



*TPWD Mission: To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.*



## COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Howdy everyone! It is with humble pride to introduce myself as the new Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Hunter Education Manager. Previous to this assignment I was the North Texas Hunter Education Specialist. My love of the outdoors began as a child being introduced to the small creeks and ponds in the Mid-Cities area of North Texas. My hunting passion was instilled at an early age chasing squirrels around Ben Wheeler in Van Zandt County.

I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Aquatic Biology from Tarleton State University (TSU) in Stephenville. My professional career began in the conservation field which includes appointments to TSU's Institute for Applied Environmental Research, TPWD Inland Fisheries, District 3A, and 12 years with the City of Fort Worth's Environmental Management Dept.

The path to my hunter education career with TPWD began December, 2007, when I received my Hunter Education student certification from the Grand Prairie Gun Club; thank you instructor Jim Markle and the rest of the GPGC hunter education team headed up by Area Chief Jan Heath. During my hunter education class, I was introduced to

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*Mentor Appreciation Hunt participants from left to right: Robert Ramirez TPWD, Brian Ingram Ranch Manager, Ruben Rangel, Danny Yarbrough TPWD, Junior Munoz, Wes Rhoten, Charles Snowden, Brock Minton TPWD, Brent Heath*

## Mentor Appreciation Hunt

As part of a National Shooting Sports Foundation's (NSSF) Hunting Heritage Grant, Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education was able to initiate a Mentor Appreciation Hunt hosted at the Hutto Ranch in Val Verde County. The initial hunt occurred November 7-11, 2012. The quarry was whitetail does (three per hunter), with the first one to harvest three does allowed to harvest one management buck.

The participants were hunter education instructors who go above and beyond the hunter education classroom within their community. These individuals provide additional hunter recruitment activities to include mentoring youth hunts, range days, advanced workshops, etc. Quite honestly, this list could go on and on. Our TPWD volunteer hunter education instructors "give back" so generously to ensure the continuation of the hunting heritage, many times utilizing their own resources.

The names of the instructors were forwarded to the hunt coordinator Robert Ramirez by TPWD regional staff. TPWD staff was asked to nominate two instructors from each region fitting the criteria described previous. Instructors who were nominated for the inaugural hunt included

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**One  
Millionth  
Student!**  
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## Coordinator's Corner, continued

