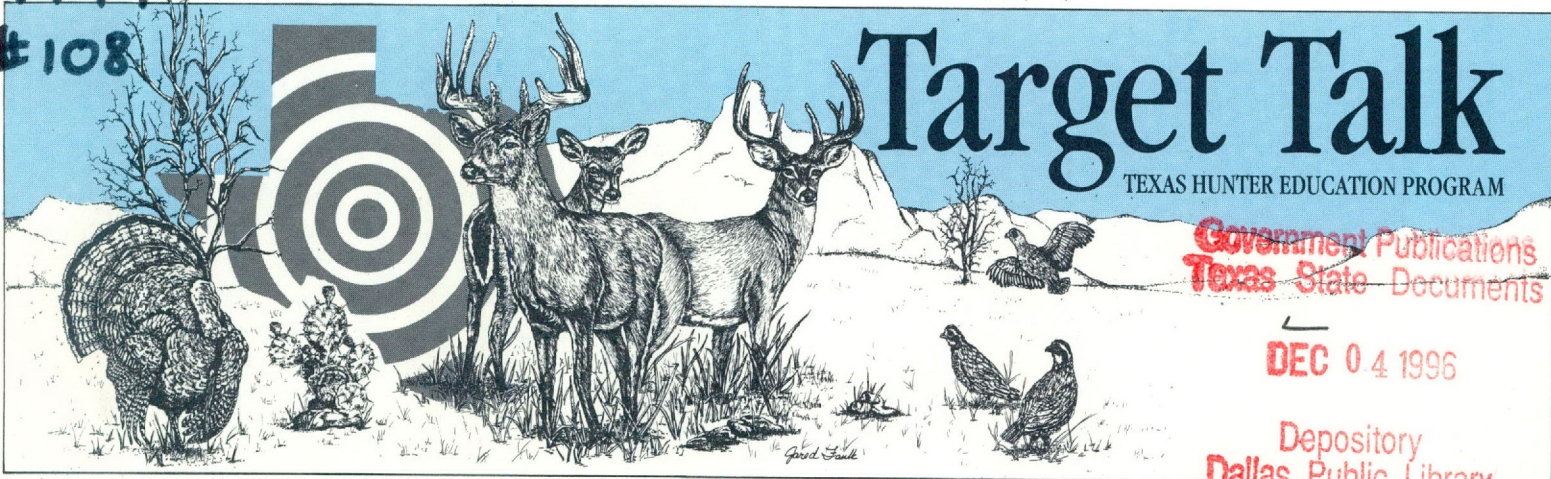


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HUNTER EDUCATION NEWS FLASH

New student fee update

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, during a regularly scheduled public hearing on **August 29, 1996**, passed a rule which sets the new hunter education course fee at **\$10.00** to allow hunter education instructors to retain \$5.00 per student to defray their out-of-pocket expenses. The rule takes effect **September 1, 1996**. This move was part of a sunset regulatory effort by the department to simplify, to the extent possible, all hunting regulations. Direct retention of fees also was authorized during the 73rd Legislature to save the state money in processing fees. Anticipating the approval, staff reflected the change in the 1996/1997 Hunting Guide (Outdoor Annual).

Two instructor surveys allowed staff to determine the amount of the fees. The first, conducted in 1986, determined that instructor out-of-pocket expenses averaged \$2.96. With inflation and the rising costs of postage, fuel and supplies the current out-of-pocket estimation is approximately \$4.75 per student.

The second survey conducted in 1993 showed that over fifty percent of the instructors (296 responses) favored a \$10.00 fee with \$5.00 going to the state (no change) and \$5.00 being retained directly by the instructor.

While the course fee per student is \$10.00, there is nothing which stops instructors from using their \$5.00 to enhance their courses by acquiring equipment and supplies or donating it right back to the student (especially in schools where retention of fees might be disallowed). However, instructors are still accountable to IRS and audits which might occur relative to charitable contributions. For example, an instructor who retains the fees could **NOT** submit the same out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, postage and phones under charitable contributions (IRS publication 526) when submitting their federal tax returns.

Those instructors who have submitted invoices for reimbursements (\$3.00 per student) up until the time of this notice will be reimbursed following the December 31, 1996 accounting, which is when the instructor reimbursement program terminates. Instructors may **NOT** file for reimbursements once they begin to charge the \$10.00 fee.

Note: Department employees, i.e., Game Wardens, who teach on a voluntary basis, may retain the additional \$5 fee to be used in the program, or, return it to the student. If on department time, the entire \$10 fee must be submitted with the registration forms.

In addition to the new changes, the **\$2 fee**

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will no longer be required to obtain a duplicate hunter education card. This item also was passed during the recent Commission hearing. Individuals must still submit their name, address and date of birth in writing, by telephone or Fax. Temporary duplicates may still be obtained from any local TP&W Law Enforcement office. Original cards can, and have been, duplicated immediately while on the phone, thus, providing better customer service. Cards are printed overnight and mailed the next day.

More classes needed on the computer

We are receiving over 200 calls per day requesting courses from all over the state. Please, Please, Please contact us with dates, times and phone numbers when classes are scheduled. We have heard of courses advertised in newspapers, on radio, etc., but have not been notified by the instructor. Please call and leave a message as soon as you plan a class so it can be entered. If you get a voice-mail, leave name, SS#, date and time class starts and a phone number to contact for information. Individuals might be just around the corner and not know of your class, but if it were in the computer, information could be given out or obtained via the automated course line.

