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## IHEA Dream Hunt Marks 10th Anniversary

How about a chance to go on a real plantation quail hunt in Southern Georgia? This could be the experience of a lifetime and have it filmed and shown on ESPN-2! A special thanks to Wayne Pearson, host of *Ultimate Outdoors* as seen on ESPN-2, for making this year's IHEA "Dream Hunt" a special 10th Anniversary event.

The following article is from the *Detroit News*, Sunday Oct. 8, 2000, written by Dave Richey and sent to all IHEA Coordinators by Patt Dorsey, Colorado Hunter Education Coordinator. Thanks Patt, for sharing this with us. It may well remind us all of why we hunt and do what we do.

### One must pass on hunting pleasures...

*Hunting seasons have arrived and, as I ready my bow, rifle and shotgun for fall hunts, idle thoughts turn to outdoor experiences other than taking game. Mind you, I take my deer and game birds each year but, as time passes, peripheral things become more important than field success.*

Here are my thoughts on hunting and Michigan's great outdoors:

- Hunting is no more about killing than eating is about gluttony. It is a grand, glorious pastime that is steeped in tradition, and being in the field should always score higher than an animal or bird's death. Hunting is about being there and experiencing the outdoor thrills more so than downing game.
- A sportsman could hunt every day of his life without killing anything. Hunting is about the hunt; it's not about a full game bag.
- Hunting is satisfying to the senses. The loud flush of a ruffed grouse taking wing means more than a warm bird in hand. The raucous cackle of a flushing pheasant, its tail feather trailing behind a brilliantly hued body glowing with a white neck ring, is the true meaning of what hunting is and why we pursue upland game birds.

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Little did they know that when they took the hunter education course, the following youngsters would get to go on their "Dream Hunt." Pictured are (Front row L-R) Wayne Pearson, Travis Alexander, Fresno, CA; Jeffery "Trey"

Boudreaux, Belle Chasse, LA; Patrick Cyr, St Leonard, New Brunswick, Canada;; Ryan Feinberg, Valdosta, GA; Tracey Summerlin, Hosford FL; and William Stoffel, III, Mountain Top, PA; (Second row L-R) Steve Alexander; Albert Alonzo, (Trey's uncle); Richard Cyr; Phillip Feinberg; David Summerlin; Bill Stoffel; instructor, Kitty Haynes; and Southern Woods Plantation owner and host, Gene Bishop. Matthew Heller, Kansas City, MO. was drawn but backed out of the trip and elected to go on a Missouri deer hunt instead. The lucky winning instructor, Kitty Haynes, Houston, TX was the first female instructor ever

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## Editor's Corner (continued)

- Hunters live for the sensory perceptions of outdoor sights, sounds and smells, and when the need for that is gone, so too is our need to be there.
- The sight of a scarlet sunrise slanting through the gold, orange, purple, red and yellow leaves of an autumn woods is about as close to heaven as a hunter can get without shaking hands with Saint Peter.
- There is something about the funky smell of marsh mud that grips a water fowler's soul. It speaks of the habitat that ducks live in. The

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damp smell of a Labrador retriever shivering in anticipation of fetching another mallard is waited for as much by a hunter as by his furry best friend. Marsh mud and wet-dog smell, plus the dampness of a freshening breeze promising foul weather, are what draws hunters to pre-dawn blinds. The ducks are a bonus.

- A true hunting friend is a rare breed. He gives unselfishly of his time afield, delights in offering the first shot over his young pointer, and never gets upset when a shot misses. He blames the wind or slanting rays of sunlight for your misguided shot, and takes satisfaction when you connect. Then, to top it off, he offers to clean your birds. Such a friend is a rare and treasured hunting partner.
- Beware of old-time hunters with beat-up pump shotguns. I once hunted with a southern man dressed in bib overalls. He carried a

Remington 870 pump that looked as if it had been used to pound fence posts into the ground. My over-and-under was new, and I was ready to show off my shooting prowess.

- The quail's first covey rise taught me a painful lesson in humility. He wiped the slate clean with three quick shots before I shot once. He studied me like one would a rank amateur, picked up his spent shells and birds, whistled up his dogs to hunt the singles and left me wondering about my wing-shooting skills.

- I miss my old friends who have fished around their last river bend or trekked through their final woodcock covert. Gone is the sage wisdom that comes with age, and lost forever are the lessons they no longer can teach. It strikes me that teaching, and seeing the beaming smiles of new hunters, is now my role. My sense of responsibility is to pass on some of the lessons learned from the old masters.

- Also gone from my life is the lusty need for a successful shot on a whitetail sneaking through thick cover or a classy left and right on two flushing woodcock. Those accomplishments are past, and what's left is distilling my love for the outdoors and for hunting into others; to pass along hard lessons learned.

Each of us knows in our own hearts what we feel, but it is sometimes very hard to express. This short summary probably says it best of all. Hope you all have a tremendously *Happy Holiday Season* and are blessed with the opportunity to share with others. I hope to see you at some of the workshops in the upcoming year.

**Terry Erwin**

## IHEA Dream Hunt 10th Anniversary, continued

drawn. Congratulations to all the winners! (Be sure to see Kitty's story on page 3.)

**Winchester Ammunition** has been one of the major sponsors since the first Dream Hunt was held in 1991. LL Bean came on board a few years later and continues as another major sponsor, along with U.S. Repeating Arms. This year, the registration cards are in the new **Hunter's Handbook** produced by **Focus Group, Inc.** The Hunter's Handbooks are distributed with supplies and are available for each student.

**NOTE: Individual instructors may use the same entry form in the Hunter's Handbook to register or they may send in a plain**

**postcard with name, address, work and home phone number to: I.H.E.A. "DREAM HUNT," P. O. Box 5078, Nashville GA, 31639.**

In the last ten years, five instructors and three students from Texas have been selected to go on the "Dream Hunt." Four more instructors have been selected to go on additional trips. Keep those cards coming in. Your chances of winning are good – better than if you just sit back and wish!

Tell your students about this chance to go on an all-expense paid "Dream Hunt" of a lifetime next year. Just because the hunt has already occurred this year, don't forget that **late entries will go into next year's drawing.** Keep those cards coming in for a chance to win numerous other prizes through the "Winners Circle" held by Hunter's Handbook.

## IHEA Dream Hunt 2000

by Kitty Haynes



**“I won the Lottery!” If you’re fortunate enough to be a Hunter Education Instructor, then that’s what it feels like to get a call from the Dream Hunt committee telling you you’ve been selected to go on a Dream Hunt, an all-expense paid hunting trip sponsored by the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA). IHEA has recognized that the future of hunting rests with youth, and offers an annual Dream Hunt for a group of youngsters and each with an accompanying adult and one Hunter Education Instructor. To enter the drawing, simply fill out and send in the Dream Hunt card that can be found in the latest edition of the Hunter’s Handbook. Hunter Education Instructors can do the same.**

Dream Hunt 2000 was an upland bird hunt held at the magnificent Southern Woods Plantation near Sylvester, Georgia. Owner, Gene Bishop welcomed the lucky youth winners (5 boys and 1 girl) and their accompanying adult (dads and uncle) and me to his fantastic facility. It was a southern colonial style lodge featuring mounts which Gene and his wife, Sherry, had taken from all over the world. The lodge is managed by Benjie DeLoach, who did an outstanding job of keeping all activities on schedule. As it turned out, he was a fantastic cook as well!

