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New & NoteworthyANN MILLER –
Aquatic Education Coordinator

Partnerships. Teaming up with volunteers to get folks outdoors and into fishing. That's what we are all about. As a certified volunteer, you are our partner. But, in some cases, a different kind of partnership can boost our ability to reach more kids and their families.



The Dallas Ecological Foundation (DEF) with its *Outdoor Adventure* school program is just that kind of partnership. Scot McClure, DEF's Outdoor Adventure Coordinator, combined all of our Texas Parks and Wildlife outdoor education courses, (Hunter Education, Boater Education, Angler Education and Archery), added Dutch Oven Cooking and Outdoor Survival Skills and created the *Outdoor Adventure* curriculum to be used in middle and high school P.E. classes. His curriculum is correlated to the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills and is presented in a lesson plan format, making it easy for teachers to implement in their classrooms.

Why would a school adopt the *Outdoor Adventure* curriculum? Scot says there are four main reasons why. First, the cur-

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**Catch a Fish EVERY DAY
for a YEAR!**

ANN MILLER

Fishing is supposed to lower the blood pressure. If taking care of your health is one of your goals for the new year, then check out what Keith Miller (no relation) is planning to do starting on April 1. Keith is planning to catch at least one fish every day for a year, rain or shine, in sickness and in health, and even in the dark of night if necessary. It is something he did in 2009 and he is ready for the challenge again.

"The epic quest began as sort of a joke," says Miller who has a full-time professional career, "but it turned into an incredible test of will and skill."

With a regular job, a family and other commitments, a fish a day is a pretty tall order. According to Keith, "Between the hot weather, high winds, and cold weather, I never knew what to expect from day to day. It was always a challenge to figure out where the fish would be and what they would bite on," he said. "Besides the weather, the biggest challenge was the time commitment. Some days I could catch one relatively quickly and other days it could take up to six hours."

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This epic quest began as a joke.

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riculum is really interesting to the kids, gets them involved and keeps them interested in coming to school, thus increasing attendance and lowering discipline problems. Second, the program helps increase a student's self esteem as they learn outdoor skills and become confident in their abilities. These programs are not just for the athletic kids, but for ALL kids. Everyone, even those without good eye-hand coordination and even those with disabilities, can excel at these activities. Third, these activities promote life-long, healthy lifestyles. The lifetime benefits, not only to the kids in the program, but also to all those whose lives they touch, can't be over estimated. Finally, as these activities connect young folks to our woods and waters (an integral part of the program), they will have an appreciation of our natural resources and will join us to protect them. If we don't act now to foster this connection, where will we be in 50 years?

At this time, 84 schools have adopted the DEF's *Outdoor Adventure* curriculum, with another 14 schools coming on board very soon. The goal is to have 300 schools on board by 2014. With an average of 100 students per school, that means 30,000 students will be connecting to the outdoors in new ways and becoming our advocates in the future. Angler Education is in full support of this effort. As this program grows, we hope you will consider helping us in this effort. Assisting us with teacher training and then helping teachers either in the classroom or with fishing field trips can make all the difference.

Catch a Fish EVERY DAY for a YEAR!, continued



On the last day of 2009, Miller successfully caught a largemouth bass on New Year's Eve. "My wife, parents and brother joined me for the last catch," he said. "I was pretty ill the last few days and fishing was very difficult. My wife was a tremendous help and dedicated her time to helping me feel well enough to get out and fish." After the cheers and sighs of relief died down, they shared a cake in the shape of a fish that she had made for him.

Can Keith do that again? Where will he fish? When? With a very busy schedule, will he be able to find time to fish every day? Join us on April 1, and throughout the next 364 days as we keep up with Keith through his Facebook page, "Catching a Fish a Day with Keith Miller." Be sure to log on, cheer for Keith and live vicariously like I'm going to do. Maybe he'll share a few laughs with us as well as some of his fishing tips and good fishing holes!

Keith Miller – a good day and a nice bass – 2009.

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3rd period class with all the fish they "caught."

Fish really do have gills!



What's That Fishy Smell?

CHRISSY PLANT – Game Warden, Val Verde County

During the first week of October, the fifth graders at Lamar Elementary School entered Mrs. Brazell's science room to find it invaded by an actual fish. The two visiting Texas state game wardens assured them the fishy smell was that of adventure found in the exciting sport of angling.

The students learned how, like football, fishing uses strategy, has rules and includes equipment. Building a diorama and playing a special game of tag called, "Go Fish," showed them the habitat fish require, thus teaching them how to better find fish to catch. These activities also explained why being an ethical angler and following the regulations promotes a healthy fish population. A casting activity gave the students a chance to learn how to fish and practice fish identification. They even

built their own model of a fishing pole using supplies generously donated by the Del Rio Wal-Mart.

And the fishy smell that permeated the science room? That was the iced down largemouth bass the students were able to poke and prod to remove any fear of fish and to bring in an unexpected fun factor. By the end of the two-day Angler Education program, the students were asking thoughtful questions and planning their next fishing trip to the creek.

These polite and imaginative young people discovered a little more of why life's better outside through the combining of science and sports. Fifth graders can look forward to this engaging Texas Parks and Wildlife Department program swimming to their school in the coming year.

Top L.U.R.E.S. of FY 2010

These special volunteers have received our "Top L.U.R.E.S." award for volunteering over 100 hours in our fiscal year of 2010 (Sept. 2009 – Aug. 2010). L.U.R.E.S. stands for Loyalty Unequaled Remarkable Enthusiastic Service.