Continue to call the local TPWD offices and your Area Chiefs with class information. Austin headquarters is the only office that can enter the information into the computer.

Cities in need of **more** courses, and/or at least information on courses, are Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Fort Worth, Dallas, McAllen and the lower Valley.

Notice....In the new computer system being developed, we are planning incentive points for those instructors who schedule their courses ahead of time and then follow through with them. The computer will look at pre-scheduled classes and then add points when that class is entered.

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Out-of-state information

A large number of Texans hunt out-of-state each year. Many are first time big game hunters or bird hunters who don't know the regulations or requirements for those states they have chosen to hunt and will often call instructors for information. Please note the following telephone numbers for the game and fish departments of some states frequently visited or that border Texas. Offer these numbers to those individuals when they inquire.

- * Arkansas Game & Fish Commission-----(501) 223-6351
- * Colorado Division of Wildlife------(303) 291-7300
- * Kansas Dept. Of Wildlife & Parks------(316) 672-5911
- * Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries--(318) 487-5885
- * Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks------(406) 444-4046
- * New Mexico Dept. of Fish & Game------(505) 841-8888
- * Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Cons.------(405) 522-4572

Colorado will again offer one-day courses prior to each rifle season in five different regions of their state, for individuals who have not taken a Texas course or know that hunter education is required to purchase a license up there. There is a Nationwide Hunting and Fishing Information Center number for those who want the latest update on regulations, seasons, guides, special dates, license fees, etc. Simply call 1-900-HUNT-FISH, 1-900-486-8347, any time (24 hours). The average call is 3 minutes and cost \$2.95 per minute.

Visit TPWD & IHEA on the Internet

If you have a modem and would like to see what is offered, use the following addresses:

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>. The **International Hunter Education Association** is located at:

<http://www.fortnet.org/~ihea.com>. Try them and see what's listed.

New phone numbers

We have moved back to headquarters and have new phone and Fax numbers. Kathy can still be reached by calling **1-800-792-1112** and entering **63**. Her direct line is **(512) 389-8142**. Terry's line is **(512) 389-8140** and the new Fax line is **(512) 389-8042**. Jack Nasworthy has a new Fax **(512) 389-4372**, where orders for supplies and videos can be sent. Jacks direct number is **(512) 389-4795**.

Note: A new Hunter Education automated course line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call **1-800-792-1112 + 62**. It takes several seconds (almost a minute) for the line to log into the computer, so be patient.

Home study/Hunter skills

Staff is developing a new hunter education process which will allow students to take part of the course at home, then attend a "Hunter Skills" course to complete their hunter education certification requirements.

As many instructors have already heard (workshops, instructor's conference, etc.), Texas has embarked on an effort to improve customer service, hands-on instruction and the fun and challenge of hunter education coursework. We participated in a "home study" research project conducted through Colorado State University, which showed that the learning objectives could be learned at home equally as well as in a classroom setting.

We've also known that hands-on instruction is the best learning process. Therefore, we began in 1993 a series of in-service workshops known as "Standards of Field and Live-firing" which stressed the use of outdoor activities as the centerpiece of hunter education coursework. Since that beginning, we've seen some outstanding examples around Texas of instructors who have utilized the activities to make hunter education fun and challenging.

Staff is in the process of completing an independent home study package to include a video, field guide (reference manual) and workbook. Our goal is to complete the home study package by January 1, 1997, but we may have to push that date back based on funding and printing schedules. We will at least have prototypes of the materials and new "Knowledge" (workbook and home study) and "Skills" tests available to instructors at the time when the official training begins.

A new advanced workshop was developed to train teams of instructors specifically on the new approach. Area Chiefs and others who took the Standards of Field and Live-firing, "Home Study" in-service workshops this year will be the first ones to

incorporate the new method when started next year. "Hunter Education Testing Sites" (trained teams) will start offering the new approach around June 1, 1997. So far, we have trained individuals who make up teams in San Antonio, Lubbock, Amarillo, Lufkin, Longview, Houston and Wichita Falls.

Procedures for the independent home study are tentatively planned as follows: Individuals may order the package from TP&W in Austin, or at other locations as determined at a later date (Cost probably in the \$5-\$10 range). Included in the package will be a video, field guide, workbook, hunting guide (Outdoor Annual) when available, student registration form and list of available testing sites and dates with a contact person. Once the individual has completed the independent study and feels that he/she is ready to "test out" for certification, they must contact the particular individual at the site listed. Upon arrival for testing, each individual will: **1) pay a \$5 fee (Retained by the testing team)** for certification, **2) take a 50-question exam** (not the one given now), **3) complete one hour of responsibility, ethics and game laws** and **4) successfully complete a live-firing exercise and skills trail.**

After all these requirements are met satisfactorily, the instructor(s) may sign off and date the individual's student registration form and present the pink copy or receipt to the student. The instructor(s) should arrange student registration forms in alphabetical order, attach each instructor's final report to the group he/she signs off on, and mail entire class in one envelope to Austin for entry.

The new process does **NOT** replace the current process, but is simply an alternate method of delivery to those individuals, for whatever reason, are unable to attend a regularly structured course. The new process is designed for families who find the current process inconvenient or unavailable in certain areas, and for instructors who have the facilities and desire to offer outdoor skills exercises. Instructors not in teams or those conducting classroom-oriented courses, especially during week nights and in schools, need simply to continue what they are doing (hopefully scheduling additional courses in the process!).