Christmas came early Friday morning as Wayne Pearson, host of ESPN-2’s *Ultimate Outdoors*, welcomed everyone and then presented each participant and accompanying adult with wonderful hunting loot. I felt privileged to be included in the semi-circle of youngsters and received a bag also. Inside I found pants, shirt, socks, belt, fleece jacket, orange/khaki harness vest, and blaze orange hat with the *Ultimate Outdoors* logo on it. The youngsters also received the same items plus a shotgun, gun case and boots. WOW!! The Dream Hunt had begun!!!

We changed clothes and headed to the wobble trap after breakfast so the youngsters could become familiar with their guns, and Wayne could cover safety and give a preview of what to expect on the hunt.

We then broke into groups of adult/youth/guide teams. While Wayne and a camera crew went off with some of the kids, Terry Erwin, Hunter Education Coordinator for Texas and IHEA Dream Hunt Coordinator accompanied me to take pictures. This was both my first quail hunt and the first time hunting with dogs. Our guide, Darryl, drove us to a forested area, and the dogs almost immediately went on point. As Wayne had described, our guide walked between Terry and me and slightly forward in order to give directions to the dogs. When they pointed, Darryl called us to take up a position slightly in front of him and then flushed the birds. The birds flew toward Terry and I began to think I had picked the wrong side of the guide when a quail flushed into my zone of

fire. Click! Where was the BANG? Lesson #1: Be sure to disengage the safety in order to shoot. OK! I’m ready. Dogs point. Flush. Bang! Missed the first two birds. Relax! Excitement of the first hunt.... Then getting more familiar with the routine and starting to feel comfortable, I was REALLY ready for the point, flush, BANG; and Darryl called the dogs to find the bird!! All right!!

We hunted the rest of the morning, and I was successful in taking my first two Chukars and at least a dozen quail. I was feeling accomplished and extremely grateful to Larry Feland (a highly skilled gunsmith in Houston) for fitting my gun. We had collected enough birds to feed us for lunch and headed back to the Southern Woods Plantation Lodge hungry, wet, tired and jazzed from the success of the morning. We dined on quail moist, tasty and thoroughly delicious.

Then we prepared to go out again in the afternoon. The groups changed, and I went out with our guide Larry accompanied by Billy Stoffel and his dad, Bill, from Pennsylvania and Patrick Cyr and his dad, Richard, from New Brunswick. The boys were also new at quail hunting, but you could already see a higher comfort level from when they shot clay targets in the morning.

We hunted until near dusk and then went back to the lodge. Dinner was another fantastic meal, and, as we listened to the rain, we visited and shared experiences of the day.

Saturday morning, after a hearty breakfast, we went out again, hoping the rain would hold off awhile longer. I went with the same group and, leaving my gun behind, acted as coach this time offering minor suggestions to help them in their shooting and hunting safety. Once again, experience and comfort levels had increased, and you could see safe, responsible hunters emerging.

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# Dream Hunt, continued

We returned for lunch about the same time the temperature dropped, the rain moved in and the wind picked up. We thawed and dried out during lunch, and then Wayne presented each youngster with a plaque commemorating his or her participation in Dream Hunt 2000. Wayne also presented our host, Gene Bishop with a plaque as well as me. Mine was particularly special since I was the first female Hunter Education Instructor to attend in the 10 years of Dream Hunts.

The rain and weather prevented any more hunting that day, but during a lull from the rain, we went out and broke LOTS of clay targets. We also watched the video from last year's Dream Hunt. One last fantastic dinner and then to the task of packing good thing bags were included in the loot to carry back all the wonderful gifts provided by LL Bean, WalMart, U.S. Repeating Arms, etc.

Some of us were up before the crack of dawn the next morning in order to catch our flights home. Dream Hunt 2000 comes to an end!! What a trip! What fantastic kids and adults! What wonderful accommodations!! What unbelievable hunting!! It was truly a Dream Hunt!!

For myself, relatively new to both hunting and Hunter Education, this trip was the equivalent of on-the-job training. I always say that I enjoy teaching because I learn so much from my students. This trip also provided that opportunity. What I learned on this trip:

**Lesson 1:** The ONLY flight that will leave on time is the connecting one you would have made if your original flight hadn't been late.

**Lesson 2:** Use the safety when walking and hunting. Since you don't shoot until the birds are flushed, you have plenty of time to disengage the safety. In addition, when you fall in the hole that you didn't see, as I did, and the gun flies from your hands (even when using a safe, secure 2-handed carry), the chances that your gun will fire are GREATLY reduced. The guide will love you for this.

**Lesson 3:** Don't shoot at low flying birds. The dogs may jump up to catch them. Our guide, Larry, said he lost a dog last year when the hunter shot at a low flying quail as the dog jumped after the bird in the air. Shoot only at birds that are AT LEAST at head height.

**Lesson 4:** Left-handed/right-handed shooters are ideal partners: the left-handed shooter walks on the right side of the guide since he holds his gun pointing to the right; the right-handed shooter walks on the left side of the guide because he holds his muzzle to the left; each shooter can easily swing on game in their zones of fire.

**Lesson 5:** Gaiters are a useful clothing accessory to help keep your shoes and pants dry, thwart snake bites and keep those pesky "beggar's lice" from getting inside your shoes and on your socks and pant legs. Beggar's lice are small plant pods that taught Velcro how to stick.

All in all, I had a wonderful time!



# Fourth Annual Texas "DREAM HUNT"

By the time you read this newsletter, the Texas Dream Hunt will be concluded. Read about this exciting event and the success in the spring issue of "Target Talk." Dr. George "Skip" Hall and his group agreed to host the Fourth Annual Texas "Dream Hunt" at the **2 Bayous Hunting Preserve** near Alvin on December 18-20, 2000. Individuals selected for the hunt were evaluated on proper attitude, safety, class participation, skills and abilities.

The nominating instructors were asked to submit a letter of recommendation as to why the student should be selected for the hunt. The instructors were asked this question. "Would the student be a safe and ethical individual and someone he/she would consider spending time with in the outdoors?" Watch next spring for the conclusion.

## New Area Chief

Velma Parker, wife of Area Chief Jim Parker, from Malakoff is the newest member of this select group. She has been Jim's partner ever since he started in the hunter education program in Utah during the 1970s. They have been a "team" with various ventures for many years. In fact, you never see Jim without Velma by his side. Velma and Jim were selected for the "Lonestar Legends Volunteers of the Year" award for "Education" last year.