Through this small recognition of their very generous contributions, we want these volunteers to know they have our deepest appreciation. In addition to these top volunteers, we had another 40 volunteers who contributed between 51 and 99 volunteer hours. Many thanks to all of our volunteers!

Raul Almanzar
Jere Anderson
Jimmy Brown
Ellie Crocker
Eduardo Flores

Mark Fobian
Jerry Hamon
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With Baited Breath

STEVE CAMPBELL
Aquatic Education –
North Texas/
Panhandle

If Paw Paw Said So

I used to think that I was an original, a one-of-a-kind. A recent visit with my sister reminded me that I come from a long line of characters.

My father is a very funny man with a wonderful laugh. He loves to tell jokes, especially one-liners. I enjoy his sense of humor.

My maternal grandfather, Paw Paw, was a major character as well. Perhaps I never stood a chance and was genetically predisposed to throwing out one-liners.

There is one particular story that my siblings and father seem to recall concerning the delight Paw Paw gleaned by forcing me to profess my love of ice cream. He would proclaim loudly, "Stevie don't like ice cream." He knew this would anger me and would continue to say it until I reached the breaking point. Finally, after I couldn't take it any longer, I would burst out, shouting, "Yes my does! Maw Maw, you tell him my does!" That was, back then, the best my four-year-old intellect could perform grammatically. But, after I think about it, perhaps my grammar hasn't really improved that much.

Now you might be thinking, OK Steve, that's a cute little story about your childhood, but what does it have to do with fishing or teaching others to fish?

So glad you asked, because I've saved the best for last.

One day Paw Paw approached me with a daring plan to land more fish in one afternoon than I might achieve in a lifetime. His scheme was simple but we needed a few items for its completion, such as a rowboat and oars. That part of the scheme sounded good. Even at that age, I was bright enough to know that fish lived in the water.

The third necessity struck me as strange, but I loved my Paw Paw and believed almost everything that exited his lips. We needed Bull Durham chewing tobacco. This item baffled me and I scratched my little head in contemplation.

My grandfather finally placed all of the components together for me. We would launch our boat into the nearest lake and paddle around a bit. Then Paw Paw said he would cut the tobacco into plugs and toss the plugs into the water.

He explained to me that it would be my job to hit the fish over the head as they surfaced to spit! Together we would pull the fish into the boat.

I will admit to having been a very gullible child because his plan made sense to me. As a middle-aged adult I chuckle about this story now, but at that time I accepted my charge with complete confidence that the plan would work.

Besides I loved my grandfather, yes my did.

He explained to me that it would be my job to hit the fish over the head as they surfaced to spit!



Catching More Fish— Understanding Temperature

KEVIN CUNNINGHAM

Catching more fish can be as simple as making a bait change or as complex as a mathematical prediction model. In either case the goal is the same: To have a fun-filled day of exciting fishing that builds memories and more importantly, provides fish stories to share with others.

Ultimately, we want to know the information that predicts where the fish will be, when they will be feeding, what bait to use, and how to catch 'em. The best fishing guides have this down to a science that allows them to stalk the fish and put their clients right on top of them. For the average weekend warriors like us, knowing some of this information will allow us to better make decisions that will improve our catch rates and odds of catching "the big one." This, of course, all depends on what species of fish you are after.

Fish behavior is dictated by external environmental factors which affect their bodies: temperature, pressure, water flow, clarity, photoperiod, moon-phase and other seasonal weather effects. These factors not only affect basic feeding and habitat preferences, but they also trigger spawning and migration times. The most applicable of these to recreational anglers is water temperature.

Water temperature is the most important factor because it directly affects the fish's metabolism. Since fish are cold-blooded, their bodies are the same temperature as their surroundings. Given a fish's specific temperature tolerance range, it may be more or less active when warm or cold. When the water is warm, fish metabolism is higher. As a result, they feed more often and are more active to chase bait over a greater distance. When the water is cold, fish digestion slows, so they are less active and don't need to feed as often. We must also keep in mind that prey items are also affected by water temperature as well. Schools of baitfish will behave in the same manner. For anglers that use artificial lures, this means to work baits slower and more methodically during colder months and faster during the active warmer months.

Fish will also tend to prefer the most comfortable temperate zone when given a choice. In the dead heat of summer, the surface temperature of the water is hot and fish will tend to go deeper where the water is cooler*. Fish also hold deeper during the winter where the water is warmer. During the in-between temperate months, the fish are spread out and can be caught in more places. This also applies to the time of day as surface water temperatures change as the sun rises and falls. In the summer, fish will come shallower when surface temperatures are more uniform during early morning or late evening.

Furthermore, temperature change is the primary trigger for spawning migration habits in many fish species. Knowing when fish spawn can give anglers an intuitive sense for when and where to fish. For example, the white bass run occurs in the early spring when water temperatures rise back up to 60 degrees. The fish hold in the upper areas of reservoirs and lakes and when triggered, begin to move into the shallower rivers, creeks and streams to spawn. Over this several-week span anglers can have the best time targeting these fish in large groups. It is not uncommon to catch fish every single cast once you have found them.

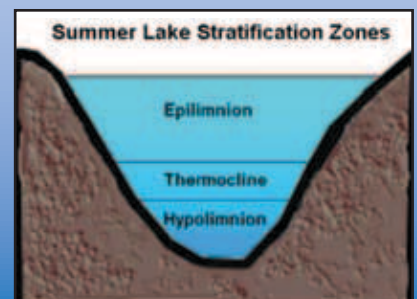
Keep temperature, behavioral preferences and biological triggers in mind when planning your next fishing trip. In Texas, most of our most highly sought after fish such as largemouth bass, white bass and sunfish are generally considered warm-water species whereas the introduced rainbow trout is a cold-water species. Check out the species-specific information on the next page. Hopefully this information will help you the next time you a wet a line.

