gauge or caliber gun you are taking along?
- *If you will be using a rifle, is it properly sighted in?
- *If appropriate for your hunt, have you brought along your hunter orange vest and cap?

-from the National Shooting Sports Foundation



HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT ONE!

Federal Aid Funds - Their Source.....

With enactment of the Pittman-Robertson (P-R) and Dingell-Johnson (D-J) Acts, Federal excise taxes were assessed by the Department of Treasury at the manufacturer, producer or importer level on fishing and hunting equipment. Under the P-R Act an 11 percent excise tax on the sales price of shells, cartridges and firearms has been collected since 1938. In 1971, pistols and revolvers were added to the list but at the 10 percent level. The tax also extends to the sales of firearms, shells and cartridges produced from component parts by a dealer who engages in assembling firearms and reloading shells in quantity lots for sale or distribution.

Component parts or accessories of any of these items when sold separately are not subject to the tax. Starting in 1974, an 11 percent excise tax was imposed on bows having draw weight of 10 pounds or more, arrows measuring 18 inches or more in overall length, arrows suitable for crossbows measuring less than 18 inches and quivers suitable for use with taxable arrows.

The D-J Act of 1950 provides for a similar program for fisheries programs.

How They Are Apportioned To The States.....

The Wildlife Restoration apportionment is comprised of funds collected from the tax on sporting firearms and ammunition and one-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment. The apportionment each state receives is based 50 percent on land area and 50 percent on paid hunting license holders. The maximum apportioned to any state is 5 percent of the total funds, and the minimum is one-half of 1 percent; Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands receive one sixth of 1 percent.

One-half of the funds collected from handguns and archery equipment is designated for hunter education. This apportionment is based solely on the population of each state with no state getting more than 3 percent or less than 3 percent of the total amount.

Since 1937, about \$2.5 billion has been distributed to states, territories and commonwealths under the P-R program. States have contributed more than \$500 million. How about that for sportspeople paying their own way. Just thought this information would be helpful while conducting classes.

Notice

Most instructors are under the impression that we use a student's social security number for our records. We do not. The only reason there is a place for it on the student registration forms is because it is required if a person is going out of state to hunt, and only has the temporary pink copy. We only use the instructors' social security number for our records and on student certification cards.

We have had a few class records arrive late because an instructor had trouble getting a student's social security number. Please do not hold up a class for this reason.

Announcing

We would like to clarify some questions from instructors regarding underage students.

The computer program compares the student's date-of-birth and the course certification date (which is the last day of that particular course). If the student turned 12 years of age within 30 days of the course certification date, it automatically issues a card for that student. It goes strictly by 30 days as we have seen it reject those students that were turning 12 years of age 31 days after the course certification date.

We have had some instructors send in the class paperwork a month or two late, waiting for an underage student to turn 12 years of age, only to have the student denied a card anyway. Even changing the certification date to reflect a date for an underage student is correct as the certification date is the last date of instruction for that class.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Austin staff.



*This is a helpful teaching tip on hunter orange for those instructors who use a classroom facility with dimmer switches. Hang several types of garments - including hunter orange, camo clothes, a plaid shirt, etc. - at one end of the room and move all the students to the opposite end. Then, by dimming the light switch, simulate the low-level lighting conditions found during the early morning and late evening hours. Yep, you guessed it: The hunter orange is clearly more visible under all lighting conditions! The students quickly get the point that wearing hunter orange allows individuals to identify themselves as hunters.

"Hands On Hypothermia"

The discussion of hypothermia is an important part of the first aid, survival, or boating safety portions of your hunter education class. We need to be able to show, especially to those who proclaim advanced swimming abilities, that this loss of body heat is a reaction that cannot be controlled.

Short of dunking a student in the river (i.e. not recommended), there is an easy demonstration that you can do.

Take a gallon jug of water, add ice, and let it set for a little while. The water temperature should be in the 40s, a common temperature during the hunting season. Drop a dime in the water. Have a student place his or her hand in the water.

After 45 seconds (while explaining the effects of hypothermia) have the student try to pick up the dime without using fingernails or pushing it up the side. If the student is successful, wait a little longer or try another student. Soon the class should see that muscle control is difficult in cold water situations.

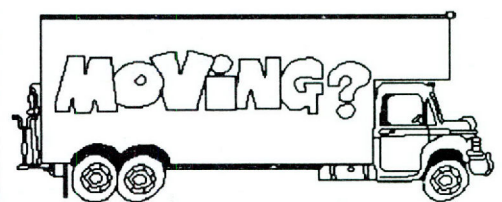
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SHOT SHOW

Volunteers Needed

Attention!! The International Hunter Education Association will have its winter board meeting in Dallas from January 12-16, 1994 during the SHOT (Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade) Show. We are looking for volunteers to work the HEA booth and get a free pass in to the SHOT Show. Individuals will be asked to work the booth for a four (4) hour shift before being allowed to walk around the show. If interested in volunteering your time for this event, please contact Doug Groom in Dallas at (214)388-2464.