Velma was certified in 1985, has taught in 61 student courses, certified 258 students and has attended twenty-two workshops. In addition to being an instructor, she attended Huntmaster training through the Texas Youth Hunting Program in order to assist with youth hunts. Since she helps Jim teach all of the student courses plus Program Orientation and Survival workshops, she decided to become an official Area Chief. She will help Jim cover Henderson and surrounding counties in the mid East Texas area. Congratulations Velma!

## ATTITUDE

*From Area Chief, Bill Brummel*

Give each letter of the alphabet a number: a=1, b=2, c=3, etc. If you add up the letters in the word "attitude" this is the result.

**A = 1**  
**T = 20**  
**T = 20**  
**I = 9**  
**T = 20**  
**U = 21**  
**D = 4**  
**E = 5**

**Add all of these up and "Attitude" is 100%**

# WELCOME NEW INSTRUCTORS

## JUNE

Troy Oliver Tomball

## JULY

Wes Masur Austin  
 Susan Cole Richardson  
 Cyril Wolf Giddings  
 Steve Cronin New Waverly  
 Scott Snyder Austin  
 Moris Gassner Inez  
 Timothy Flanagan Pecos  
 David Stevens, Jr Athens  
 James Stroud Joinerville  
 Roy Sojourner San Antonio  
 Tara Spencer Greenville  
 Paul Davidson San Antonio  
 Charles Spencer Greenville  
 Matthew Bullinger College Station  
 Joshua Anderson Seguin  
 Donald Bouley Winnie  
 Robin Wheelus Stockdale  
 Adam Castrogiovanni Hamshire  
 Emmett Kelly Conroe  
 Glen Nichols Call  
 Kurt Wilson Livingston  
 Randy Bagley Marshall  
 Sotero Ramirez Sulphur Springs  
 Ronald Atchison Call  
 Albert Carrillo Timpson  
 Tim Talley Sonora  
 Alan Woods Odessa  
 Jerry Isaacks Moscow  
 James McClure Amarillo  
 Allan Hernema Andrews  
 Robert Volkmer Edna  
 Patsy Dunks Lufkin  
 Sean Hightower Hemphill  
 Jimmy Carter, Jr Seymour  
 Robert Reineke Missouri City  
 Woodrow Sheffield Spring  
 Rick Knipe Centerville  
 Dale Corbett Wills Point  
 Billy Lambert, Jr Wellborn  
 Lawrence Sokolovich Wills Point  
 Joanie Turner Grapeland

## AUGUST

Jon Byrd Bend  
 Gloria Knopp Katy  
 Lonny Caughron Frisco  
 Rachelle Teague Mabank  
 Jonathan Trexel San Angelo  
 Marigene McLaughlin Vidor  
 Andrew Whitley Houston  
 Michael Woerndel Comfort  
 Jesse Guerra Bonavides  
 Damon Lane Waller  
 Michael Whittaker Dayton

Christopher Hatfield  
 Eric Kale  
 John Toney  
 Charles Jones  
 Matthew Turner  
 Mitchell Jones  
 John Braun  
 Randy Wood  
 Colin McGahey  
 Michael Shepler  
 William McNamara  
 John Miller, III

Sugar Land  
 Tolar  
 Woodville  
 Woodson  
 San Antonio  
 Anson  
 Katy  
 Katy  
 Round Rock  
 Houston  
 Dime Box  
 Houston

## SEPTEMBER

Ricky Elmore Fort Worth  
 Laura Colvin Cedar Hill  
 Michael O'Dwyer Huntsville  
 Keith Jedlicka Hungerford  
 Joshua Limmer Houston  
 Ross Walker San Antonio  
 Bryant Truitt Hunt  
 Richard Anderson San Antonio  
 Amber Day Lavernia  
 Buzz Hyde Sherman  
 Dru Canion Seguin  
 John Kerby Coppell  
 Scott Reed Barry  
 Ricky Agnew Stephenville  
 Beau Brooks Sherman  
 Daryl Davis Stephenville  
 Sandy House Mullin  
 Casey Jones Waxahachie  
 Justin Lacy Sherman  
 Ambre Smith Richland Hills  
 Clint Smith Stephenville  
 Robert Allen Stephenville  
 Kelly Doster Cresson  
 Lance Duncan Goldthwaite  
 Pamela Jones Santa Anna  
 Sara Kocurek Robstown  
 Jason Miller Glen Rose  
 Rodney Peugh Palo Pinto  
 Brent Wicker Weatherford  
 Jason Wilcox New Summerfield  
 Aaron Wilson Stephenville  
 Steve Bilello Carrollton  
 Tammy Finbstad Stephenville  
 John Griffith Alto  
 Michael McKee Houston  
 Michael Smith Arlington  
 Bobby Waddell Anson  
 Ryan Williams Stephenville  
 Bobby Crawford Milford  
 Cody Crownover Chillicothe  
 Timothy Deater Wichita Falls  
 Barry Stockton Henrietta  
 Becky Bierstedt Adkins  
 James Henderson Austin  
 Jonathan Rogers Dublin  
 Wacey Bierschwale Fredericksburg

Evaristo Bermea, Jr  
 Mike Hoover  
 James Whorton  
 Barbara Albert  
 Robert Mendoza  
 Brian Berlin  
 Stephen Gardner, Jr  
 Carl Cooley  
 Jerry Lucky  
 Nathan Newton  
 Sterling Haskell

D'Hanis  
 Amarillo  
 Kerens  
 Stephenville  
 San Antonio  
 Santa Fe  
 Lufkin  
 Beaumont  
 Sulphur Springs  
 Denison  
 Flint

Bodie Butler  
 James Harper  
 Sondra Strom  
 Tammy Vauter  
 Scott Ferguson  
 Wes Rhoten  
 Janel Varvil  
 Cathi Neal  
 Bill Copeoland  
 Tye Davis  
 Greg Gibbs  
 David Wagner  
 Leroy Chaddick  
 Frank Jones, Jr  
 William Watson  
 Charles Reed, Jr  
 James Whitehead  
 Donald Van Meter  
 Richard Wearth, Jr  
 Darlene Haas  
 Jesse Cooley, Jr  
 Scott Muehlstein  
 Kurt Henry  
 John Pogorzelski  
 Max Barta  
 David Flory  
 Matt Obrien  
 Jayraley, Jr  
 Sergio Vasquez  
 Michael Abrameit  
 Hershell Atkinson  
 Alvin Tessmann, Jr  
 Eddie Roeder  
 George Hughes  
 James Hoge  
 Sheldon Landis  
 Gregory Harwell

