

# Mentor a New Hunter – TPWD Panhandle Wildlife District

## Purpose

To promote mentorship of new hunters in Texas

## Program Eligibility

### Mentor Must

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Hold a valid 2020 hunting license
- Work with the mentee on at least three separate occasions, one of which must be an actual hunt.  
Other eligible occasions include:
  - Helping mentee purchase appropriate gear for hunting
  - Shooting skills practice with a hunting firearm or bow and arrow
  - Helping mentee apply for draw hunts and/or finding public hunting areas
  - Scouting/teaching hunting tactics
  - Processing wild game
  - Cooking wild game
- Submit a .JPG image taken during the mentorship process and brief submission form with 200 word or less narrative detailing the mentorship experience to [newhunter.mentorship@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:newhunter.mentorship@tpwd.texas.gov) (limit one mentee per mentor).

### Mentee Must

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have never hunted or only hunted in 2019
- Hold a valid 2020 hunting license and appropriate hunter education

Mentor a New Hunter is a pilot project being implemented by TPWD staff in the Panhandle Wildlife District. Submissions from outside the region will be accepted, but greater consideration will be given to hunts taking place in the 56 County Panhandle District. Texas Parks & Wildlife employees are not eligible to participate in the program.

## Winner Selection

The deadline to submit a photo and narrative will be **2/28/2021**. TPWD staff will evaluate submissions based on the level of mentorship given to mentees (i.e. how many trips afield hunting, how many species hunted, how many additional activities), as outlined in the narrative. All winners will be notified by 3/31/2021, and winning submissions will be shared on the Panhandle District's Facebook page.

## Prizes

Grand Prize – Ruger American Predator in 6.5 Creedmoor

Other prizes – \$250 taxidermy gift certificate, \$150 Game Guard gift card, \$100 First Lite gift card, \$50 Cabela's gift card, BINO DOCK system, Assorted hunting gear

Mentees who harvest their first big game animal are encouraged to enter their harvest in Texas Big Game Awards for further recognition!

### TPWD Panhandle Wildlife District Map

DALLAM		SHERMAN	HANSFORD	OC HIL TREE	LIPSCOMB	
HARTLEY		MOORE	HUTCHINSON		ROBERTS	HEMPHILL
OLDHAM		POTTER	CARSON	GRAY	WHEELER	
DEAF SMITH		RANDALL	ARMSTRONG	DONLEY	COLLINGSWORTH	
PARMER	CASTRO	SWISHER	BRISCOE	HALL	CHILDRESS	
BAILEY	LAMB	HALE	FLOYD	MOTLEY	COTTLE	HARDEMAN
						FOARD
COCHRAN	HOCKLEY	LUBBOCK	CROSBY	DICKENS	KING	KNOX
YOAKUM	TERRY	LYNN	GARZA	KENT	STONEWALL	HASKELL
GAINES		DAWSON	BORDEN	SCURRY	FISHER	JONES
ANDREWS		MARTIN				

### Mentor a New Hunter Donors



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Panhandle, Texas**



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Lubbock, Texas**



**SS Outfitters  
Levelland, Texas**

**Mentor a New Hunter Submission Form**  
**Texas Parks & Wildlife Panhandle Wildlife District**

**Mentor Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Customer Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to share narrative on Panhandle Wildlife Facebook Page:      **Yes**                      **No**

**Mentee Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Customer Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentorship Narrative. Must be 200 words or less.

\*Customer number is found above your name and address on your hunting license.

Email submission form and photo to [newhunter.mentorship@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:newhunter.mentorship@tpwd.texas.gov) by February 28, 2021.