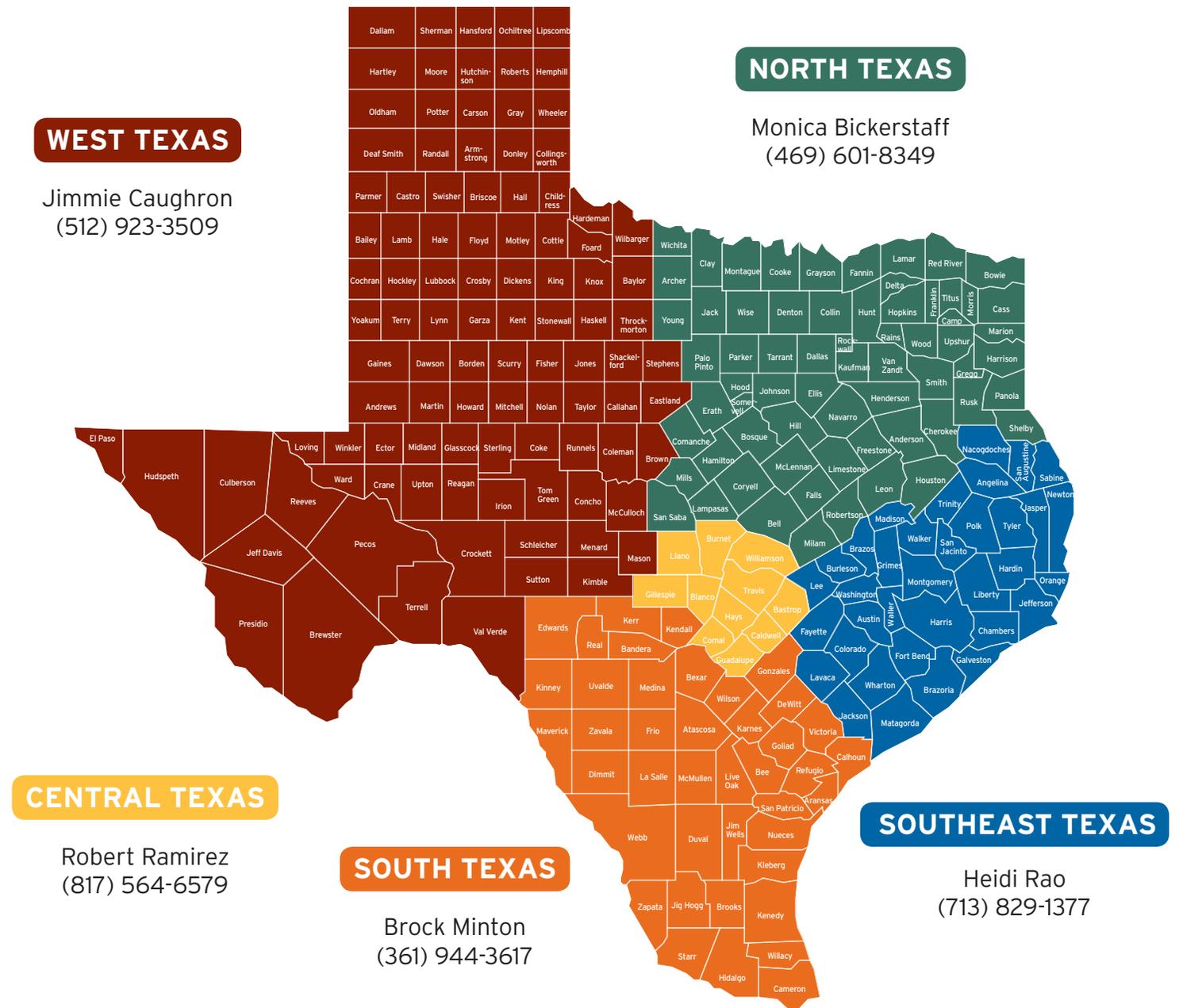
the muzzleloader by this group of dedicated TPWD volunteer instructors and I still enjoy that shooting discipline to this day. In addition, I enjoy the outdoor adventures of pursuing waterfowl and alligators along with fishing. A few of my angling accomplishments include holding two TPWD fly fishing water-body records along with a 300-pound Pacific halibut and the Big Thompson River (Colorado) Super Grand Slam for trout to my credit!

I am married to my bride of 20 years, Tami, and we have a beautiful 13-year-old daughter, Faith. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, I will be cleaning my gun anytime a young man visits our home!

I am extremely excited about this new chapter with the Hunter Education branch and the opportunity to continue to work with the Hunter Education volunteer instructors and the TPWD family.

### Update!

Below you will find an updated TPWD Regional Staff map designating the hunter education regions of Texas. The new addition to our North Texas Regional Hunter Education Specialist is Monica Bickerstaff. Please read her bio on the North Texas Regional Report. Your regional staff is a local hunter education resource to you; as always, you are welcome to contact your Austin headquarters hunter education team.



## Coordinator's Corner, continued

### New program changes.

As most of you are aware there are many changes to the hunter education program. Here is a brief synopsis of the program changes.

The Basic Hunter Education Course lasts a maximum of six hours classroom instruction. This time does not include registration, breaks, test administration and certification card distribution. Courses are offered across the state year-round and are taught by certified volunteer instructors.

The Enhanced Hunter Education course consists of two parts to complete certification. First, the student should complete the online coursework and print out the quizzes or the fee-based home study certificate of completion. Secondly, the student presents the proof of the course work to the instructor before registration at a Field Course. The online course work may be challenging for youth without adult assistance. We also recommend younger students be accompanied by an adult during the field course.

The Advanced Course for certification will include more than six hours of classroom instruction. This is typically reserved for hunter education taught as a weeklong camp or in a school or university setting where the instruction may last for several weeks or a semester.

By statute the cap on instructor led hunter education course is \$15. **Important reminder:** The instructor is eligible to retain \$10 dollars for out of pocket expenses with \$5 being remitted to the state. Any additional fees not associated with hunter education student course services are to be itemized as a different

charge. For example, \$15 for the Hunter Education course plus a \$5 parking fee at a particular facility for a total cost to the student of \$20. If an instructor has any questions about a particular fee they should contact the Hunter Education Manager. The heart of our hunter education program is the dedicated volunteer committed to passing on the hunting and shooting tradition.