Glen Rose  
 Texas City  
 Conroe  
 Dayton  
 Meridian  
 Flower Mound  
 Frisco  
 Cleburne  
 Zapata  
 Wichita Falls  
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 Wichita Falls  
 Victoria  
 DeSoto  
 Cibolo  
 Turkey  
 Texas City  
 Gonzales  
 Harlingen  
 Mathis  
 Gonzales  
 Santa Rosa  
 Goliad  
 Edna  
 Yorktown  
 Katy  
 Port Bolivar  
 Houston  
 Mountain Home  
 Victoria

## NOVEMBER

Perry White  
 Rick Kelly  
 Kenneth Cook  
 Craig Taylor  
 Kathy Kunkel  
 Curtis Thomas

Aubrey  
 Yoakum  
 Arlington  
 Troy  
 Early  
 Brownwood

# TRAINING



## Bass Pro Shop

*Instructor applicants are shown at Bass Pro Shop near Katy during a Program Orientation workshop given by Heidi Rao. Courses are offered at this new location and have been well received.*



## Ethics Workshops

*Instructors were on hand to participate in another Hunter Responsibility, Game Laws, and Ethics workshop on September 9-10, at the Jefferson County Airport near Nederland. Game warden, Johnny Longoria, Jr. made an outstanding presentation during the workshop. Thanks for his help and thanks to all who attended.*



*Instructors came to College Station for the Hunter Responsibility, Game Laws and Ethics workshop on August 12-13. This workshop is a must for those who want to instruct and test with the Home Study method.*

## Hunter Education Home Study Course Now ON-LINE

Many of our instructors are still unaware that we have developed a new and exciting way of delivering hunter education. A convenient new option for those interested in completing a hunter education course is now available in the form of a home study manual, workbook and video.... **PLUS** it is on-line at our Web site [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us). Take a look and let us know what you think. Instead of spending two days and a minimum of 10 hours in the traditional classroom course, hunters now have the option of completing the first six hours of the course at home at their own pace via hard copy or Internet. Final certification involves one day of classroom and field exercises. A score of 80 percent or better is required on a written exam (**not the same exam as the regular course**).

This new home study course allows us to deliver courses more conveniently – especially to those who live in outlying areas – while improving the quality of instruction. Students learn better when the course is hands-on. Instructors are able to evaluate skills along with knowledge during field exercises. And, everyone has more fun – a key component to motivation and learning. The *Outdoor Life Hunter Education Training Course* packet was developed jointly by Texas

Parks and Wildlife, Nevada Division of Wildlife and *Outdoor Life* and is distributed by Creative Publishing International through local wholesalers.

More retailers are coming on board by selling the Home Study packets. Availability of testing sites is increasing, but we need many more. Please attend one of the Program Orientation courses scheduled next year and become certified to test Home Study. All new instructors are being trained in these procedures.

In addition, anyone who has a computer and Internet access may look on our Web site under Education for the latest listing of retailers who carry the Home Study packets and a schedule of courses with testing locations and contacts. Wal-Mart does have the packets in most all the stores at this time. Anyone, including instructors, who has a retail business and wants to purchase the packets for **resale** may contact **Dennis Clark at Frontier Sales and Marketing, 6227 Paddle Wheel, Katy, Texas 77449, (281) 345-4650 - office or (281) 793-6835 - mobile. His email address is [dennis-frontier@msn.com](mailto:dennis-frontier@msn.com)**



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## Video Information Notice

As you may remember, we are going out of the video *loan* library business. We are, however, planning on providing copies of our most popular videos on one cassette for use in the Hunter Education program to any instructor upon request. We are in the process of making one video with **Modern Firearms, Game for the Table, and Deer Hunting...Focus on Ethics** to be distributed and retained for use in the program. Please be patient until we have these videos ready for shipment.

Once secured, the instructor will retain the video while remaining active. Upon retirement or termination from the program, the instructor is requested to return all materials and videos to the Hunter Education

program. Other titles are available for purchase upon request through TPW's video department for a nominal fee.

Alan Madison Productions, Inc. is offering a new composite video which will contain the following three films in this order: **Firearms Safety & the Hunter II, Shoot/Don't Shoot II, and The Hunter's Path...choices in responsible hunting.** These three films are the most popular and come on one cassette. The price will be \$199, and is a savings of nearly 50% off the normal single title price. To order, please contact them at P.O. Box 100, Chatham, NY 12037, or call (518) 392-3311, Fax (518) 392-3314. This is an excellent buy and recommended for use in all Hunter Education programs.



## Introduction to Muzzleloading

*Kitty Haynes is shown during an introduction to muzzleloading training session for Deer Park High School Outdoor Education students in October. The session was held at Rebel Arms Range in Pasadena.*



## State Parks Get Involved

We are getting more of our state parks involved in training Hunter Education instructors and students. Shown here is Heidi Rao's class held at Lake Texana State Park. Kent Irvin has held classes at Lake Fairfield State Park, Lake Whitney State Park and Lake Mineral Wells State Park. Check with different state parks and see if they might allow classes to be conducted there. It is a winning situation for the park to have additional visitors who might come back to enjoy the facility.

## Laser Shot Training

*Over thirty instructors were trained on the new Laser Shot interactive video system in the Houston area. Instructors are allowed to check out the system on a loan basis only after attending the training.*



## Conservation Workshop

*Instructors enjoyed another great Wildlife Management/ Conservation workshop at the Kerr WMA. Thanks to Gene Fuchs and Bill Armstrong for providing excellent information, and thanks to Heart O' The Hills Camp for hosting the event.*



# KUDOS

## Thank You, Expo Volunteers!

*Billy Holt, Area Chief from Breckenridge, is shown assisting this young man at the Bowhunter Challenge event during the Expo activities. The young man had an exceptional score during the 3-D shoot.*



The ninth annual Texas Wildlife Expo was a huge success. A total of 46,801 individuals enjoyed the two-day event held at TPW Headquarters in Austin. The shooting events set an all-time record high, but not every area had an increase. We had a total of 17,654 participants in the following categories: TPW 5-Stand – 846; Winchester 5-Stand – 529; Winchester Mobile .22 Range – 1,803; Youth/Women shotgun – 1,547; L.S.B.A. (Lone Star Bowhunter's Association) Archery – 3,254; Pennzoil Bowhunter Challenge 3-D Shoot – 392; Horton Crossbow – 1,079; Barnett Crossbow – 1,131; 4-H Airgun – 1,279; "Shoot Where You Look" Airgun – 2,511; N.R.A. (National Rifle Association) Airgun – 925; DART Interactive Video System – 1,224; and Muzzleloading – 1,134.

Leon and Frillie Measures (Shoot Where You Look) said they would best last year's 2,232 individuals and they did, reaching a total of 2,511. **Thanks to the Texas Hunter Education Instructors' Association (THEIA) for, again, providing lunch and drinks on Saturday and Sunday, and also a \$500 Wildlife Expo scholarship.**

We hope you will consider returning to help again. The weather was HOT, but it turned out to be a beautiful weekend. The shooting events would not exist and be so successful if it were not for your tremendous help. All instructors receive 25 points for working on Saturday and 25 more points for working on Sunday, considering what was involved. We couldn't have asked for more support, as all of you gave your best. Some areas needed help on Sunday afternoon as usual, but we'll try to do better next year.