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Thermocline

*Note that in deep lakes or the ocean, temperature change is not always gradual between the warm surface and deeper cold water. There is a thin layer of water known as the thermocline in which temperature changes more rapidly with depth than it does in the layers above or below. Think of swimming from warm to cold water without feeling much of a change in between. This can be an eerie feeling for divers but fish may hold along thermocline where water temperatures are more comfortable and rise above when feeding habits dictate. In very deep lakes, most fish are not found very far beneath the thermocline due to lack of food and oxygen. Anglers should view the thermocline as a potential structure area where fish may be, especially if the thermocline converges where existing structures such as drop-offs may exist.

Chuck Bailey
(<http://crankbaitcentral.com/FeatureArticles/Trolling-Crankbaits-for-Crappie-All-Summer-Long-Part-I.html>)



Understanding Temperature, continued

Temperature-Related Fishing Tips

LARGEMOUTH BASS

Tolerance Range: Upper 30s to above 90 degrees F
Preferred Range: 65–85 degrees F
Spawn: When water temperature rises to around 60 degrees F in the spring.

WHITE BASS

Tolerance Range: Upper 30s to above 90 degrees F
Preferred Range: 65–75 degrees F
Spawn: When water temperature rises to upper 50s in the spring.

SUNFISH

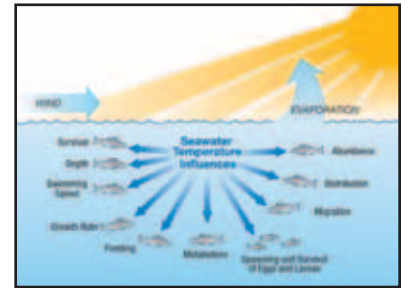
Tolerance Range: Upper 30s to above 90 degrees F
Preferred Range: 65–80 degrees F
Spawn: When water temperature rises to 70 degrees F in the spring.

CATFISH

(may notice drop in catch rates as male catfish eat little while protecting nest)
Tolerance Range: Upper 30s to above 90 degrees F
Preferred Range: 75–85 degrees F
Spawn: Channel and blue catfish spawn at 70-84 degrees F during spring/summer, but 80-81 degrees F is considered best. Flatheads spawn at 66-75 degrees F.

RAINBOW TROUT

Tolerance Range: 32 to above 70 degrees F
Preferred Range: 55–60 degrees F
Spawn: Not applicable in Texas since this species is non-native.



Dr. David Ross
(http://www.midcurrent.com/articles/science/ross_thermal_optimum.aspx)

North Texas Showcase

STEVE CAMPBELL



Serving Our Troops

Longview Area Chief **Walter McLendon** is the volunteer project leader for Project Healing Waters. Project Healing Waters (PHW) is a nonprofit organization working with wounded and disabled veterans by teaching them how to fly fish as well as tie flies.

Walter explained that two-hour classes are held every other Friday afternoon at the local Veterans Administration Clinic. "There are so many different types of flies to fish that we are teaching the basic ones first with emphasis on proper techniques," Walter said. "I want them to learn to tie a perfect fly first before they start inventing methods, like many tiers do." Even the VA Clinic staff wants to participate.

On warm days during the winter, the class may go outside and learn to cast the very flies they've learned to tie.

In 2011, the PHW Fly Fishing Program will provide enrollees with a fly rod building kit. Participants will learn how to build and use their own rods.

Walter said they've planned local fly fishing excursions, with a trip to Beavers Bend, Oklahoma, next year. Can you imagine what it must be like to catch a fish with the fly rod you've constructed and the fly you tied?

For more information about Project Healing Waters and their program, visit www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Walter McLendon teaches flycasting.

North Texas Showcase, continued

“Shane, Come Back!”



Shane Mize, proud of his bass!

Those were the words echoed at the conclusion of *Shane* (1953) by Brandon De Wilde. Why should I quote a line from a classic movie that played nearly 60 years ago? Well it pretty much sums up my feelings.

Fort Worth Area Chief **Shane Mize** is leaving North Texas to become the Recreation Super-

intendent for Missouri City. For the past five years he has served as manager of the Greenbriar Community Center in Fort Worth. During his tour of duty at Greenbriar, Shane was able to secure a Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation grant worth \$35,000 and an additional \$50,000 in other forms of donations. He brought his center into the Neighborhood Fishin' program and became a certified Angler Education instructor and an area chief. He also established his facility as a Tackle Loaner site, consolidating Greenbriar as Angler Education Mecca of North Texas.

Fort Worth's loss is most definitely Missouri City's gain. Given what Shane has been able to accomplish with a single community center, what can he do for Angler Education running all the recreations programs for Missouri City's Park and Recreation Department?

In a Teague of Their Own

Teague Area Chief **Katy Hammon** recruited her family and her best friend into a lean, mean, largemouth bass teaching machine. Katy, her husband, Bill, her daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Mike Kmak, and her friend and fellow Master Naturalist, **Beverly Lyttaker**, trained almost 80 Angler Education instructors this past year. In addition to that, they also trained over 150 children and reached more than 320 youth through their outreach efforts.

Katy Hammon (left), Beverly Lyttaker and Toni Van de Putte learn from a pro, Guy Harrison.



In a State of Their Own?

El Paso Area Chiefs **Toni Van DePutte, Raul Almanzar and Eduardo Flores**, Top L.U.R.E.S. (see page 3), should be in a state all their own ... well at least they're in another time zone. Along with the rest of the Ascarate Fishing Club members, their contributions to fishing education in far flung, and dry, El Paso – that last place to fish in West Texas – continue to make us smile. Hey out there ... keep up the good work!