One added benefit to the independent home study unit is that the materials will be viewed by many who will never attend a course, especially those who are not sure about hunting or what is taught in a hunter education course.

We may not say it often enough, but we do appreciate all the efforts our instructors put out each year in teaching these courses. Thank You!! Keep up the great work, have a safe season and May God Bless.

STEVE HALL & TERRY ERWIN

Teaching First Aid

The issue of "teaching of first aid" in the context of hunter education is a frequently cussed and discussed topic. There is reason to be concerned as liability implications do exist. There is always a risk when you give someone just enough information to be dangerous. For those electing to retain a first aid section from the course, it is prudent that you differentiate between knowledge based and awareness level education. The first aid that is presented in most hunter education programs is on an awareness level. In other words, the goal is to raise the level of awareness of hunters of the potential of accidents in the field and the common types that occur. As long as it is clear that this is the goal, you should be O.K. A statement in the text or by the instructors to the effect that a responsible hunter should pursue training in first aid from a recognized organization such as the Red Cross or state Health Department E.M.S. would be a prudent action and lessen liability concerns. The Hunter Education staff is working with Area Chiefs in planning an advanced workshop on C.P.R. certification, search and rescue and first responder survival first aid. This will be an all hands-on workshop. Look for it in the 1997 Workshop Schedule coming in the next "Target Talk."

From Montana H.E.



Texans do well at national YHEC

by Billy Whitfield, Area Chief

During the 1996 National Youth Hunter Education Challenge held at the NRA's Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico, Texans came away with some impressive honors. There were 330 individual participants, including coaches, competing from all over North America.

Texas had the following groups participate. From East Texas, were Jrs., Justin Jobe and Anna Rue; Srs., Russell Rogers and Charlie Rue and Coaches Harry Rogers and Gary Jobe. Representing San Antonio were Jrs., Jorge Zatarain; Srs., Lance Barr, Enrique Almaguer, Justin Favor and Roberto Zatarain and Coaches Jimmie Barr, Shane Barr and Richard Favor.

In the individual events, Lance Barr placed Second in the Srs. Light Rifle; Enrique Almaguer placed Second in the Srs. Muzzleloader and Justin Jobe placed Second in the Jrs. Wildlife Identification, while Coach Harry Rogers won First place in Muzzleloading in the Patron division.

In the Overall standing, Sr. Russell Rogers, who had won the overall state honors, came in at an impressive Third place. Jr. Justin Jobe, who had won the overall state finals, finished in

Eleventh place, while Coach Gary Jobe placed Fourth in the Endowment Division.

Competition was tough in all Divisions, but Texas made a good showing. Even the kids attending the National Y.H.E.C. for the first time placed well in the overall scoring. Afternoon thunderstorms interfered some, but everyone finished their events on time.

Marion Hammer, NRA President, attended most of the events, visited all the ranges and talked to participants and volunteers. She expressed her commitment to the YHEC program and her desire to make the Whittington Center the YHEC's permanent home. She recognizes that the youth are our future and that we need to protect that investment.

Marion Hammer will be at the Expo this year.

Congratulations to all the fine young individuals who participated in this challenging event. A special "Thank you" goes out to all the dedicated volunteers who spent so much time in preparing and training these youngsters. We need to work hard to increase the number of kids participating at our state event next year. I will be spreading the word throughout the state to bring in new participants and new sponsors.

Pearls of wisdom... "The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm."

Hunter Responsibility, Ethics and Game Laws...



Another excellent in-service workshop was held in July. Leading the program was Area Chief, Quincy Ellis on Media Relations and dealing with anti-hunters, T.D. Carroll on the "Unwritten law" and Game Warden Assistant Commander Rod Chalmers on how to teach the "Written law" utilizing the new Parks and Wildlife "Outdoor Annual." Thanks to all who attended and participated.

Wildlife "Who-done-it"

Which species of wildlife do you think is the most dangerous, a deer or a grizzly? Each year around 200 Americans are killed in encounters with various species of wild and domestic animals. Use the following information in your course when questions arise about how dangerous wildlife can be.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Human deaths each year</u>
deer	131
bees	43
dogs	14
rattlesnakes	10
spiders	4
sharks	1
mountain lions *	less than one
scorpions	less than one
alligators	less than one
grizzly bears	less than one
vultures	less than one
killer whales	less than one

Figures that are lower than 1 are averages based on the best available records or the estimates of experts in the field for a given multi-year period (April 1992 Men's Health). *These figures are before the ban on hunting mountain lions in California, and current statistics were unavailable.

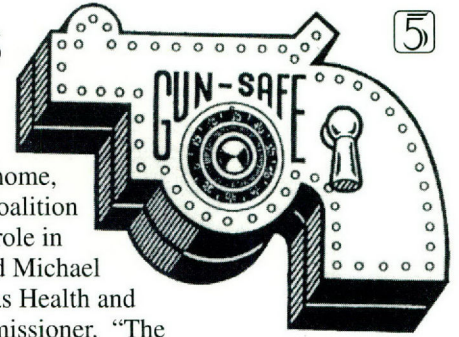
Gun Safe program starts in Texas

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The Firearm Safety Coalition kicks off its "Gun Safe" campaign in schools across Texas this Fall. May 16 was designated "Gun Safe Day" in Texas by Governor Bush. The Firearm Safety Coalition is a broad-based, non-partisan group representing both gun owners and non-gun owners. The Texas Nurses Foundation provided seed money in excess of \$75,000 to launch the campaign. The foundation is also coordinating the plan, campaign materials, identifying trainers and providing their training. Grassroots support will be provided by dozens of coalition members, including the **Texas Parks & Wildlife Department** and the Texas Congress of Parent and Teachers, which anticipates training thousands of fourth and fifth graders in firearm safety during the coming school year.