## Tribute to Travis Speer

Grand Prairie Gun Club Hunter Education instructor Jan Heath (left) is shown accepting three new 3-D decoys from instructors Jerry Couch (center) and Dan Hutchinson (right) in memory of long-time instructor, Travis Speer, who passed away on June 15, 2000. Travis taught for over twenty-five years and worked with numerous programs and youth hunts. He is remembered as a friend and

colleague and one who was always available to help in times of need. It is the hopes of these instructors that these decoys will be used to help others learn how to enjoy the outdoors and hunting in a safe way.



## Gene Norton Teaches 5,000th Student

Shown here in the center is Cody Johnson, LaPorte, who is instructor Gene Norton's 5,000th student. Gene presented Cody with a hunter orange vest, duck call and wildlife ID guide commemorating the event. Also shown on the right is Eddie V. Gray, founder of the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center near Baytown, where Gene teaches his courses. Congratulations Cody and Gene.





# TEXAS GAME WARDEN FIELD NOTES

**Why did the deer cross the road? Because a deer-crossing sign said it was okay to do so.**

A recent caller to the Texas game warden office in North Houston expressed his concern about a deer-crossing sign along a dangerous stretch of road in the Seabrook area. The concerned citizen insisted game wardens relocate the sign so that deer would not cross there and risk being hit by passing vehicles. The game warden explained to the caller that the signs are placed in areas where deer are known to cross to warn drivers, not to direct deer to cross there.

*While some calls are amusing, others are not, despite the occasional bizarre circumstances surrounding game warden encounters with those who use and abuse Texas wildlife resources. The following excerpts were taken from Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden field reports.*

- **Just after midnight** on a recent Saturday, a Chambers County game warden received a call claiming there were hunters on a local golf course. When the warden arrived at the golf course he found four people hunting deer from a

golf cart. The four were assessed fines for hunting deer in closed season. **“FOUR!”**

- **During the special white-winged dove season**, an opportunistic, yet not too observant hunter stepped out onto a public roadway and shot into a flight of white-winged doves overhead. It was bad enough the hunter was violating the law by hunting from a public road, but he happened to be no more than 15 feet away from a game warden's vehicle at the time. The warden filed a charge of hunting from a public roadway on the unwary hunter.
- **Returning to Lake Mathis** following a dinner break, two wardens noticed a boater recklessly operating a personal watercraft. The operator was motoring within a few feet of a rubber raft full of people, trying to splash and push them out into the lake. The wardens launched their boat, stopped the operator and issued a citation for reckless operation. As the citation was being written, the man's wife walked up and applauded the officers for citing her husband, noting that she was married to “an overgrown child that someone needed to watch over.”

## Game Wardens Answer Deer Tagging Questions

AUSTIN, Texas – What can ruin a successful hunt? Receiving a citation from the game warden for improperly or untagged game.

Improper tagging of game is one of the most common game law violations, according to David Sinclair, Chief of Wildlife Enforcement with Texas Parks and Wildlife. “Despite good intentions, some hunters may delay tagging or improperly tag their deer or turkey. Improper tagging could end up costing them a fine of up to \$500.”

As many hunters have found out the hard way, ignorance of the law is no excuse. So, TPW Game Wardens have provided answers to the most commonly asked tagging questions.

**Q: Why does Texas law require a tag from a hunter's hunting license be attached to a deer or turkey?**

**A:** A tag is required to insure that a hunter does not exceed the annual bag limit. The annual bag limit is the maximum number of deer or turkey that may be taken during open season for the year. A person may only purchase one hunting license per year; therefore, the number of deer or turkey that may be taken statewide is restricted to the number of tags on the license. Additionally, the tag is used to identify the person who killed the deer or turkey; thereby, proving ownership.

**Q: If a person kills a deer or turkey, when does the animal need to be tagged?**

**A:** Immediately! In order to lawfully possess a deer or turkey, it must first be tagged with a properly executed tag from the hunting license or bonus deer tag of the person who killed the deer or turkey. A tag is properly executed when the date has been cut out and the county and ranch name has been entered in the spaces provided. Additionally, the tagging of the deer or turkey should be done before moving the animal and before field dressing the animal.

**Q: Does marking out the date of kill on a deer or turkey tag with a ballpoint pen make it a properly executed or valid tag?**

**A:** No. The date must be removed by cutting out the applicable date on the tag. The cutting out of the date renders the tag useless for taking a deer at a later date. An improperly tagged deer (i.e., date not cut out) is one of the primary deer violations cited by game wardens.

**Q: If a youth (under 17 years of age) is hunting with an adult and the youth kills a deer, whose tag must be attached to the deer?**

**A:** In this scenario, the youth must attach the appropriate tag from his or her hunting license immediately after killing a deer. Anyone who hunts any animal in Texas is required to have a hunting license, regardless of the person's age.

**Q: If a person kills a deer, where does the tag need to be attached?**

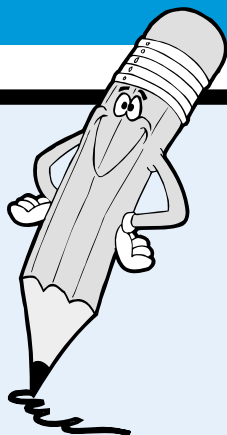
**A:** The tag may be attached to any part of the deer, but wherever it is attached, it should be attached securely. Too often hunters do not securely attach the tag, and the tag is lost. If a tag is missing, a game warden may cite the hunter for an untagged deer.

**Q: If a person takes a deer to a taxidermist, what are the tagging requirements?**

**A:** Initially, the deer must be tagged as described earlier. Once the hunter reaches the taxidermist and separates the head from the carcass, the tag must stay with the carcass. The hunter is required to complete a wildlife resource document (WRD), and it must stay with the head at the taxidermist shop. When transporting a carcass without the head to a processor or to one's home, a proof of sex receipt from the taxidermist is required to accompany the carcass in addition to a tag. The proof of sex receipt is simply a signed statement from the taxidermist containing the name of the person who killed the deer, date of kill, and whether the deer was antlered or antlerless.

**Q: What if a person takes a deer to a processor first and then goes on to a taxidermist with the head?**

**A:** The deer tag always stays with the carcass. The person must complete a Wildlife Resource Document before transport, and the WRD must accompany the head on the trip to the taxidermist.



### In the E-mail:

When I called the telephone number posted for hunter education, the recorded message indicated that among the information REQUIRED to take the course is a **social security number**, and that a person who didn't provide all the information indicated would not be allowed to take the course.

Is this the policy of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department? If so, would you provide me with the citation for the law enacted by the Texas legislature which makes the possession and disclosure of a social security number mandatory to take a hunter education course and obtain a hunting license?