The Online Course for certification is for those who are 17 years of age or older. Individuals who choose this option will access the vendor listed on the TPWD-Hunter Education website and complete the online course before taking a final exam. The fee varies by vendor (\$18.00 - \$29.95).

Hunter Education Deferral (cost: \$10) allows a person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program to defer completion for up to one year. A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current license year. The one-time Hunter Education Deferral is available at license vendors. **NOTE:** There is no longer a reduced fee for deferral purchasers for that calendar year who enroll in a hunter education course. They would pay the \$15 fee for the Basic, Enhanced, Advanced course or the online vendor fee for those 17 years of age or older.

Thank you all for all your hard work and commitment to hunter education in Texas. Your efforts ensure the hunting and shooting heritage.

Hunt 'em up!

**Robert Ramirez**

## One Millionth Student!!!

Instructors, your monumental effort with hunter education in Texas was illustrated by the certification of the one millionth student! As you recall from the Summer 2012 edition of *Target Talk*, the student as well as the instructor would receive an engraved Henry Golden Boy, .22 cal. rifles signifying he/she is the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education one millionth student. The one millionth student was certified on September 7, 2013 by instructor Suzy Duffeck; Suzy is part of the Grand Prairie Gun Club - Hunter Education Team. The lucky student is Dee C. Harrison from Cedar Hill, Texas. This course was an Enhanced course held in Grand Prairie, Texas. Congratulations to all the instructors who made this historic milestone possible.

Presentation of the engraved rifles and display case will occur as part of the Texas Hunter Education Association's Annual Conference in Dallas January 10-11, 2013. Please remember to "Save the Date" – more details to follow with regards to the THEIA Conference.

## What Is This?

Many of you have asked the question "What is the orange plastic device in my hunter education supplies?" The answer is, a Saf-T-Plug, which keeps the action of 12 and 20 gauge pump and semi-automatic shotgun actions open. This ingenious device allows for visual confirmation of an open action. Check out the website for more information at <http://deadeyesupply.com/>



**Find TPWD-Hunter Education on Social Media!**

TPWD - Hunter Education has a Facebook page located at <https://www.facebook.com/tpwdhuntered>

Get program updates and follow TPWD staff and partners!

## Mentor Appreciation Hunt, continued

Duke Walton from Porter, Randy Spradlin from Fort Worth and Roger Wubbenhorst from Dime Box. They were unable to attend due to unexpected circumstances. The next on the list was contacted until all the spots were filled.



Second mentor appreciation hunt from left to right; Robert Ramirez TPWD, Roger Hempel, Buddy Martin, Danny Yarbrough TPWD, Roger Coleman, Mark Spillman.

This year's hunt was scheduled for November 8-10, 2013 at the Hutto Ranch. The instructors nominated were:

INSTRUCTOR	CITY	TPWD REGIONAL STAFF
Benny Ham	Whitsett	Minton
Oscar Aguirre	San Benito	Minton
Gilbert Graves	Corpus Christi	Minton
Daniel Odom	Orange	Rao (unable to attend)
Curtis Ansley	Shepherd	Rao (unable to attend)
Jeffery White	Valley Mills	Bickerstaff
Randy Spradlin	Fort Worth	Bickerstaff
Matt Poole	Paducah	Caughron (unable to attend)
Wade Kirkwood	San Angelo	Caughron (unable to attend)
Doug Dubois	Austin	Ramirez

The instructors who were unable to attend are participating in family and hunter education recruitment activities on the same weekend. They graciously decided to continue their community efforts in recruitment of new hunters.

Area Chief Junior Munoz (Rockport) and instructor Ruben Rangel (Brownsville) served as camp host and assisted with deer data collection and field dressing. Val Verde Game Warden Kirk Clendenning joined the hunters at the camp for an exquisite redfish dinner around the campfire. This was a very enjoyable addition to the appreciation hunt.