He's Got Rocking Chair Money

It's the end of an era. After 20 years of teaching in public schools, 14 of those spent at Abilene I.S.D., Area Chief **Larry Condra** has retired. While at Abilene, Larry ran the Peer Assistance Leadership program. PAL teamed high school students with elementary children in a mentoring program where students learned angling, archery, outdoor camping and cooking, orienteering and Leave No Trace. Larry plans to continue working with TPWD in angling education and the archery program, expand his involvement in other TPWD programs, and avoid a 41-year-old honey-do list. Sorry Tevyan.

Fly Fishing on the Fly

North Texas Area Chiefs **Richard Johnson, Jerry Hamon and Jere Anderson**, all Top L.U.R.E.S. (see page 3), have led the way in fly fishing instruction with 11 different fly fishing events this past year. Will they keep up that pace in 2011? We hope so!

Other Noteables

Michael Howes, also a Top L.U.R.E.S. awardee, continues to train scouts and others in Angler Education in the McKinney area while **Kevin Reich** leads the charge (and pulls his Angler Ed trailer) around the Panhandle. Thanks to Kevin for posting on our Texas Angler Educators Facebook page! We hope more of you will become our Facebook fans and post on our wall.

Central and South Texas Showcase

ANN MILLER

New Partners

Major kudos go to the **Williamson County Parks and Recreation** staff for receiving the 2010 Regions 5 and 7 Lone Star Programming Award through the Texas Recreation and Parks Society with their first annual "Learn-to-Fish" event last August. Supported by our Angler Education program, County Commissioner Cynthia Long and a grant from the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, **Jim Rodgers, Gary Boyd, Randy Bell** and 89 volunteers teamed up with TPWD game wardens to teach basic fishing to almost 400 youth at their first "Learn-to-Fish" event.



Fishing success at Williamson County's "Learn-to-Fish."

The five-hour event drew almost 1,200 people of all ages. According to Bell, "The day after the event, with the temperatures hovering around 98 degrees, we saw an increase in families fishing around the small lake. We attribute the increased interest to skills learned at our Learn-to-Fish event. That makes all the work to organize the event and the over 500 hours of volunteer time spent on the event well worth it!" With plans already in the works for another Learn-to-Fish event next September, Williamson County Parks and Recreation staff are moving out!

Shane Wilson is making friends and new chapters of "**Fishing's Future**" all over Texas. With notable supporters such as Area Chiefs **Rey Ramirez and Larry Condra**, and newly trained instructors like **Paul Trevino and Shannon Drawl**, "Fishing's Future", a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, states that its mission is to "connect kids and nature through fishing adventures,

while strengthening family relationships." At Kid's Fish Camps, Shane says that at least one parent or guardian must attend and participate with their children. This policy has had unexpected and positive results. Shane remembers one father who wanted to leave his child off at the camp and when told he had to attend with his child, was a bit disgruntled ... until he and his son began to have fun at the learning stations and even more fun when they caught fish! Kid's Fish Camp helped them connect. With Shane leading his Master Anglers (the leaders and organizers of each chapter), "Fishing's Future" is poised to connect with as many as 2,250 kids this year. With that as a goal, we can feel more confident about the future of fishing in Texas.

Central Texas Flyfishers held a well-attended Basic Flyfishing class in June on the banks of the San Marcos River. After seeing how easy it is to put on a Basic Flyfishing class, a number of club members, including **Michael and Dawn Schraeder** who helped organize the June class, became certified through our program. We look forward to this group stirring up more interest in flyfishing.

New Instructors/New Methods

Eighty-four new instructors were trained in the Central Texas region in the past six months, including a group of Master Naturalists trained by **David Neyses** and folks who attended an Advanced Outdoor Skills workshop trained by **Larry Condra**. These new volunteers will have lots of opportunities in the upcoming months to get their feet wet with Central Texas events. Watch your email as we request your assistance!



U.T. students build a bay with seagrass beds for spotted seatrout.

One instructor class was held for 20 University of Texas students training to become physical education teachers. U.T. instructor **Tere Ramirez** tried something new with amazing results. Each group of four or five students was assigned a particular fish to research and to create its habitat out of brown paper, green painter's tape and anything else Tere provided out of the P.E. equipment closet. Check out the students' enthusiasm for this project and the creative

habitats made out of P.E. equipment ... all done in less than half an hour! A lot of learning took place as each group presented their fish, explained how to recognize their fish, how to fish for it and reviewed its habitat requirements for the other groups.



Teaching regulations at Pinegully Park in Seabrook.

Houston Area Showcase

KEVIN CUNNINGHAM

This fall was busier than usual in Houston. A combination of fishing events, instructor workshops and school partnerships made for an exceptional end to 2010. Teachers, instructors, and area chiefs went out of their way to utilize equipment and resources to deliver angler education programming to kids and adults of all ages.

Angler Education Public Events

Fishing events come in all shapes and sizes. This fall showcased an event in Seabrook that will not be forgotten. After volunteering at a *Go Fish!* event at Galveston State Park, Instructor **Nick Cocchia** wanted to do something similar. After several discussions Nick, with the help of **Damon Catching**, recruited fellow instructors – **Chuck Ganze, Jeff Akers, Ron and Lael Portwood, and John and Jimmy Scalf** – to plan a “Learn-to-Fish” workshop at Pinegully Park in Seabrook. On August 21, 50 people, along with the *Bay Area Observer*, showed up for the class. The families had a great time learning and catching the prolific number of gaff-topsail catfish that Galveston Bay had to offer.