Are you aware of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) which states that "It shall be unlawful for an Federal, State or local government agency to deny to any individual any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law because of such individual's refusal to disclose his social security account number?" This law also provides that a Privacy Act statement accompany the request for the number stating whether the information requested is mandatory or voluntary. Are you also aware that according to 42 USC 408(a)(8): "Whoever discloses, uses, or compels the disclosure of the social security number of any person in violation of the laws of the United States shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be fined under title 18 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both."

### **Editors Comment:**

***We request the social security number of students for database information and as a "Temporary ID number" only. We do not use the information for any other purpose. The SS # is NOT "Required" to take the Hunter Education course, and is voluntarily requested to be recorded as a means of having a number on the "Temporary Student Card." If an individual refuses to give the SS number, do not despair, just leave the number off of the "Temporary Student Card," but complete all other information requested.***

### Dear Staff:

We recently took a Hunter Safety Course sponsored by TPWD. We enjoyed it immensely! I feel we learned a lot. Please convey to whoever is in charge of that program that Bob Dabney is an excellent instructor. He made the hours go by quickly with interesting videos and valuable stories and training. He is to be commended for "giving" his time at such a worthwhile cause. We took the course in Houston at St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Dayle & Rebecca Presswood  
Houston

### To Whom it May Concern:

I took the Hunter's Education class in McKinney, Texas and found it to be an enjoyable experience. I am somewhat of a novice hunter and the information presented will be very helpful. Dan Wilson and Carl Smith were very, very good. I would recommend anyone take this class from these guys. The class was full (around 50 people) and Dan and Karl "ran" a good classroom. They never let it get out of control, even with 35 young kids in it.

Thanks again.  
Matt Malone

### To the staff of Texas Parks and Wildlife:

I completed the Hunter Education class in Houston. I would like to commend the two instructors Pat Dowdell and Charles Strittematter for their expertise and patience. They are very knowledgeable and a lot of fun.

Yours respectfully,  
Andrew A Ussery, Houston

### Dear Staff:

I was just in need of a replacement Hunter Education Card and wanted to report on the knowledgeable and courteous service I received in that department. Thanks for maintaining such a wonderful staff. Sorry I did not get their names.

Sincerely,  
A Satisfied Customer

## Hunters for the Hungry Accepting Venison Donations

AUSTIN, Texas – For more than 10 years Texas hunters have participated in the statewide *Hunters for the Hungry* program by donating meat to feed the hungry.

With hunting season under way, it's time again for hunters to consider contributing to the program. "Last year 58,000 pounds of venison were donated to feed our fellow Texans, and this year can be even better," said Stella Rodriguez, executive director of the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, administrator of the program.

It is easy for hunters to participate. Hunters simply tag their legally harvested deer, take it to one of the participating meat processing plants around the state, and pay a tax-deductible processing fee of about \$20.00 per deer. Participating plants process the deer at a fraction of the usual fee, package the venison, and then distribute it to local food banks, pantries and emergency feeding sites. The venison is packaged in frozen plastic 2-pound packets donated by the Harbro Packing Co. of Chicago, Rodriguez said.

Hunters are provided a receipt by the processor and can fill in a name and mailing address to enter the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies' Hunters for the Hungry Drawing. The prize will again be an ONTIME™ Wildlife Feeder, donated by DeerTexas.com. Frank Wilson of Irving, Texas, won the drawing last year.

A toll-free hotline is listed, (800) 992-9767, where hunters or other interested parties can call to find the participating processors in their area for program information or to request a brochure about the program. There are 121 participating processors, but additional meat processors are needed in many parts of the state, Rodriguez said. The hotline also provides information to processors interested in joining the program.

In addition to hunters, processors and food providers, other organizations have contributed to the success of the program, Rodriguez said. The End Hunger

Network of Houston, Texas Association of Second Harvest Food Banks, Texas Wildlife Association, Exotic Wildlife Association, Dallas Safari Club, DeerTexas.com, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Departments of Health, and Housing and Community Affairs have all provided valuable information and support over the years. Any volunteer organizations, corporate sponsors or processors interested in working with the Hunters for the Hungry program are encouraged to contact Bethany Wofford of the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies at (800) 992-9767.

Dr. Lee Jan, director of the Meat Safety Assurance Division of the Texas Department of Health, recommends hunters follow these guidelines:

- Remember at all times that the venison will be food for a Texas family.
- Do not shoot animals that are acting abnormally – if they have a limp, appear extremely thin, or are lying down and are reluctant to get up.
- Do not transport the game for long distances on the hood of the car or in the bed of a truck.
- As soon as is safely possible, retrieve the animal and transport it to the dressing area. Dressing areas should be protected from excessive dust and other forms of contamination. If under a tree, select a grassy area rather than a dusty area, and be sure the tree is not a common roost for birds.
- Remove the hide and intestines, taking care to avoid spillage of intestinal or bladder contents on the carcass.
- If the temperature is lower than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, the carcass may be hung if protected from external contaminants such as flies or dust.
- If the temperature reaches more 50 degrees, move the carcass to a refrigerated storage cooler or break it into quarters and keep the meat cold by packing it in an ice chest with ice. When packing in ice, place a layer of ice between parts. Keep the ice chest drained and well-iced until delivery or packaging.

### HEY D G A N G !

**STOP THE PRESS! HALT! WOA! WAIT!.....**Got your attention again, didn't I? Folks, we have a friendly reminder for each of you so our records can remain in good order and be processed in a timely manner. To satisfy the state mandated hunter education requirement courses must be at least a minimum of ten (10) hours over two (2) days. ALL final reports, structured or Home Study, must reflect this.

**On Home Study.....** The day of testing is the "Date Certified," and don't forget to give one day and 6 hours credit.

**On Scantron Student Registration forms.....** Please bubble only in areas that have something written in the space above, or if applicable. It is not necessary to bubble in blank spaces between letters. Please write final scores and bubble them in. Do not write on the page anywhere, except in designated areas. If you must mark the student "Pd," please do so on the "Temporary Card" portion at the bottom of the page. This will be torn off and given to the student and not returned to us.

**On Final Report forms.....** We are finding that Final Reports are incorrect or we are not receiving them at all. This form must be

## Kathy's Korner

submitted in order to process the students. If team-taught, **each** instructor must complete a final report form and attach to their students. Don't forget to send in the (\$\$\$) funding with the class. The Sub-Course Type will always be "001-BASIC" for Hunter Education.

**On Class Rosters.....** Please **retain** these rosters. It is the only record the instructor has for the class. I suggest that you make a copy of the final report and check or money order and place it with this roster. That way, you may verify the class if the records are lost in the mail.

Thanks so much for your help. Keep up the good work! Also, please notify us of any change of address so we may keep you active and on the mailing list. If you have any questions, call me. Hope you have a great Holiday Season!