Hunter Education Instructor/Hunters from left to right: Oscar Aguirre - San Benito, Ranch Manager Brian Ingram, Jeff White - Valley Mills, Gilbert Graves, Jr. - Corpus Christi, Junior Munoz - Rockport, Ruben Rangel - Brownsville, Doug Dubois - Austin. Not pictured: Randy Spradlin - Fort Worth, and Curtis Ansley - Shepherd.



As the new Hunter Education Manager, it is my full intention to continue the Mentor Appreciation Hunt. It is vital to provide an event that allows for instructors to share their hunter recruitment and retention experiences with other instructors from around the state. As with any hunt, success is not measured by the amount of harvest. Rather it is the time around the campfire and camaraderie with fellow hunters that make memories that last a lifetime. I hope to see you in the woods.



Instructor Ruben Rangel with his 2012 cull buck and Hutto Ranch Manager Brian Ingram.

## New Area Chiefs

JIM FORD – SAN ANTONIO

GEORGE LENTZ – SAN ANTONIO

GRACE PRATT – PFLUGERVILLE

Congratulations to all the new Area Chiefs and welcome to the Instructors who have answered the call to be a volunteer hunter education instructor.

## Honorary Area Chief

An honorary Area Chief designation has been conferred to Omar Treviño, a Mexican instructor who participated in the training that TPWD provided to Mexico's Hunting Federation (FEMECA) in 2007 so that IHEA standards could be applied in Mexico. On behalf of TPWD, Edgar Wenzel, FEMECA VP, presented the recognition to Omar at Club Deportivo Cazadores Monterrey on November 2, 2013. Omar, president of the club's Hunting Commission, has participated in all the Texas-Mexico workshops for instructors, helping with the coordination of instructors from Mexico, proposing topics and making presentations. Under his leadership, Hunter Education is required for all member of their club, the largest hunting club in northern Mexico. Omar trained five club members as instructors and has organized and participated in the 34 courses taught at the club since 2008, which have resulted in the certification of over 800 students. We regularly run hunting jargon by Omar to check some of our translations to Spanish. Omar credited his companion instructors and the club's board, particularly president German Villarreal, for the success of their program. We welcome Omar to our great Texas Hunter Education instructor family.



*Omar Treviño receives TPWD's honorary Area Chief designation from Edgar Wenzel (left), Mexico's Hunting Federation, and German Villarreal, president of Club Deportivo Cazadores Monterrey.*

## 4-H Natural Resources Program Information and FAQs

- Project descriptions, event information, and much more can be found on our website: [texas4-h.tamu.edu/natural](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/natural) There are links from this page to all 4-H Natural Resources Program Area projects (Shooting Sports, Outdoor Challenge, WHEP, Sportfishing, & Wildlife).
- We have a 4-H Natural Resources Program Calendar for Counties/Clubs to share their Natural Resources/Outdoor/Shooting Events, if the event involves participation from other county 4-Hers & leaders; it is accessible from our website, as are the instructions for sharing events on that calendar.
- We also have a general email address that is checked and responded to frequently: [tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu](mailto:tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu)
- New information is always posted first on our two social media sites. Check these and subscribe to each so that information comes to you. Blog - [tx4hnaturalresources.blogspot.com](http://tx4hnaturalresources.blogspot.com); Facebook - [www.facebook.com/naturalresources](http://www.facebook.com/naturalresources)

## Shooting Sports Training Schedule

All registrations are completed via 4-H Connect unless otherwise noted. Please check back for additional District trainings to be added throughout the year.

Event/Location	Dates (2013-2014)	Registration Dates	Registration Fees
<b>District 1 SS Coach Training/Pampa (open to state)</b>	November 15-16	Through November 8	FMI: Shawnte Clawson, 806-677-5600 or <a href="mailto:sfclawson@ag.tamu.edu">sfclawson@ag.tamu.edu</a> or <a href="http://d14-h.tamu.edu/">http://d14-h.tamu.edu/</a>
<b>Muzzle Loading SS Coach Training/4-H Center</b>	November 16-17	September 26-October 24	\$140
<b>District 2 SS Coach Training/Lubbock (open to state) Shotgun, Archery, Pistol Only</b>	December 7-8	November 11-December 2	FMI: Andy Hart, <a href="mailto:amhart@ag.tamu.edu">amhart@ag.tamu.edu</a>
<b>District 11 SS Coach Training/Victoria (open to state)</b>	January 11-12	TBA	FMI: Meredith Carter, <a href="mailto:macarter@ag.tamu.edu">macarter@ag.tamu.edu</a>
<b>East Region SS Coach Training/Tyler</b>	January 25-26	December 5- January 9	\$120
<b>Hunting &amp; Wildlife Leader Training/College Station</b>	February 1-2	December 12-January 9	\$75
<b>Hunting &amp; Wildlife Leader Training/Monahans, Ward County</b>	February 8-9	December 19-January 16	\$75
<b>North Region SS Coach Training/Lubbock</b>	March 29-30	February 6-March 6	\$120
<b>West Region SS Coach Training/San Angelo</b>	September 13	July 24- August 21	\$120
<b>South Region SS Coach Training/Victoria</b>	October 11-12	August 21-September 18	\$120