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Winners

When asked what prompted them to do the workshop, Nick and Damon said, “We just like to see the smile on a kid’s face when they catch their first fish.” They also said they could not have done it without the help of their fellow instructors and the resources of Texas Parks and Wildlife.

To that I offer equal thanks and praise for their hard work and dedication on making the first ever event in Seabrook a fun and successful experience for all those involved.

Other memorable events offered by instructors this fall include:

Introductory Saltwater Fly Fishing Workshop – September 18:
Sea Center Texas Fly Fishers

Camp Bratton Fun Fishing Excursions – October 9, October 15:
Chuck Ganze

“Sharks & Rays” Presentation at Brookline Elementary – October 21:
Juan Urbano

West Houston Youth Fall Fishing Classic Tournament – October 23:
Tim Gebauer

Pearland Annual Kid Fish Fest – November 13:
Jim Grauke, Jeff Akers and Juan Urbano

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Houston Area Showcase, continued

Angler Education in Schools

Several schools got their kids off to an early start this year. Traditionally, many schools have offered the Angler Education program in the spring after testing but that is changing. This fall more than six schools taught our curriculum and took kids on fishing field trips.

Lanier Middle School in Houston ISD led the charge by offering their students a freshwater field trip to Mary Jo Peckham Park and also a weekend saltwater fishing tournament for students and their families at Sea Center Texas. They also presented our Angler Education curriculum along with other outdoor education activities at the TAHPERD (Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) Conference in December. Lanier also does more than just fishing. They teach the National Archery in the Schools Program along with camping, orienteering and geocaching skills. Teacher **Ellie Crocker**, of Lanier, recently started an Outdoor Adventure Club that students can join who are interested in furthering their interest in the outdoors. Through the club, the students have more time to develop greater outdoor skills. A very special thanks to **Ellie Crocker, LC Kirkpatrick and Cindy Roesler** for their hard work.

Other teachers who worked equally hard to teach a fishing program this fall include:

Bobbie Drown	Kohrville Elementary School (Klein)
Elaine Gomez	High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Houston)
Marlen Pena	Eastwood Academy High School (Houston)
Sheri Rutledge	College Park High School (The Woodlands)
Melanie Simms	Livingston Junior High School (Livingston)



A Lanier student catches a fine redfish at Sea Center Texas.



Sheri Rutledge and a volunteer help a College Park student rig up.

Instructor Training

A very special token of appreciation goes out to **Jeff Akers, Damon Catching, Mark Fobian, Ed Gerhardt, Rose Kader and Oscar Martinez** in helping to train new instructors to join our volunteer network this fall.

Thanks to all the instructors that made this fall season memorable. Without you, our goals could never be accomplished. I am proud to know and work with each and every one of you. Keep up the good work!

Toyota Texas Bass Classic and the Magic Pond

KAREN MARKS

While fifty pro anglers were out on the waters of Lake Conroe seeking lunkers in hopes of winning the fourth annual Toyota Texas Bass Classic fishing tournament, nearly 500 kids were fishing the magical Backyard Bass pond in the TPWD Outdoor Adventures Area.



Wondering why our pond was so magical? Not only will our Angler Education program benefit directly from tournament proceeds to sustain our *Take Me Fishing* trailer at events across the state. But, both saltwater and freshwater fish were biting in our “pond” all weekend! Imagine the surprise to our Inland Fisheries staff and the Prairie View A&M University MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences) volunteers who were helping the kids reel in the fish, when they discovered the kids were catching 26-inch redfish in Conroe!

Speaking of staff and volunteers, Inland Fisheries Chief of Management and Research Dave Terre said, “No event of this magnitude can be successful without a whole lot of work by enthusiastic folks like you. We REALLY appreciate all your hard work and it makes us very proud to be part of such a great team effort.”

The event took place during the weekend of October 1–3. Other activities in the TPWD Outdoor Adventures Area included Wildlife CSI, rock

climbing, Nobody’s Waterproof activities, a personal watercraft simulator and fishing-related displays.

A minimum of \$250,000 from the event will go toward a donation to benefit Texas Parks and Wildlife Department programs. “Our primary goal with this tournament is to raise funds and awareness for TPWD’s educational and conservation activities,” said Dan Friedkin, TTBC co-founder and Texas Parks and Wildlife commissioner. In the past three years the Toyota Texas Bass Classic has provided \$750,000 to help fund TPWD programs like the Neighborhood Fishin’ program, the Texas State-Fish Art Contest and other youth and urban fishing and outreach efforts. The cumulative donations from all four tournaments reached the \$1 million mark this year!

TTBC will be returning to Lake Conroe October 28–30, 2011.

The One Million Dollar Stringer benefits these programs



Pros were out-fished by young anglers at the magical Backyard Bass pond.

2010
 Neighborhood Fishin’
 Texas State Fish Art Contest
 Travel Funds for *Take Me Fishing* trailer

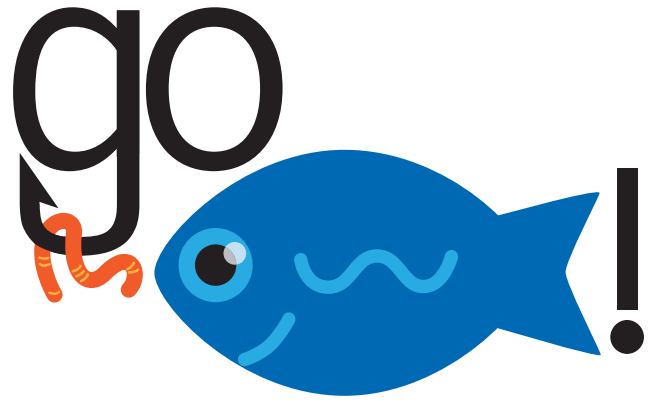
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 Texas State Fish Art Contest
Take Me Fishing Interpretative Exhibits

2008
 Neighborhood Fishin’
 Texas State Fish Art Contest
 Houston Independent School District
 Educational Outreach

2007
 Neighborhood Fishin’
 Texas State Fish Art Contest
 Travel Funds for *Take Me Fishing* trailer
 “How to Fish” Videos

Go Fish!