"House Bill 44, enacted by the 74th Texas Legislature, encourages Texas school districts to provide or participate in firearms safety programs for students in kindergarten through

12th grade. By focusing on proper storage of guns in the home, The Firearms Safety Coalition can play an important role in this program," declared Michael McKinney, M.D., Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner. "The Firearms Safety Coalition is to be commended for spearheading the campaign to prevent accidents and save the lives of our school-age children," McKinney stated.



For more information about "Gun Safe" and how you can help make Texas households safer for our children, contact the Hunter Education staff and/or Firearm Safety Coalition, toll-free at 1-888-862-6877, or write Texas Nurses Foundation, 7600 Burnet Road, Suite 440, Austin, TX 78757-1292.

Did you know???

License Buys TP&W Sweepstakes Entry

This year, TP&W has created a Sweepstakes to reward constituents for paying higher license fees. Anyone who purchases a hunting or fishing license or a Texas Conservation Passport by Oct. 3 is automatically entered in the Sweepstakes.

Prizes are considerable. First, the non-consumptive prizes for those who purchase a TCP (\$25 to \$50) stand to win one of three prizes. The grand prize is called an "ultimate expedition." Two people will spend four days and three nights touring the best Texas parks and participating in such activities as horseback riding, canoeing, birding, fly fishing and mountain biking. Accommodations are at historic bed-and-breakfast facilities and meals are described as "fine dining." Guided tours highlight historical, archaeological and paleontological aspects of the outdoors.

Non-consumptive prize two is a bighorn sheep observation trip to

TP&W's Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area. Two people will be guided into the WMA during the sheep breeding season. Hopefully they can witness the fights for which rams are famous.

Prize three for TCP buyers is a two-day coastal birding tour for two people led by TP&W birding authority Doreen Damude. As with prize two, winners must furnish their own meals and lodging.

Those who buy fishing licenses or combination fishing/hunting licenses have their names in the pot for five guided trips for two anglers. The guided trips include bass fishing at Lake Fork and Gibbons Creek, striped bass at Lake Texoma and speckled trout and redfishing in the Upper Laguna Madre and Matgorda Bay.

Those who buy a hunting license and combo fishing/hunting licenses have a shot at winning three two-day hunts on state WMA's. The hunts include a mule deer hunt at Elephant Mountain WMA, a whitetail hunt at the Chaparral WMA and a spring turkey hunt at the Kerr WMA. Deadline for purchasing licenses and being entered in the Sweepstakes is **October 3**.



WE HAVE A WINNER!! Eight youngsters have been drawn and notified regarding the upcoming 1996 "Dream Hunt," and included in the group is a Texas student from Lufkin. His name is **Colt Partin** and his instructors were Area Chiefs **Donald Carroll** and **Donnie Kee**. This year's "Dream Hunts" will be combined into one fantastic pheasant hunt hosted by Primland Hunting Reserve located near Claudeville, VA. on November 21-24. Airline reservations are coming together at this writing. Colt will be joined by his step-father Steve Smith. Congratulations!

Wayne Pearson of "Ultimate Outdoors" as seen on ESPN Outdoors every Saturday morning at **6:30 A.M.** from July to December will again host this trip. The "Dream Hunt" will be aired in December around Christmas. Be sure to watch for this exciting show. The entry cards, printed by **Winchester**, are still

available and are being sent out with supplies. Anyone not receiving them should contact our office. Please make sure that all eligible individuals receive their card to mail. Late entries will be retained and entered in next year's drawing.

Instructors are encouraged to continue to send in **plain** post cards with name, address, daytime phone number and a statement that they are a certified Hunter Education instructor for special drawings to go on additional hunting or fishing trips. Mail as many post cards as you wish. Last year, Texas had three instructors drawn. Texas has been extremely lucky during the last five years and has had several instructors drawn along with one student from the Katy area. The individual trips will be aired and shown on ESPN throughout the year. Don't delay, mail the cards to the following address:

I.H.E.A. "DREAM HUNT"
PO BOX 5078
NASHVILLE, GA 31639





TEXAS WILDLIFE EXPO



Texas Wildlife Expo '96 is just around the corner on October 4-6 at the TP&W headquarters in Austin. This year's theme is "Catch The Outdoor Action".

We are looking forward to a bigger and better event this year as Texas Wildlife Expo '96 celebrates the legacy of the great outdoors.

Youth, especially, are invited to participate in Expo '96 activities. Several Agriculture Science teachers brought their students to enjoy the fun and events last year. Don't let another year go by without attending and seeing this tremendous celebration. There will be raptor demonstrations, shooting exhibitions, reptile and other live animal displays, fishing, "catch-a-poacher" role playing, seminars, educational activities, sporting dog demonstrations, fish exhibits, climbing wall, Indian lore, park displays, animal tracks, shooting--(including archery, shotgun, muzzleloaders, airguns, crossbows and interactive video), animal calling contests, outdoor industry exhibitions and a new canoeing and kayaking "wet zone," plus many other activities.

Again, we need your help in staffing all shooting events. These areas could not have been handled without your generous support, and it's not too late to let us know if you

will be able to attend and help out. Call 1-800-792-1112 + 63 and ask for Kathy Powell and give her your name to put on the list.