# SOUTH TEXAS REGIONAL REPORT

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BROCK MINTON



## Mentored Physically Challenged Youth Deer Hunt

Ten youth accompanied by 20 volunteer guides participated in this year's mentored youth deer hunt for physically challenged. The event was held October 19 and 20, 2013, at San Angelo State Park.

San Angelo State Park Manager Kurt Kemp, TPWD hunter education regional staff member Brock Minton, and retired Game Warden J. D. Gould facilitated and/or coordinated the hunt.

Weather cooperated during the hunt by providing sunny days with temperatures from low forties to low sixties by afternoon. Wind remained mild (5-15 mph) throughout the hunt.

The youths bagged nine does and two javelinas.



*Participants in this year's mentored youth deer hunt for physically challenged are hidden from view, and protected from the elements, while hunting from one of TPWD's recently acquired Nature Blind's TreeBlind™ – a Texas made product.)*



## Youth Mentored Dove Hunt

Five young hunters participated in a dove workshop and mentored youth hunt held September 28-29, 2013 at Resaca de la Palma (RDLP) State Park near Olmito. The event began with classroom instruction on topics including bird identification, ethics, game laws, safety and wildlife federal aid. Attendees received field range instruction in shotgun training, patterning, sub-tending and live fire exercises before going afield to put to practice their newly acquired knowledge in a hunt conducted on private land adjoining RDLP. After the hunt, attendees learned bird anatomy, game care and shotgun cleaning techniques.

Youth were accompanied in the field by a parent or guardian not participating in the hunt, rather the time was used as mentoring and quality bonding time.

Each young hunter was provided a dove call used to practice, and perfect, during the Saturday evening and Sunday morning hunts. Camo face paint was provided each hunter, as well.

Though few birds were bagged, there was a lot of shooting and smiles taking place throughout the two-day event.



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## Hunter Education Workshops FY14

Feb. 7-9	Trapper Workshop	Cherokee Ridge Hunting Club	Alto and Wells, TX
Mar. 1-2	Mule Deer & Pronghorn Mgmt - Antler Scoring W/Certification	Matador WMA	
Mar. 8-9	Animal Tracks & ID	Chaparral WMA	Artesia, TX
Sept. 13	Deer Wildlife Mgmt	Kerr WMA	Hunt, TX

Contact Brock Minton - TPWD: (361) 825-3249 Work or (361) 944-3617 Cell

# SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL REPORT

HEIDI RAO

## 5th Annual Take Me Outdoors

DISCOVERY GREEN • SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

I think we did a phenomenal job educating a very diverse crowd in all that we do - and most importantly - getting more people outside to play!

Both kids and adults - FAMILIES - were exposed to a fun-filled hands-on day!

You showed them how to tie a knot, cast a line, shoot an air rifle, touch a skull, feel a wildlife fur, make a fish print, try on a fire suit and be educated with Smokey Bear, take a photo with a snake, see a baby gator, experience Texas State Parks, learn about wildlife rehabilitation with Rocky the Raccoon, make a paperclip butterfly, learn about student conservation, visit a nature center, plant a seed, touch a flounder, learn about firearms and bows, get up close and personal with an impressive display of mounted wildlife, spin the wheel to learn about the aquarium, climb to the top of the rock wall to proudly ring the bell, learn about birds of prey by an eagle mascot reading during story time, and educate the crowd all about conservation during two live raptor flight demonstrations by Last Chance Forever - The Birds of Prey Conservancy.