Also, volunteers are needed for the IBEP (International Bowhunter Education Program) booth at the SHOT Show. If interested, contact Sharon White at 1-800-365-3653 or Les Ellis on weekends at (210)625-2997. They can inform you about what is needed.



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



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**Texas Hunter Education
Instructor Workshops 1994
*Texas Parks & Wildlife Department***

The new year is rapidly approaching, and it's time to think about marking your calendars for the upcoming hunter education workshops. Due to an increased interest in the workshops, we have scheduled additional programs in different areas of the state. Again, our goal is that each instructor/game warden attend at least one of these workshops.

These workshops offer advanced training and hands-on experience in each of the disciplines taught in the hunter education course. They give you a chance to learn new techniques, teaching skills and receive new material. Moreover, the workshops give you the opportunity to visit other areas of the state, to "get away" or to meet new friends. Exchanging ideas with other instructors is perhaps the best way to learn about new techniques.

A variety of well-qualified personnel will be on hand to assist you with the new knowledge and training in each of the workshops. Like you, these folks volunteer their time and expertise to pass on the necessary information used to effectively educate hunters, as well as other outdoor users, to be safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved.

**Program Activities
and Description**

General Format

Friday 6:00pm - 10:00pm (NRA/NMLRA only)

Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm Theory, Classroom Exercises, and Teaching Techniques.

Sunday 8:00am - 12:00 noon Field Exercises.

Once you know which workshops you plan to attend, complete the attached registration card and return it to Austin no later than January 6. The Austin staff will then send you specific information on reservations, lodging, meals, directions and agenda items.

Workshop Information

Survival- Wilderness First Aid

These workshops are prepared to give participants hands-on experience in situations and exercises including map and compass use, fire starting techniques and desert/mountain survival. Participants will also experience a "camp-out"--reviewing the materials learned that day. Be prepared for a great outdoor experience with adequate needs rather than luxurious facilities.

**Primitive Sporting Arms
Muzzleloading - Archery**

These workshops will acquaint you with teaching methods and concepts of muzzleloading and archery. We will offer NRA/NMLRA instructor certification and also International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) instructor certification.

Rifle, Shotgun and Handgun

This year's workshops will offer NRA instructor certifications in each of the above disciplines. However, each participant may be certified in only one of the three, but will receive credit for the workshop towards academy certification. Each discipline is limited to 25 participants and is on a first-come first-serve basis, so indicate on the registration form the one in which you wish to be certified.

**Hunter Responsibility,
Game Laws and Ethics**

These workshops review Texas game laws and give you information regarding violations from a game warden's point-of-view. It then covers important aspects of hunter responsibility by introducing participants to different teaching concepts, such as "trigger films," open meeting, brainstorming etc. Teaching techniques focus on the assimilation of attitudes and how to cope with learning styles. Proactive strategies and dealing with anti-hunters will also be on the agenda.

Wildlife Management/Conservation

Texas Parks & Wildlife staff plan to give participants an overview of wildlife management/conservation of game and nongame species. A tour of the Kerr Wildlife Management area is also planned, and professional biologists will be prepared to answer your questions concerning the department's efforts.

**Trapper Education
Advanced In-Service**

These workshops will provide an opportunity for instructors to become familiar with seasons, fur-bearing animal regulations, equipment, means and methods and general trapping knowledge. Representatives from the Texas State Trappers Association will be on hand to provide valuable information. Running a trap line to varmit calling will also be on the agenda. The workshop will be enhanced with a lot of "hands on" activities. Don't miss it.

Registration, Lodging and Meals

Registration for the workshops must be received by the Austin Hunter Education staff no later than January 6, 1994. The staff will then mail you specific workshop information and reservation sheets a few weeks prior to each workshop. Some reservations will be made directly to individual facilities.

Other Reminders

Dress for the workshop will be casual; sport shirts and jeans; tennis shoes or boots. Be sure to bring warm clothes and rain gear in case of bad weather.

Remember, those attending all six workshops (including those in past years) will qualify for the Hunter Education Association "Volunteer Academy" certificate, a national recognition for your accomplishments in the Texas Hunter Education Program.

For further information, please contact the Hunter Education staff at 1-800-792-1112 ext. 64 or 512/328-5275.

The Hunter Education staff looks forward to seeing you at the 1994 workshops.

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 February 5-6 Broaddus

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 March 26-27 San Antonio
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 April 30-1 Austin
 May 21-22 Tyler
 June 18-19 Lubbock

**How To Conduct a
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- February 25-26-27 Brownwood

Muzzleloading (NMLRA)

- March 4-5-6 Arlington
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Hunter Education Youth Challenge

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 To be announced Corpus Christi
 August 20-21 San Angelo

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