For those of you who have already called or sent in your yellow response form, or, for those who wish to come and help, we will meet at **7:30 A.M.** on Saturday morning at the shooting orientation tent and bleachers near the Muzzleloading area. It's on the right as you walk in on the main road, about 200 yards straight in from the hayfield parking area.

An area that has not had much attendance during the Expo has been the Game Warden Association's "Wild Game Cooking" area. Its free to anyone who wants to take a break and sample a taste of some of the best meats from all over the state, including alligator, all types of exotics and fish. Maps will be available in your packets upon arrival on Saturday.

An appreciation party is planned on Saturday night for all the volunteers. WOW! Last year some excellent door prizes were given out, so, you won't want to miss it. We look forward to seeing you and having you help out with an exceptional opportunity.



Dear Mr. Bernie Heer:

This past weekend my son, nephew and I attended your Hunter Education class at Camp Bullis in San Antonio. **THANK YOU!!** We had a wonderful experience, thanks to you and instructors Ray Cook, Hugh Philippus and Floyd Henry. I have hunted for about 35 years and, yes, I did learn some new things and most important started my twelve year old son out on the right foot. I have always told the kids "You can't take a bullet back", but your field exercises drove the point home. God

Bless the four of you, for what you are doing.

Thanks,
Richard Stagg, San Antonio

Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of Bryan, Marie and myself, I would like to thank you and your staff for a wonderful hunter education training course. We are talking about things we learned as a family. Thank you for the time you gave to teach us.

Sincerely,
George Carnevale, Dallas

Dear Staff:

FYI - Mr. George Carnevale, Marie and Bryan are just starting out as a "hunting family." His comment, "We are talking about things we learned as a family," is what makes all this

effort worth while.

Larry Clark and
T.H.E. Wisdom Group

Dear Staff:

I am writing to tell you about my Wildlife 381 class,....the high school class that has incorporated the Hunter Education course into its Essential Elements. In the Summer of 1995, I attended the Ag. Teachers Hunter Education workshop at Tarleton State University in Stephenville put on by TP&W. This workshop really helped me develop a setting for my upcoming Wildlife 381 class. The Skills Trail that I went through really impressed me and excited me about trying to put one together. All the information given to me at your workshop really helped me coordinate my class in the right direction.

Continued ...

My first Wildlife class had fourteen students enrolled in it. The class went real good all semester. I brought speakers into my class to talk about and discuss gun safety, bows & arrows, hand guns, wildlife management and game laws. But, my mind was made up to get my students out into the woods and into real hunting situations. I started by making contacts with people who I knew would probably be willing to help and liked to work with students. I contacted a gentleman who worked for TP&W and was stationed at a small remote game preserve about ten miles from town. I told him of my idea and I asked about using the place for a skills trail to teach students. He was real enthused and said it would be a great idea and that this is what the state has these game preserves for. So, I got together people in the community such as a game warden, constable, parents, biologists and other Ag. Teachers. I told them of my idea and discussed how to set the skills trail up, and everyone was excited and willing to help. First thing we did was meet again at the game preserve and we went through exactly what we would do, and how to set out the trail. I found out that a local archery club had a bunch of 3-D targets, and they generously let us use them. We then set up a time and all the instructors in the area met at the game preserve and began setting up the skills trail in the woods. The 3-D targets consisted of deer, javalina, turkey, rabbits, bear and mannequins.

We set up "shoot-don't-shoot" scenarios, which had different stations in the woods where five students at a time walked through with an instructor and looked for and discussed the different shooting situations. There was a different instructor at each station to help the students. Three of the five students would lead and wear blaze orange

vests and hats and carry a rifle. There were other stations set up with instructors that explained how to cross fences safely, get in and out of vehicles and boats with a firearm, how to get in and out of deer stands and the proper ways of carrying firearms. We also set up a very popular blood trail for the students to follow and find the dead animal. This was usually a 3-D target such as a deer.

This event was held in September of last year with fourteen of my students and fifteen of another school's students going through the different stations on a rotational basis. This was a half-day event in which we also provided a meal for the students. The results and the compliments I got from this event were spectacular. This year, I am very excited about my Skills Trail and Hunter Education class. Because of last year's events, my class has now more than doubled from the previous year with thirty-two students now enrolled. I have already received interest from five other schools who want to attend the "skills trail" event. I have contacted your office about using the DART truck and the Sporting Clays truck for this year's event. We are now expecting over one hundred individuals from the other schools to participate in this year's event coming up on October 9th. Also, a full day has been set aside to conduct these activities.

I cannot thank you enough for giving me the ideas and materials to produce such a great skills trail event. The hands-on knowledge and skills we give and bring to the students through this type of event is greatly needed. I always try to put the student first, and if it helps them learn anything about safety and wildlife, then it was all worth the time and money. I guarantee they do learn from this type of event!!

Again, I thank you so much for your time and support to the Ag. Teachers of this state and I hope to see you at my skills trail event in the near future.

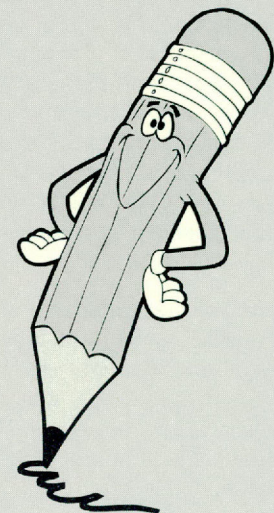
Sincerely,
Dean Davis, Ag. Science Teacher
Gonzales High School

Dear Staff:

I recently completed a Hunter Education course under your instructor, Mr. Howard Bostic. I thought I would bring to your attention that Mr. Bostic went out of his way to instruct me individually in order that I would be able to bow hunt in Colorado in late August. You are very fortunate to have such a caring person on your volunteer staff of instructors.