To our best estimation - we reached **over 3,000** Houstonians this year!

It wouldn't have happened without you.

*A special thanks to the Splendora Drill Team, under the direction of Brandi Yargo, for volunteering their day to work the Texas State Rifle Association's air rifle booth during Take Me Outdoors Houston on September 14!*



# SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL REPORT

## Bowhunter Certification and Bowhunter Instructor Class

The class will be the Field Day for the TPWD/NBEF online course. Complete the course and bring your Certificate of Field Day Entry to the class, which will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2014, at PSC Shooting Club in Friendswood, Texas. The address is 3121 West Parkwood Avenue, Friendswood 77546.

The bowhunter certification class will start at 9 a.m. and will run until 3 p.m. Bring your bow, six field tip arrows and your quiver or whatever you use to hold your arrows when hunting for the live firing exercise. We will also do some distance estimating exercises as well as discussions on proper shot placement and shoot-no shoot situations.

Wear footwear that is suited for outdoor work. Dress for the weather; we will spend some time outdoors, rain or shine, hot or cold. The outdoor work will include tracking a blood trail and handling game after the kill.

The classroom work will include presentations on tree stand safety, bowhunter ethics and shot placement.

Your Social Security number is required for the student application and the course fee is \$15, cash only please. There is a 25-question, multiple-choice test to pass for certification.

The Instructor portion will start at 8 a.m. and continue after the completion of the certification class for an additional one to two hours, as needed.

Bring a flash drive with at least 100 MB free space. I will download class outlines, PowerPoint presentations, and a number of formats to make your class documentation records easier. Most of the forms are in Excel and include a class log, student record information, expense sheet, a form for tracking statistical data on the test (if you wish to track it). A bonus is a Jeopardy game for bowhunting.

If you are not an active Hunter Education Instructor, request an Instructor Forms Package from TPWD ([kathryn.powell@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:kathryn.powell@tpwd.texas.gov)) and get your Game Warden Interview completed before the Instructor class. We will complete the rest of the forms in the class. Also, go to the TPWD website and complete the online "How to become a Hunter Education Instructor" course.

If you are an active HED Instructor, you do not need another game warden interview, just the additional application and other forms.

There is no fee for the Instructor class.

After you complete all the above, call me at (281) 992-7366 to register for the class(es) and to get the gate code to PSC.

Thanks for your interest.

Joe Drobniak • [jdrobniak@hotmail.com](mailto:jdrobniak@hotmail.com)

## RMEF Sponsors Class



*Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation sponsored a hunter education class, provided lunch, door prizes and a rifle drawing in Conroe on October 12. Thanks to RMEF for providing lunch and paying each of the 62 student's \$15.00 course fee!*

## IN MEMORIAM



**Edgar "Ed" Lewis Gerhardt III**

Houston

Began Hunter Education service in 2007.



**Glenn Sutton Miller**

Houston

Began Hunter

Education service

in 1976.



**Walter "Gene" Norton**

Baytown

Began Hunter Education service in 1972.

## Welcome, Monica Bickerstaff

KC, we're not in Kansas anymore! KC, my black lab\*, and I landed in TPWD's North Texas Education Center (Grand Prairie) on Monday, June 3, 2013. I am the new Hunter Education Training Specialist - North Texas, filling the vacancy created by the promotion of Robert Ramirez.



*\*Sadly, KC crossed the Rainbow Bridge on August 16, 2013. It's as if he made sure I was settled in and would be well cared for in Texas, which I am, before crossing over. I miss you big guy.*

Though new to Texas, I am not new to hunter education. Prior to joining TPWD, I served more than eight years as Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's (KDWPT) assistant hunter education coordinator, bowhunter education coordinator and furharvester education coordinator. Before joining KDWPT's staff, I volunteered as both a bowhunter and hunter education instructor. During my tenure with KDWPT, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting many of the TPWD personnel with whom I now work. I am thrilled to now be a part of a program viewed nationally and internationally as being at the forefront of hunter education innovation!