K A T H Y



## DID YOU KNOW?

### Tragedy Strikes One of Our Own

Most individuals are not superstitious, but Friday, October 13 turned out to be a very unlucky day for Area Chief, Dr. Leroy Freeman and his family. Many of you know "Doc" and his son, Leslie from past workshops, and especially at Expo. "Doc" and his wife, "Ms. Lillian," were in Round Rock with their daughter and her family. Leslie and his brother Layne were at home when their Terrier dogs woke them. The entire house was ablaze. Leslie woke Layne and they barely got out of the house before it was fully engulfed in flames. The little dogs burned in the fire.

The Freeman's had no insurance on their house or any of their belongings. The house was over 100 years old and was under renovation. A new roof was nearly completed which was holding up the insurance. The fire started in the back of the house with the water heater. When Leslie called our office, he was devastated, to say the least, and very lucky to be alive.

The family is in the process of rebuilding their lives and home. A contractor has a new foundation down and house started at this writing. Let's open up our hearts and extend a helping hand to these individuals during this critical time of need. For more information, please contact our office. Thanks in advance for helping out. We all would do the same for others. Remember Clay Walker's song, *Chain of Love*... what goes around, comes around.



Anyone considering a donation of items or cash may send it to:

**The Freeman Family  
Plainview Baptist Church  
P.O. Box 116  
Krum, Texas 76249**

### WorldCom To Handle TPW Automated License System

**"Things like that will make our business better," noted Burgdorf. "If a person has been certified through hunter education, that information will be recorded in our database and included on the hunting license; eliminating the requirement to carry a hunter education card."**

AUSTIN, Texas – A recent national study confirms what many Texans already know – hunting and fishing are big business in Texas, with 2.7 million participants contributing more than \$5.6 billion annually to the state's economy. Making sure outdoors enthusiasts can legally pursue those activities can hinge on the state's ability to issue licenses.

Last year, Texas Parks and Wildlife conducted nearly 3.3 million hunting and fishing license-related transactions through its automated statewide network of 3,000 license vendors. Revenue generated from license sales, \$66 million last year, supports TPW's management and protection of the state's natural resources for hunters and anglers.

"Our system plays a vital role," explained Jayna Burgdorf, director of strategic projects for TPW. "We want to ensure that the system we have is the most reliable and most efficient available."

WorldCom will provide the next-generation automated wildlife data system for Texas by using its award-winning UUNET network architecture as its system backbone. WorldCom's customized web-enabled applications will allow license

information to be transmitted electronically via the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This new system will quickly update the central database with the latest information on Texas hunters and anglers, including all point-of-sale, Internet and telephone license sales.

"This new system will afford our customers the option of buying their licenses via the Internet," Burgdorf said. "Because WorldCom has experience in governmental projects and people with expertise in game and fish agency issues, they know some of the problems we have faced and can offer solutions."

License buyers will also notice a change in the look of their licenses. Rather than the sales receipt printout license hunters and anglers have suffered with in recent years, new printing technology and equipment will enable TPW to provide better graphics and a user-friendlier product. The new version will resemble the old-style Texas license with detachable game tags connected around the perimeter of the license. There are eleven (11) tags now, but the new license might have twelve. The Hunter Education number will possibly be printed on the last of these tags. Look for the new license next year.

## TPW Unveils Proposed Hunting and Fishing Regulation Issues

AUSTIN, Texas – Managing the state’s wildlife and fisheries resources is somewhat similar to upkeep on an automobile – it requires regular maintenance for optimum performance and reliability. Keeping the analogy in mind, it’s time for the annual tune-up of the state’s hunting and fishing regulations.

Next year’s regulations will be a tune-up, not an overhaul. State biologists presented a laundry list of hunting and fishing issues to the Regulations Committee of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Biologists noted that there is always room for improvement but recommended no drastic changes.

Each year, TPW considers changes in hunting and fishing regulations to achieve resource management objectives and maximize outdoor recreation opportunities. The regulatory review process begins each fall and is based on resource assessments by biologists and independent recommendations received from various user groups. During this scoping portion of the process, TPW gathers public input and weighs the biological implications of each issue before presenting the commission a set of proposed regulation changes in January. Additional discourse is sought during special public meetings in the spring, and the commission at its April meeting determines the final regulation changes.

This year, TPW will ask the public for comment on a variety of fish and wildlife issues based on the common themes of increased opportunity, rule simplification and resource enhancement. Among the issues are:

- Expanding youth-only hunting opportunities to potentially include any of the weekends in October and/or the three weekends following the second Sunday in January.
- Setting a uniform statewide opening day for white-tailed deer and Rio Grande turkey hunting seasons on the first Saturday in November.

- Changing the harvest regulations for mourning dove in the South Zone to a 12-bird daily bag limit and 70-day season.
- Opening spring hunting for Eastern turkey in Houston, Rusk, Smith, Upshur and Wood counties.
- Increasing the deer bag limit from four deer (no more than two bucks) to five deer (no more than two bucks) in Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling and Tom Green counties, and provide a 14-day antlerless and spike buck season following the general season.
- Increasing the deer bag limit from four deer (no more than two bucks) to five deer (no more than three bucks) in Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Calhoun, Cameron, Hidalgo, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr and Willacy counties, and provide a 14-day antlerless and spike buck season following the general season.
- Allowing the use of Antlerless and Spike-buck Deer Control Permits statewide from the Saturday nearest Sept. 30 through the last day of any open season in a given county.
- Expanding the Landowner Assisted Management Permit System (LAMPS) program to include Fannin, Hunt and Rains counties.
- Allowing the harvest of antlerless deer without antlerless permits during the muzzleloader-only season on U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Trinity River Authority and Sabine River Authority lands in Angelina, Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk and Tyler counties.
- Opening a javelina season in Archer County.
- Investigate the possibility of allowing hunters to harvest a buck deer in more than one one-buck county.

Public comment on these issues and others of interest may be made to TPW, Regulations Coordinator, 4200 Smith School Road, 78744, or by phoning (800) 792-1112 and following the automated menu and on the Internet (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>).

### Skunk Odor Remedy



by Bill McCubbin, Area Chief, Amarillo

Did your dog ever get in a bout with a skunk? Take the following ingredients, mix and use as directed to remove that pungent odor often left by those pesky varmints.

- 1 Qt. Hydrogen Peroxide, 3%
- 1/4 Cup Baking Soda
- 1 tablespoon liquid soap

Mix as needed, wet down dog, add mixture and lather, let sit for 15-20 minutes and rinse. Repeat if necessary.

### Opening Weekend Generates \$millions\$ in License Sales

In spite of blistering record high temperatures coming out of summer, hunters flocked to the fields for the opening of dove season, sending license sales soaring as well. TPW sold about \$2 million in hunting licenses on that first Saturday alone. Sales for the first few days totaled about \$7.5 million, a 41 percent increase over the same period last year. Also noteworthy for this period, we sold 306,084 licenses, a 26 percent increase over last year.