Many Thanks,
John Evans
Montalba, Texas

Editor's note: There seems to be something here that lends to the idea that we have some exceptional and caring instructors and that hands-on activities in our Hunter Education courses are becoming more popular than in years past. To all the above instructors, I congratulate and applaud your efforts. Keep up the excellent work for we are behind you all the way.

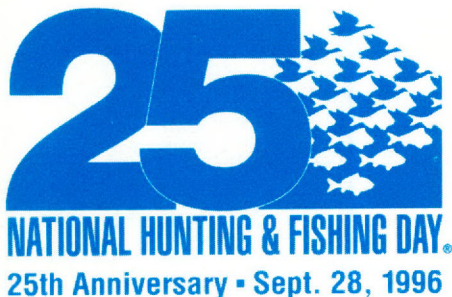
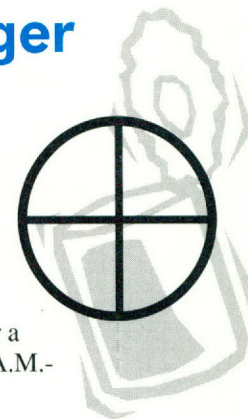


Texas deer hunters take aim against hunger

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Since 1991, over 300,000 pounds of venison has been distributed to the hungry of Texas through the "Hunters for the Hungry" program. Last year, over 50,000 lbs. of low fat venison was donated by Texas hunters. Take aim against hunger and act now to help the hungry of Texas. "Hunters for the Hungry" is a cooperative effort of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, other state agencies, private groups and individuals like you who are concerned about our hunger problem. The End Hunger Network brings together deer hunters, processing plants and Second Harvest Food Banks to provide a natural source of nutritious, low-fat meat to needy Texans.

You'll be asked to pay a tax deductible processing fee of \$15 per deer. Act now to help those in need. For a listing of participating processing plants, simply call toll-free **1-800-992-9767** Monday through Friday, 9 A.M.-5 P.M. You won't be sorry you did!



National Hunting and Fishing Day will see its 25th annual observance this September 28, and plans are underway for a very special celebration that will focus on the family tradition that has long gone hand-in-hand with the outdoor experience.

Congress and President Nixon established NHF Day to recognize generations of hunters and anglers for the time and money they have donated to wildlife conservation programs -- to date totaling over \$19 billion and uncounted hours of work on habitat improvement and other projects. In the years since then, the Day has been celebrated with thousands of special events organized by sportsmen's clubs, conservation groups and state wildlife agencies -- together introducing many millions of Americans to hunting and fishing while highlighting their vital role in conservation.

"While many things have changed over the past few decades," said Bob Delfay, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation and for many years coordinator of the NHF Day program, "hunting and fishing continue to be 'all star' family activities. Not only can the sports be enjoyed by all members of the family, but they also help create a better understanding of nature and reinforce the value of natural resources conservation."

In addition to celebrating the role of hunting and fishing as enjoyable family recreations, NHF Day has long existed to recognize another very important tradition --the long-term commitment to wildlife conservation made by America's sportsmen and sportswomen.

Whether your family has spent many seasons in the out-of-doors or are just getting started, there will be plenty of activities for you to experience together this September 28. You might try a "hands-on" conservation project, such as building a duck nesting box for a nearby pond -- or take the youngsters out for a "first day afield" -- or later pay an educational visit to a local event such as the Texas Wildlife Expo '96, October 5-6, in Austin at the TPWD headquarters. Whichever you choose, you'll spend quality time together while building a bright future for the outdoor sports and wildlife. Bring your family to Austin and see what you have been missing.

Pearls of wisdom...

"Life is like a 10-speed bike,
most of us have gears we never use."

Texas Grand Slam

For the first time, TP&W will also conduct a drawing for a package of four separate "Once in a Lifetime" high-quality guided hunts for a desert bighorn sheep, a desert mule deer, a white-tailed deer and a pronghorn antelope. The hunts, collectively named the **Texas Grand Slam**, will each last approximately three to seven days. The bighorn hunt will be early in November, followed by a mule deer hunt and a whitetail hunt. The antelope hunt will be taken during the 1997 season.

The hunts will be conducted in areas known to produce trophy animals. Hunting guide, food, lodging, local transportation and complete taxidermy services will be provided. One lucky applicant will be drawn and awarded the right to participate in all four hunts and may be accompanied by a non-hunting companion of his/her choice. The hunts are not transferable to another person.

Application for the **Texas Grand Slam** drawing must be made

before October 4, 1996 at any hunting license vendor in Texas, or by calling 1-800-TX-LIC-4-U and paying by credit card. The cost of the application is **\$10**. A person may purchase as many of the applications as desired. Each application will constitute a separate chance of selection in the drawing. Proceeds from the drawing will be directly returned to help fund desert bighorn restoration, public hunting and the various wildlife programs involved.

Considering the cost of trophy hunts for whitetail, mule deer and antelope at approximately \$8,000 and the fact that the last bighorn sheep permit went for nearly \$70,000, this is a chance of a lifetime hunt, and for a mere \$10. Bighorn sheep permits are few and far between.