A bit about me ... I am a native of northeastern Kansas. In my youth I was my father's little shadow as we dipped our fishing lines in bodies of water around our home. As a family we spent

hours camping, fishing and exploring the outdoors while chasing critters my brother needed for his 4-H entomology projects. As for hunting, well, I married into the sport. When LD and I married I was informed he eats when hungry, sleeps when tired and goes hunting and fishing anytime he wants, so if I wanted to spend time with him I was going to have to take up hunting. Little did he know I would take the challenge to this extreme!

Today I enjoy the pursuit of turkey, white-tailed deer, upland birds, small game and furbearers. Though my method of choice is bow hunting, I have been known to take up firearms or traps before going afield. I do, of course, continue to enjoy fishing and exploring the outdoors.



I hold two degrees from Kansas State University. There is no use in trying to convert me - once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat!

I look forward to working with each of you as we continue to pass along our hunting heritage from deep in the heart of Texas!

## Success - In More Ways than One!

Two north Texas youth successfully filled Managed Land Deer Permit (MLDP) program permits during a recent mentored hunt on ranchland bordering the banks of the Red River. The hunt proved prosperous in more ways than one.



Each youth - one young lady and one young man having recently attained their required Texas hunter education student certification - were selected to participate in the mentored hunt. After a safety briefing, each youth made their way to blinds accompanied by a parent or guardian and a Texas hunter education instructor/mentor experienced in the

pursuit of white-tailed deer. In a matter of minutes for one young hunter, and a few short hours for the other, tags were being completed, photos snapped and experiences of the hunt were being relived. Rumor has it one of the mentors was literally thrilled to tears to have shared in the youth's successful first harvest experiences.

Harvest data including date of harvest, sex and weight was collected for each deer harvested. A jawbone was removed, and labeled, from each deer for a wildlife biologist to age the harvests at a later date. Hunters, parents/guardians and mentors returned to camp to share in one another's hunts. All retired for the night with smiles from ear-to-ear.

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## Success, continued

After rain, thunder and lightning shortened the next morning's pursuit of a hog, coyote or other nongame animal, the young hunters received instruction in skinning and quartering in preparation for further processing at a later time.

The efforts of the passionate, seasoned hunters/mentors resulted in their passing on the hunting heritage to two members of the next generation of hunters. A successful hunt — in more ways than one!



## Northeast Texas Regional Youth Hunter Education Challenge

The 4th Annual Northeast Texas Regional Youth Hunter Education Challenge (NETRYHEC) was held at the Arlington Sportsman's Club (ASC) on Saturday, October 5. This year the event consisted of six activities: muzzleloader, .22 rimfire, shotgun, archery, skills trail and a written responsibility exam. There was a maximum of 1800 points possible in the competition.

The Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) is a National Rifle Association (NRA) program designed to test and teach kids the fundamentals of hunting and hunting safely. Twenty-seven youth participated in the YHEC with each activity staffed by a combination of 4-H, NRA and TPWD hunter education instructors, many of whom are ASC members. Three Tarrant County game wardens – Chelle Mount, Wei Wei and

Travis Porter – worked various event activities. Thank you all for helping make the YHEC a successful event.

While every youth participating in the YHEC, in whatever capacity, is a winner, we wish to recognize the overall winners as follows:

<b>SENIORS</b>		
5th Place	Ben Terry	992
4th Place	Luke Womble	1020
3rd Place	Ryan Murphy	1063
2nd Place	Nicole Hankey	1140
1st Place	Logan Maus	1177

<b>JUNIORS</b>		
5th Place	Brendan Eaglen	1135
4th Place	Kendall Hankey	1163
3rd Place	Seth Chapman	1211
2nd Place	Daniel Lindstrom	1381
1st Place	Nathan Collins	1428

From all the comments, I know the kids had a great time, and I want to thank the ASC members and Board of Directors for making the ASC facilities available for this event.

David Hammonds  
Director, NETRYHEC, Texas Hunter Education Area Chief



## Looking Ahead

January 10-11, 2014

THEIA Annual Area Chief Meeting, Annual Instructor Conference & Banquet in Conjunction with Dallas Safari Club 2014 *Generations* Convention and Sport Expo

# WEST TEXAS REGIONAL REPORT

JIMMIE CAUGHRON



## Frick Receives Hall of Fame Plaque

Area Chief Virgil Frick (Lubbock) receives his 2012 Hall of Fame plaque and token of appreciation from Jimmie Caughron during one of the many training sessions. Frick has certified more than 5,300 students since joining the instructor corps. Congratulations, Virgil!