Since the new season licenses went on sale Aug. 7, we’ve sold about \$10 million worth, a sales figure that reaffirms the agency’s continuing reliance on traditional sportsman conservationists for a substantial part of our operating revenue. Meanwhile, there were reports of high public participation on public lands, as well the ever-expanding program to lease private lands for dove hunting. Several TV and radio stations did news stories covering the dove season opener.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Western States Rendezvous

*From Les Smith, IHEA President*

I would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to participate in the second Western States Instructor Rendezvous. It will be held **May 11-13, 2001**, at the Casablanca Resort in beautiful **Mesquite, Nevada**. The theme will mirror the annual IHEA conference theme: "*Taking Hunter Education to the Next Level.*" Speakers and workshops will help instructors see all the possibilities for the future of Hunter Education.

Along with all the talking, there will be training in teaching techniques, field days, and always the chance to do a little shooting. More than 250 instructors from the western US and Canada enjoyed the conference and activities in 1998.

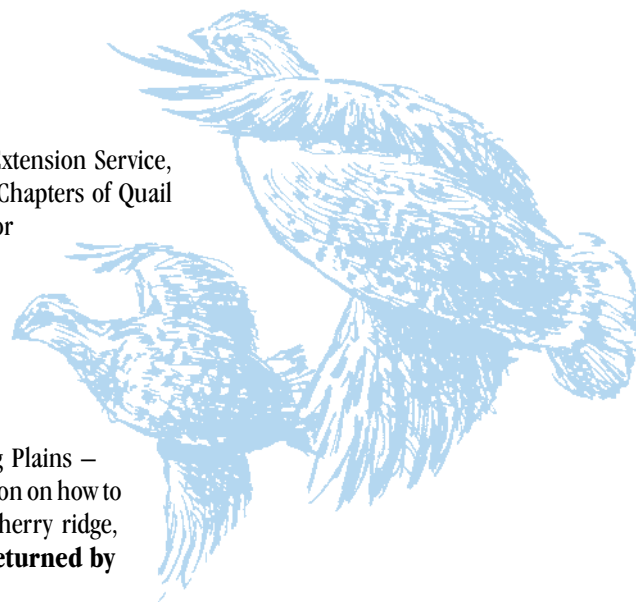
The USFWS federal aid coordinators are also looking to take advantage of this gathering to provide some regional coordinator training as part of the Rendezvous. Region I held a very useful and effective training at the last Rendezvous. Contact your regional coordinator if you would like to hold coordinators training as part of this exciting event.

Fliers will be out in early December for distribution. While the priority is given to western states, instructors and coordinators from any region of North America are welcome to attend. Contact **Les Smith, 800-597-HUNT (4868)** if you are interested in getting information fliers or attending the Rendezvous.

## Bobwhite Brigade Wildlife Leadership Camp

A hands-on learning experience for Texas youth! Sponsored by Texas Agriculture Extension Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Texas Chapters of Quail Unlimited. This four-day camp for high school students (sophomore, junior and senior only with a "B" average) is designed to make quail experts out of its members. Cadets are provided intensive training on quail biology and management by leading wildlife scientists from throughout Texas. Upon graduation, each member of The Bobwhite Brigade will be expected to present educational programs on quail management in his/her county of residence.

There are three camps planned for 2001. Here are the listings and dates: Rolling Plains – June 23-27; South Texas – July 15-19; and East Texas – July 22-26. For more information on how to apply, contact Bobwhite Brigade, c/o Texas Agriculture Extension Service, 33545 Cherry ridge, Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230. **Applications by potential cadets must be returned by April 15, 2001** in order to be considered.



### NEW NON-RESIDENT FEES FOR 2001

On January 1, 2001, the new fees will be:

Nonresident Antelope:	\$ 270.00
Nonresident Bear:	\$ 450.00
Nonresident Deer:	\$ 270.00
Nonresident Elk:	\$ 450.00
Nonresident Mt goat:	\$1,500.00
Nonresident Moose:	\$1,500.00
Nonresident Mt lion:	\$ 450.00
Nonresident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep:	\$1,500.00
Youth big game (deer, elk, antelope)	\$ 100.00 EACH

## R-E-M-I-N-D-E-R-S

- The IHEA maintains a Volunteer Discussion section on their Web site: **IHEA.com**

To access, volunteer instructors enter as follows:

USERNAME = >volunteer <  
PASSWORD = >huntsafe <

- New Web site for individuals looking for an outfitter, guide, or a place to hunt and fish at Outfitters Association of America. This could be one of the best locations to help you enjoy the great outdoors.

Check it out at **www.oaoa.net**





# THE BOWHUNTER

## International Bowhunter Education Program of Texas

*A Team can only work consistently if there is good communication. The effectiveness of our team is measured by how well it accomplishes the NBEF Mission. Annual refreshers for our Instructors can benefit both communication and the mission.*

### 2001 In-Service/Workshop Dates and Locations

**February 17 & 18, 2001 - Denton**

Texas Agricultural Extension Service Center  
306 North Loop 288, Suite 288

**February 24 & 25, 2001 - Austin**

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Headquarters  
4200 Smith School Road

**March 10 & 11, 2001 - San Antonio**

Recreation Center  
Camp Bullis

**March 31 & April 1, 2001 - Austin**

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Headquarters  
4200 Smith School Road

Every IBEP Instructor and Master Bowhunter Instructor Trainer must be present at only one of these weekends. Please put these dates on your calendar for 2001. The In-Service/Workshop is for **YOU**. The curriculum will include but is not limited to, updated teaching methods, new course curriculum and new program policy.

The NBEF is quite specific about what is expected of the volunteer instructor. These specifications are stated in the appropriate NBEF manuals. Please review your "Job Requirements" under the heading "IN-SERVICE TRAINING". IBEP Instructors, refer to page 145 in the *Instructor Notebook*. IBEP Master Instructor Trainers, refer to page 35 in the *Leader Handbook*. These requirements will be strictly adhered to in 2001.

Prizes and raffles for our 2001 In-Service/Workshops will include merchandise from Gametamer, Neverwear, Bodoodle, Sonoran Bowhunting Equipment, Cammenga Corp., Gold Tip, Custom Archery Equipment, NBEF and Easton-Beman just to name a few.

### 2000 Texas Wildlife Expo

The IBEP-TX exhibit booth on Saturday and Sunday was a "buzz". We met a lot of bowhunters who were interested in taking the IBEP courses. We discovered that a lot of bowhunters had never heard of the IBEP Course and are looking forward to taking it next year. Advertise your courses when you schedule them.

Let's thank the following volunteers for working the booth: Thomas "T" Anderson III, Don Goldston, Rod Evans, Dwight Purvis, Rick and Millie Holland. An additional "Thank You" to Dwight Purvis and Thomas "T" Anderson III for setting up the booth on Friday and taking it down on Sunday evening after the Expo was over.

### Any Questions...?

Contact Dwight Purvis at (817) 295-3805 or by e-mail: <toxophilus@juno.com>

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