Program Ready for Challenges of 2011



Learn • to • Fish Events at Texas State Parks

Yes, there are some challenges for our state park Learn-to-Fish programs! Our challenges are: 1) how to reach more people; and 2) how to catch more fish! We reached over 3,000 folks of all ages in 2010 with our hands-on, family-focused fishing program, but our goal for 2011 is to reach 3,500 folks and to increase our catch at those events. Think we can do it? We laid the groundwork at our recent Go Fish! coordinator's meeting in early December.



Kids enjoy a fun day at Lake Tawakoni.

At the meeting, our Marketing and Inland Fisheries staff showed that they are ready to help us reach those goals. Michelle Guerra in Marketing distributed colorful fliers with our spring and summer Go Fish! event schedule. We have extra copies of that event schedule if anyone would like to hand them out at upcoming family outdoor events. Or, go to the website: <http://beta-www.tpwd.state.tx.us/calendar/go-fish>. Michelle also gave us an update about articles destined for family publications in the major metro areas that will publicize Go Fish! events along with other outdoor events at state parks. The first article will be published in January and is geared for "New Year's Resolutions" to get families outside. The second article will be distributed May and will focus on the parent's desire to keep kids busy after school is out.

Inland Fisheries biologist Mark Webb shared some wonderful ideas about how to increase our catch at our Go Fish! events. In addition to using smaller hooks to catch smaller fish which often hang out near piers and banks where our young folks fish, Mark suggested several ways to bait an area a couple of days before an event. Three products that can be used are cottonseed cake, puppy chow and range pellets, all available at local feed stores. He also suggested other pond management strategies such as clearing any overabundant shoreline vegetation that chokes off fishing access or, in some cases, adding brush or other structure in strategic places to provide cover for bait fish.

With 12 state parks providing 43 Go Fish! events planned for this spring and summer, the gauntlet is down and preparations are well under way for an even more successful Go Fish! program. We're always looking for more volunteers to help us put a smile on the face of another new angler. So join us at one of the Go Fish! events. To volunteer, contact a Go Fish! coordinator listed on the next page.



Learning to tie fishing knots at Lake Tawakoni.



Learning how to measure fish at Goose Island.



Girl Scouts catch fish at the Ray Roberts Lake Go Fish! event.

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Palmetto	(pending)	
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Want to Try Fishing, But Don't Have Tackle?

We have you covered at many state parks (and a few other sites) in Texas which participate in our Tackle Loaner program. It works like this: TPWD places rods, reels and basic tackle in various sites across Texas and folks may borrow this equipment to fish, much as if it was a book in a library. All you need is your own bait.

Because Texas is waiving the requirement of a fishing license within state parks, Tackle Loaner is a great opportunity for both state parks and state park visitors who may be new to fishing. For the last five years, the Tackle Loaner program has been expanding.

At the conclusion of the first year, 839 individuals took advantage of Tackle Loaner.

Five years later that figure reached to 2,346, an increase of almost 180 percent. Currently there are 30 sites — 23 are state parks, six are Inland Fisheries offices and Neighborhood Fishin' sites and one is in the home of a volunteer angler education instructor.

The program continues to focus on state parks and the Neighborhood Fishin' sites. Last year Cleburne, Copper Breaks, Goliad and Tyler state parks joined the Tackle Loaner family. This year we hope to expand to Caddo Lake, Fort Parker, Guadalupe River, Lake Tawakoni, Palmetto and Village Creek state parks.

To see all the current Tackle Loaner sites, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/angler_education/tackloan.phtml

ORIGIN: THE ENGLISH FLY FISHING SHOP
BY GUY HARRISON, AREA CHIEF



The Cat's Whisker

This is an extremely popular streamer for trout in lakes in England. I first saw this fly tied early this winter. It not only proved to be a successful fly for taking rainbows, but it was also equally successful in taking both Guadalupe and largemouth bass. The pattern can be tied in a variety of colors for the tail, wing or body.

MATERIALS

Hook: Mustad no. 9672, #6, #8, #10 (any hook 2x long)

Eye: Silver bead chain (small or medium)

Tail: Marabou, tied full. Length 1¼ times the length of hook shaft.

You may add several strands Crystal Flash to tail.

Body: Chenille (small or medium) **Type:** Plain or other varieties.

Wing: Marabou, tied full-length, just past middle of tail length.

Throat: Optional red floss or thread, wrapped between wing and bead chain eyes.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Secure thread to shaft of hook slightly behind eye.
2. Tie on bead chain eyes over thread with appropriate wraps and cement in place.
3. Wrap thread back to bend of hook.
4. Tie on the silver wire rib to shaft of hook.
5. Tie on the marabou tail and the crystal flash (if using the later).
6. Tie on the chenille body material in front of the tail.
7. Wrap thread forward to 1/8 in. behind bead chain eyes.
8. Wrap chenille forward to where you stopped the thread and secure it with several thread wraps to shaft of hook.
9. Wrap silver wire rib forward counter clockwise over the chenille body and secure it to shaft of hook.
10. Tie on the marabou wing (full) up against the body so that it is at a slightly upward angle. The length of the wing should extend just pass the middle of the tail length.
11. Optional: Tie on a length of red floss or thread forward of the wing. Over wrap the red floss around the hook with enough wraps to create a throat. Tie off.
12. Bring thread forward of the bead eyes. Whip finish and cement.