## Instructor Training

Regional hunter education staff has been busy facilitating statewide instructor trainings focusing on the basic hunter education course delivery format approved during the August 2013 TPW Commission meeting. West Texas instructors have been afforded the opportunity to attend trainings held in Amarillo, El Paso, Lubbock and San Angelo. Additionally, new instructor trainings have been conducted.



**New Instructor Training**

### Amarillo



### Lubbock



### El Paso



# THEIA REPORT



## President's Letter

As I write this, I am breaking in a new computer after finding the old one dead. The good news is that the new one has much better format and is a lot faster. The bad news is the cost and the delays while an old dog tries to learn new tricks. To add to the problem, I have been catching up on all the work I should have done while I was away in South Africa. I would be glad to answer any questions or share any information about South Africa or safaris that you would like to have. (After three trips, I finally got my leopard.)

The regional YHEC at the Arlington Sportsman's Club in Mansfield was a great success. David and Jeanette Hammonds, and all their volunteers ran a well-coordinated event. The turnout was the best yet, and was completed on time in spite of a cold rain that threatened all day.

The annual meeting next spring will be in the DFW area, co-ordinated with the Dallas Safari Club meeting. Monica Bickerstaff, who replaced Robert Rameriz in north Texas, is heading up the event. I am sure she would welcome any assistance we can provide. Don't miss this, it will be even better than last year in San Antonio.

Keep your powder dry.

Bob Boswell  
President, THEIA



**Annual Area Chief Meeting, Annual Instructor Conference & Banquet  
in Conjunction with  
Dallas Safari Club 2014 *Generations* Convention and Sporting Expo**

**January 10-11, 2014**

**Registration: \$50 per individual – Completed form must be received by January 3, 2014.**

- Fee includes Saturday banquet, Convention/Seminar/Exhibit Hall day pass (up to \$30 value) and free shuttle to and from participating hotel.

**January 10, 2014 (for Early Arrivals – 1PM-4PM) – Dallas Convention Center’s Lower Level, 650 S Griffin St, Dallas, TX (Pick up credentials on the lower level to access to the convention)**

- Attend Dallas Safari Club 2014 *Generations* Convention and Sport Expo Journeys Seminars
- Visit the Booths of Hundreds of Exhibitors from Local Shops to African Hunting Lodges
- Meet and Greet at THEIA Banquet Hotel begins at 7PM- Sheraton Suites Market Center, 2101 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX

**January 11, 2014 – Dallas Convention Center’s Lower Level, 650 S Griffin St, Dallas, TX**

- Area Chief Meeting – 9-10:30AM; Instructor Conference – 10:30AM – 12PM
- Attend Dallas Safari Club 2014 *Generations* Convention and Sport Expo Journeys Seminars
- Visit the Booths of Hundreds of Exhibitors from Local Shops to African Hunting Lodges
- Enjoy THEIA Social Hour, Auctions and Banquet at Sheraton Suites Market Center – 5:30PM  
*\*\*New or gently used silent and live auction items needed!\*\**

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***THEIA Banquet Hotel:***

***Sheraton Suites Market Center  
2101 North Stemmons Freeway  
Dallas, TX***

***Book Hotel Reservations through  
Dallas Safari Club’s  
Attendee Hotel Reservation link at [www.biggame.org](http://www.biggame.org)  
to receive the  
Average nightly convention rate of \$99+tax (Maximum Guests/Room: 4)***

***Dallas Safari Club offers free shuttle service to and from hotel.***



**Texas Parks & Wildlife Department  
and  
Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association  
Invite you to attend the**



**Annual Area Chief Meeting, Annual Instructor Conference & Banquet  
& Dallas Safari Club 2014 *Generations* Convention and Sporting Expo**

**January 10-11, 2014**



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*Includes Saturday Banquet, DSC 2014 Generations/Seminar/Exhibit Hall pass (up to \$30 value) and free shuttle to and from participating hotel.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I plan to attend the AC Meeting, Annual Conference & Banquet  
and Dallas Safari Club Vendor's Displays.

I will bring the following guest/s: **(Please Print Names)**

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