The winner will be announced at noon on October 6, 1996 during the Wildlife Expo. Wouldn't it be great if one of our instructors won this tremendous chance and was there helping with the shooting events? Don't miss out on this chance to participate in four "Once in a Lifetime" hunts. Apply now and apply often. **GOOD LUCK IN THE DRAWING!**

Welcome New Instructors

JUNE

JOHN SCOTT, MERKEL
ROBERT REDDEN, JR., ABILENE
JOHN BROOKS, AUSTIN
JAY OYLER, AUSTIN
CHRISTIAN MURRAY, AUSTIN
CYNTHIA GUAJARDO, LAREDO
KURT SLAUGHTER, CORPUS CHRISTI
KRYSTAL GOSNAY, AUSTIN
LACY LOUDERMILK, AUSTIN
BRYAN CALLIHAN, AUSTIN
ANTHONY CORCORAN, AUSTIN
NED NICHOLS, AUSTIN
ROBERT JACKSON, PARIS
JAMES ALLEN, AUSTIN
RICHARD SULLIVAN, AUSTIN
MARK MCQUEARY, HUNT
ROBBIE SMITH, AUSTIN
JOE BOSTICK, AUSTIN
TRACY LARGE, AUSTIN
DANIEL MUELLER, AUSTIN
SCOTT JURK, AUSTIN
ALBERT GONZALEZ, JR., AUSTIN
KEVIN DAVIS, ORE CITY
MICHAEL TINKLER, AUSTIN
JEFFERY CARTER, AUSTIN
PATRICIA GRUSS, AUSTIN
GARY TEELER, AUSTIN
WILL ALLISON, AUSTIN
PRESTON SPILLER, AUSTIN
BENNY RICHARDS, JR., CELESTE
BRAD MELONI, AUSTIN
DARREN MEDLIN, AUSTIN
JENNIFER GRIFFIN, AUSTIN

JOHN O'MALLEY, PFLUGERVILLE
LEE FINCH, AUSTIN
MICHAEL PAULING, SAN ANTONIO
BRYAN DAVIS, SAN MARCOS
MARCUS DEMEL, JR., SCHULENBURG
LYMAN SHANNON, SCHERTZ
MICHAEL COLEMAN, SHEPPARD AFB

JULY

STACY ABBOTT, BULLARD
FRANK STEWART, HARLINGEN
JOEY WELLS, EARLY
GAIL WOOD, SPICEWOOD
LISA WELLS, EARLY
E. L. "BUTCH" YOUNG, KERRVILLE
VANCE CHRISTIE, LEAKEY
GREGORY FULLER, EAST BERNARD

AUGUST

ANGELA DUKE, HOOKS
GLENN HENNING, DALLAS
GEORGE PYLE, CORRIGAN
JAMES CARDONE, ARLINGTON
GRANT CROWELL, COMMERCE
JASON EANS, KINGSLAND
DWIGHT PURVIS, JOSHUA
BURNA ERWIN, BUDA
FRED CAPPADONNA, III, SAN MARCOS
JERRY ZIVEC, FERRIS
M. C. PLETZ, COTULLA
DAVID LEINING, SANTA FE

FERRIS BAVOSETT, FORT WORTH
RAYMOND CETRONE, PLANO
KELLY DIXON, AUSTIN
BILLY GENTRY, LEWISVILLE
TERRY HOUSENFLUCK, BRYAN
LOVELL PITTMAN, LACOSTE
JOHN SPINUZZI, ARLINGTON
WILLIAM ELLIS, BANDERA
RANDALL SCHMITT, ARLINGTON
WILLIAM BEAN, MIDLOTHIAN
PAUL NEES, SMITHVILLE
LINDA STEPHEN, MADISONVILLE
DAVID LONG, KEMP
PHILIP GUENTHER, SCHULENBURG
JOSEPH CAWTHON, III, GARLAND
FORD THANHEISER, HOUSTON
MORRIS LYON, WOLFE CITY
WILLIAM SELLINGSLOH, II, AUSTIN
KYLE MENN, HOUSTON
ERNEST PHILLIPS, ARLINGTON
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DARL TEER, HIGH ISLAND
JOHN COCHRAN, RIVIERA
LINDA MONTGOMERY, KERRVILLE
GARY DOYLE, BRECKENRIDGE
WAYNE DIETERT, NEW BRAUNFELS

Welcome new "Assistant Instructors"

Michael Harrell, Austin.....assisting Joe Stengel
Miles Gustavson, Austin.....assisting Rob Gustavson
Randi Rubendall, Belton.....assisting Sherry Rubendall
Chad Ellis, Lohn.....assisting Quincy Ellis

CONGRATULATIONS! to these fine young individuals and to the instructors who sponsored them. Contact our office for information and an application if you have an individual who would like to become an "Assistant Instructor". Think of all the bright, young "future leaders" we have out there just waiting to offer their services and help preserve the future of outdoor recreational sports.



Upcoming events reminder ...

Wildlife Mgmt./Conservation - September 20-21 - Kerr WMA

National Hunting & Fishing Day - September 28 - (25th Anniversary)

Archery Season Opens - September 28

TEXAS WILDLIFE EXPO - October 4-6 - Austin

Instructor

Discounts



Many of you are aware of and have taken advantage of special discounts certified volunteer instructors get through companies that are willing to participate and assist the hunter education program. The following is a list of companies that do participate in this discount offering. **Please contact the company personally for a copy of their catalog and discount price list.**

You must photocopy your current instructor card in order to obtain the instructor discount with each of these companies.