Color combinations for your Cat's Whisker:

Olive or chartreuse body/white tail and wing

Olive body/black tail and wing

Black body/olive tail and wing

White body/olive or chartreuse tail and wing

Pink body/white tail and wing

Tan body/burnt orange tail and wing

Catching Your Data — NEW FORMS

As time goes by, our database has continued to slowly evolve to keep pace with new programs such as the Go Fish! Learn-to-Fish Events at Texas State Parks and the Take Me Fishing trailer events. On top of that, we have new guidelines and policies directed by the federal aid grant which funds our program.

The database is designed to capture all of the wonderful work done by our volunteers and staff from the actual paper reports received via mail, email and fax. However, our ordering and reporting forms have not changed in several years, not keeping pace with the database modifications.

Sometimes we have to make educated guesses about incoming reports. For example ... a class is held at "LSRNC"— is this a park, church, nature center or school? Was it a basic fishing class or a fly fishing class? The old Outreach/Fishing Event Report did not have a place to print the instructor's name. Often we received a report completed in full, including the instructor's signature, but we could not decipher the elegant penmanship.

The following revised forms are available on TPWD's website or contact our staff to request copies:

New Supply Order Forms:

- Angler Supply Order Form (Basic, Advanced, Junior and Master)
- Fly Fishing Supply Order Form (Basic and Intermediate)
- Angler Education Instructor Class Supply Order Form

To ease the data entry for staff, all of the revised forms now include places for the instructor to print and sign their name, check boxes for the class type, and the class location information section has been expanded to include the facility name, address and city.

On the same note, we also want to make things easier for our volunteers. So we have consolidated some of the report and supply order forms, especially for those area chiefs that teach instructor classes. Instead of completing two supply order forms, now only one order form is necessary to order supplies for an instructor class.

As always we remind our volunteers about the importance of submitting supply orders and class and event reports in a timely fashion, complete with the list of volunteers, their hours and signatures. Not only does it help us to know how well we are doing, but we report this information to the state (Legislative Budget Board) and to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (federal grant). Please include the instructor numbers for all certified volunteers. Those small steps on your part will increase our accuracy and efficiency here in the office.

New Report Forms:

- Angler Ed or Fly Fishing Student Class Report – Short Form
- Angler Student Class Report – Long Form
- Instructor Training Report
- Fishing or Aquatic Education Event Form

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UPCOMING EVENTS



- March 5 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Nature Day – This fun family event will offer a variety of educational programs and activities that introduce children to the wonders of nature. Walk-through exhibits, activities and crafts will be offered by various nature-based organizations.
- March 5 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Nature Day Youth Fishing – Pack your sunscreen, hat, lawn chair and fishing gear for a couple of hours of catch and release fishing at our marine fish hatchery and visitor education center. This event is available to guests 16 years old and younger accompanied by an adult. Anglers must bring their own gear and bait with barb-less hooks. No artificial bait or treble hooks. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to assist first-time anglers.
- Spring 2011 (Date TBA) 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fly Fishing Workshop – Free workshop open to anyone (ages 9 or above) interested in fly fishing. Basic elements of the program will include Fly Tying, Fly Casting, Aquatic Ecology, Regulations/Ethics, Saltwater Fishing Tactics and Actual Fishing Practice. Participants should wear comfortable clothing for outdoor activities and bring a lunch.
- June 4 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
National Fishing Day – Pack your sunscreen, hat, lawn chair and fishing gear for a couple of hours of catch and release fishing at our marine fish hatchery and visitor education center. This event is available to guests 16 years old and younger accompanied by an adult. Anglers must bring their own gear and bait with barb-less hooks. No artificial bait or treble hooks. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to assist first-time anglers.
- September 17 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Youth Fishing – Pack your sunscreen, hat, lawn chair and fishing gear for a couple of hours of catch and release fishing at our marine fish hatchery and visitor education center. This event is available to guests 16 years old and younger accompanied by an adult. Anglers must bring their own gear and bait with barb-less hooks. No artificial bait or treble hooks. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to assist first-time anglers.
- October 30 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Halloween Spooktacular – Dress up in your Halloween costume and enjoy a variety of crafts and play spooky games. Costume contest at 2:30 p.m.
- Fall 2011 (Date TBA) 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fly Fishing Workshop – Free workshop open to anyone (ages 9 or above) interested in fly fishing. Basic elements of the program will include Fly Tying, Fly Casting, Aquatic Ecology, Regulations/Ethics, Saltwater Fishing Tactics and Actual Fishing Practice. Participants should wear comfortable clothing for outdoor activities and bring a lunch. For more information, call (979) 292-0100 or seacenter@tpwd.state.tx.us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE



TEXAS FRESHWATER FISHERIES CENTER

March 12

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fly Fish Texas – Learn how to tie a fly, cast it and catch a fish all in the same day.

April 9

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Outdoor Fools Day – Learn a variety of outdoor skills and engage in activities such as archery, fishing and kayaking. Members of various divisions of TPWD and representatives of conservation groups and outdoor businesses will lead hands-on activities that will make you a better camper, angler and hunter.

May 7

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo – Celebrate the joint history and culture of Texas and Mexico with fishing food and dance.

June 4

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

National Fishing Day – Kick off summer with free hot dogs, sodas and fishing. Call (903) 670-2266 for more information.