Bear Archery, Inc. - Offers significantly discounted pricing on the entire line of equipment for use as an instructional tool for Hunter Education classes as well as for personal use. Please call Kathy McEwen at 1-800-874-4603, ext. 234, or write 4600 SW 41st Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32608-4999.

Browning Archery - Instructors may purchase one bow and appropriate accessories for teaching purposes at a special price. Write Public Relations Manager, Browning, One Browning Place, Morgan, UT 84050.

Crosman Airguns - The Crosman Hunter Training Assistance Program provides airguns on a loan basis along with pellets, targets, Airgun News and airgun wall charts at no charge. For more information call Sonia Stetler at (716) 657-6161, or write her at, Crosman Shooting Services, Crosman Corporation, Routes 5 and 20, East Bloomfield, NY 14443.

CVA (Connecticut Valley Arms, Inc.) - Offer 40% discount on

their entire line of products. Call 1-800-251-9412, or write 5988 Peachtree Corners East, Norcross, GA 30071.

Hunter's Specialties - Offers 25% off prices in their Dealer Price Book. Orders are limited to maximum of \$200 per year. Hunter's Specialties is the largest manufacturer of hunting accessories. Catalogs and

price sheets are available by calling (319) 395-0321, or write Public Relations Director, 6000 Huntington, CT, N.E., Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-1268.

Kit & Caboodle - rifle and shotgun cleaning kits. (our 300 point incentive award) Call (315) 942-5484, or write Otis Products, Inc., Rt. 12D, Box 582, Boonville, NY, 13309.

Lohman Game Calls - Offer their full line of products at greatly reduced prices. Call 1-800-922-9034, or write Brad Valdois, Lohman MFG Co., Inc., Box 220, Neosho, MO 64850-0220

Modern Muzzleloading, Inc. - Offer discounts for their complete line of Knight Rifles and accessories. Call Marla at (515) 856-2626 or write P.O. Box 130, 234 Airport Rd., Centerville, IA 52544.

Thompson/Center Arms Co., Inc., - Offer both muzzleloader and modern firearms and equipment. **(We have price list and catalog - contact Kathy Powell.)**

New changes in Hunting Guide

The Texas Hunting and Fishing Guides have been combined into one publication called the *Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual*. It's a lot easier to keep up with those two little books now than in times gone by. True, there are a few changes that warrant attention. On page 25, *Non-residents under 17 years of age are considered as residents and may purchase the Special Resident Hunting License (Type 102)*. On page 26, *No State stamp fees are required for any resident or non-resident under 17 years of age*.

The Hunter Education requirements are listed on page 53. Continue to use this new "Outdoor Annual" as a training aid for your classes. Encourage each student to read all the new changes and be aware of new laws and regulations. The new Resident "Super Combo" License Package (Type 111) Combination Hunting and Fishing license, which includes all seven stamps, is really a bargain at \$49 when you think about it. Bought separately, it would cost \$82.

True, the "seasons and dates" page is not in the new publication like last year, so, make sure that students read the county they wish to hunt for specifics. It would be a great help if each instructor would tab the new changes and areas of special interest with tape and make sure this information is given to all students during class. These guides are available for each class when ordered with supplies. Change?? Sure, but roll with the flow and make the best of a better way of doing business.

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1997 Texas Hunter Education Instructor Conference Update

Instructors!!! Now is the time to plan ahead for the 1997 conference on June 7-8, in San Antonio. Mark your calendars and plan you vacations. The Holiday Inn - Northwest will be the host. If you want to bring your family, we would like to know what outside activities they would be interested in while you are occupied at the conference.

After registration, we are planning some "How-To" sessions on Saturday with some excellent speakers. Auctions, silent and live, are planned for Saturday evening as usual with some outstanding items. A THEIA meeting is also planned for Sunday morning. Some interest has been shown for an Instructor's Archery 3-D shoot, and/or a Sporting Clays/Skeet shoot on Sunday Afternoon for those who plan to stay over or who would like to participate. Display tables will be available for those who would like to show off their unique or favorite training aids.

We want all who attend to enjoy themselves and gain something from this conference, and it can happen if you provide us with your preference. Share your ideas with us. Take a few minutes and fill out the enclosed "SURVEY SHEET." If you have more questions or would like more information, complete and mail the survey to the address on the bottom of the sheet.

1997 Instructor's Conference Survey Sheet

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

I will be bringing my family. ____ Yes ____ No

I am planning a vacation in conjunction with the conference. ____ Yes,

____ Week Before, ____ Week After, ____ No.

My family would be interested in the following while I'm at the Conference:

- ____ San Antonio Zoo ____ General Sightseeing
- ____ Sea World ____ The Alamo and Downtown
- ____ Historic Mission Tour ____ Shopping Tour
- ____ Fiesta Texas ____ Other _____
- ____ Market Place

Comments/Questions:

I would like to participate in the following "How To" group.

- ____ How to set up a "Hunter Skills Trail."
- ____ How to organize a "Youth Hunting Trip."
- ____ How to set up a "Survival Village."
- ____ How to organize an "Area Instructor's Association."
- ____ How to organize an "Instructor Team."
- ____ How to organize a "Youth Hunter Education Challenge Team."

I would like a table to display my "Training Aids." ____ Yes ____ No

I will be staying over on Sunday night and/or would like to participate in a:

- ____ 3-D Archery Tournament
- ____ Skeet Shooting Tournament
- ____ Sporting Clays Tournament

Mail Completed Survey to:
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