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tffc

Angler Education Area Chief Meeting



April 15–17, 2011

Parrie Haynes Ranch

For more information, contact your Aquatic Education team listed on page 15.

Be sure to join us on Texas Angler Educators



Benbrook Youth Reels in State Record with ShareLunker Catch

LARRY HODGE



ATHENS—Nathan Peña-Alfaro did not expect to catch a Toyota ShareLunker when he went fishing with his family at O.H. Ivie Reservoir New Year's weekend, much less a fish that would garner him two junior angler records.

The 13.59-pound largemouth bass he landed became the new water body record for O.H. Ivie and the new junior angler state record for largemouth bass caught from public waters as well as Toyota ShareLunker 506.

A video interview with Peña-Alfaro is at www.facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram.

Peña-Alfaro's catch was not the largest ever landed by a junior angler in Texas. In 1993, Chris Leslie, age 13, of Emory, caught a 14.27-pound bass from Lake Fork, but at that time separate records were not kept for junior anglers.

In 2007 Jesse Roberson, age 9, of Goldthwaite, caught the current junior angler record for private waters, a 15.54-pounder from Lake Merritt.

Peña-Alfaro, a student at Western Hills High School in Benbrook, attributes his catch to the fact that he did his research before going fishing. "We heard they were catching big fish from O.H. Ivie on live sunfish," he said. Bobbie Gayle of Millersview used a live sunfish to catch the season's first Toyota ShareLunker, also from O.H. Ivie, on December 15, 2010.

Both fish were caught from about 15 feet of water.

Researchers with rods and reels might want to take notice.

The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible by a grant to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation from Gulf States Toyota. Toyota is a long-time supporter of the Foundation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, providing major funding for a wide variety of education, fish, parks and wildlife projects.

From the Mouths of Babes

PAT PHAGAN, ANGLER ED VOLUNTEER FROM DAWSON, TX

We were teaching an angling course to kids ages 5 to 16 for our Lion's Club at Highland Lakes, Texas, when we learned that kids are always listening.

While I was explaining spilling oil or chemicals on the ground or pouring it in a drain could get into our streams and ponds and lakes could cause a lot of damage, a 5-year-old girl waved her hand. When I recognized little Mandy, she informed us that someone had spilled some oil in the ocean and it was making fish sick. I tried to sound astonished and asked her how much oil "they" had spilled? She said without a beat, "A whole lot." Then when I asked how much is a whole lot she said, "I think it was a whole can full."

A little boy trying to impress the class said, "No it was a whole bucket full." Then another boy, not to be outdone, said, "No it was a whole boat full." Then another little girl said, "I think it was actually millions and millions." When I asked her, "Millions and millions of what?" she said, "I don't know but on TV it was all over this one bird, making it all black and yuckie."

Then one of the 12-year-old boys topped the list when he informed us all that it was a pipe that someone blew up at the bottom of the ocean that caused the oil to leak out. I asked him who blew it up and he said with a lot of authority, "The British."

Welcome, New Instructors!

July through December, 2010

We encourage you to team up to teach. It's fun, easier, and a great way to support each other.
Call the Austin office for contact information if you would like to team up with one of these new instructors.

If we have accidentally left someone off, please let us know.

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ANGELA BARRETTO	ALLEN	RICHARD GRAYSON	DALLAS		VILLAGE
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THERESA FREDERICK	ARLINGTON	CINDY SCHLAHT	DALLAS	SANDRA BICKEL	HOUSTON
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ROSALIND OCHOA	AUSTIN	SUSAN CREWS	EL PASO	KENNETH PYLE	HOUSTON
JESSICA PERKINS	AUSTIN	ROLDOLFO DIAZ	EL PASO	CHRISTOPHER QUILLIAN	HOUSTON
MICHAEL QUIST	AUSTIN	ELISE FARAH	EL PASO	WILLINDA REISTLE	HOUSTON
CARROL SMITH	AUSTIN	ANAHI GARCIA	EL PASO	SHANNON STILES	HOUSTON
HOPE TALBERT	AUSTIN	MIGUEL HERNANDEZ	EL PASO	TRACY WHATLEY	HOUSTON
MEGAN VASQUEZ	AUSTIN	NICHOLAS HINOJOS	EL PASO	EVERETT WHITE	HOUSTON
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BRIAN WATSON	AUSTIN	GABRIEL IBARRA	EL PASO	CRAIG WILEMS	HOUSTON
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JOHN TREMMEL	BAYTOWN	MARLENE LARA	EL PASO	PATRICE CLARK	HUTTO
DEANNA SHOWALTER	BEDFORD	MONICA LARA	EL PASO	MIKE HEMKER	HUTTO
MARSHALL BRYANT	BEND	EDUARDO LIZURRAGA	EL PASO	SETH SNYDER	INGLESIDE
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SHEPHERD
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SUGAR LAND
THE COLONY
THE WOODLANDS
THRALL
VALLEY VIEW
WOODSBORO



Larry Larson Leaves Education Legacy

With great sadness we say good-bye to our friend, Area Chief Larry Larson, of Amarillo, who died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010.

Larry enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1965. After serving two years of active duty, he served until 2007 in the Naval Reserve as a Seabee. Larry retired as a Chief Petty Officer. He was a wood shop teacher in Dalhart and Highland Park from 1974-1983. Larry was very active in Boy Scouts from the time he was a Cub Scout up until his death.

Larry taught hunter and angler education classes and was inducted into the Hunter Education Instructors Hall of Fame in 2004. He was an integral part of our team, providing Angler Education in Amarillo and regularly attending Area Chief meetings at Parrie Haynes.

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