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## New &amp; Noteworthy

ANN MILLER – EDITOR  
TPWD Aquatic Education CoordinatorWet Kittens, Flying Worms  
and Warm Hearts

Wet kittens mewling from the chimney and frequent downpours just added to the ambience of the rustic Old Dining Hall at Parrie Haynes Youth Ranch where our Angler Education Area Chiefs gathered in April. While we shared our knowledge, learned some new skills and figured out how to teach new instructors the art of angler education, we continually dodged or caught flying worms (read "Chumming for Volunteers").

Warm hearts resulted from Conservation Education Coordinator Nancy Herron's welcome. She asked our Area Chiefs to read poems that are part of the Water Works Wonders media campaign. Those poems helped all of us remember our own favorite fishing experiences—and **why** we spend nights and weekends teaching youth how to fish and enjoy Texas' beautiful waterways. Noel Rodriguez had us teary-eyed as he described his favorite story.

Besides getting to know each other better, highlights of the weekend meeting included a very enlightening presentation about water resource issues by **Dick Luebke, Research Director of Heart of the Hills Research Station**. Dick encouraged each of us to learn more about our local water issues and to find out about our Regional Water Planning Groups. Those groups will be making some very important decisions

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## Monofilament Recycling Program Casts Into Freshwater

As a volunteer Angler Education Instructor, you have the opportunity to help expand the Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program (MRRP). The program started on the coast in Port Aransas and Port O'Conner with some very energetic and environmentally conscious school groups. (See "Teacher and Students" on page 3.) Now MRRP is catching on among freshwater enthusiasts who want to reduce the amount of monofilament fishing line in the environment and raise public awareness about the hazards caused by monofilament line left in the environment.

Indoor monofilament recycling bins made of cardboard can be situated at bait and tackle shops, marinas or other locations convenient to anglers. The outdoor recycling bins are made of six-inch, white PVC pipe and stand about three feet tall. They are generally mounted on posts at boat ramps and marinas, making them easily visible and accessible.

Led by Lynda Folts, the Post Oak Chapter of Master Naturalists and the Boy Scouts of America have placed 36 bins in six counties in tackle shops and at TPWD Boat Ramps and state parks on North and East Texas waterways. Lynda and her husband Terry, both Angler Education Area Chiefs, are setting a standard for promoting MRRP, involving local organizations and obtaining PVC materials from local resources.

### How can you and your group get involved?

1. Identify locations for indoor and outdoor bins, asking permission of site owners to establish the bins.
2. Complete the MRRP Volunteer Agreement and send it to the Sea Grant office (see the Web site <http://mrrp.tamu.edu> or call (979) 845-3854).
3. Order indoor bins from Pure Fishing (877) 777-3850, Ext. 3850 or make outdoor bins out of PVC pipe (directions on the MRRP Web site).
4. Place the bins in their locations.

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regarding our water resources and citizens should be involved as much as possible. To identify your region and the meeting times and locations, check the Web site: [www.twdb.state.tx.us/rwpg/group\\_info.asp](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/rwpg/group_info.asp) or [www.texasstateofwater.org](http://www.texasstateofwater.org)



*Ronnie Ray illustrates proper fly-casting.*

Fly-casting instruction, led by TPWD Executive Staff-member Ronnie Ray and fly-tying instruction led by Guy "Doc" Harrison and Keith Masters gave us more to enjoy.

Kayaking would have been a real challenge in the swollen Lampasas River and

fishing was very iffy. Nevertheless, we managed to have a wonderful meeting, swapping stories and jokes after dinner on the Old Dining Hall porch.

Thanks to these Area Chief meeting attendees for their many contributions to our program. New instructors can call on Area Chiefs for help in getting their programs going.

Dan Cone, Llano  
 Bill Crumrine, San Antonio  
 Thomas Danner, Houston  
 Lynda Folts, Mabank  
 Terry Folts, Mabank  
 James Galpin, Houston  
 Guy Harrison, Kerrville  
 Al Hieronymus, Texas City

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 Mike Howes, McKinney  
 Larry Larson, Amarillo  
 Keith Masters, Fredericksburg  
 Noel Rodriguez, Austin  
 Mike Sanning, Dallas  
 Peggy York, San Antonio

For other Area Chiefs, last minute situations kept several from attending the meeting. We missed you and hope that you can make it next year.

Interested in becoming an Area Chief? Contact one of our Aquatic Education staff (see names and contact information on page 7).

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5. Monitor the bins on a monthly basis or more often if needed.
6. Collect and weigh the fishing line and fill out the data form (found on the Web site).
7. Send the data to Sea Grant (online or by mail; directions given on the Web site). The data will be posted on the MRRP Web site and Sea Grant will use this information to provide documentation about the program's effectiveness.
8. When around 3 pounds of line have been collected, pack it in pre-paid boxes and ship it to Pure Fishing, a subsidiary of Berkley. Pure Fishing recycles the line into pellets that can be made into other plastic products including tackle boxes, spools for line, fish habitats and more!

For more information about the Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program and locations of both indoor and outdoor recycling bins, check the Web site at <http://mrrp.tamu.edu>. If your organization or club would like to learn more about or participate in the MRRP project, contact John O'Connell at (979) 245-4100, [j-oconnell@tamu.edu](mailto:j-oconnell@tamu.edu) or Ann Miller at (512) 389-4732, [ann.miller@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:ann.miller@tpwd.state.tx.us)

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# PARTNERSHIPS

## Teacher and Students Start a Statewide Monofilament Recycling Program

CHERYL PARK

Cheryl Park is Science Investigations teacher at Brundrett Middle School in Port Aransas.

**This year my 7th and 8th graders in the science investigation class at Brundrett Middle School decided to embark on a service-learning project designed to recover and recycle monofilament fishing line.**



Living on Mustang Island, a barrier island on the Gulf Coast, my students and I are very concerned about the local environment. For the past year my class has been working with graduate Fellows from the University of Texas Marine Science Institute. Their participation in the GK12 project (see web site below) gives them the opportunity to do field work in different habitats (salt marsh, sea grass meadows, jetties and sandy beaches) on Mustang Island.

During their field work they noticed that there was a whole lot of discarded monofilament fishing line tangled in the rocks and partially buried in the sand. On several occasions, they found sea birds (dead and alive) entangled in pieces of the line. They contacted Tony Amos at the Animal Rehabilitation Keep (ARK) and he recounted many stories of birds, turtles and other wildlife brought into the ARK that had been entangled or had ingested monofilament line. Some of these had been saved and released while others had died or been too disabled to ever be released back into the wild. The kids started asking what they could do to prevent the birds, turtles and wildlife from being harmed by discarded monofilament line. So a research project was born!

My students discovered that when left in the environment, **monofilament fishing line can**

**take 600 years to break down** and even longer if left underwater where UV rays do not reach. They used the Internet to research and discovered that other states and even other countries already had monofilament recycling programs in place. They e-mailed various state agencies and were surprised to find that no such program existed in Texas. So they set to work and planned a program for Port Aransas. With the help of John O'Connell, a marine extension agent with Calhoun County, the program is expanding throughout the Texas coast (and inland) with participation from Texas Sea Grant, Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The students put together a PowerPoint presentation and other educational materials and began the task of obtaining community support for their project. To date they have made presentations to the Port Aransas ISD School Board, the City of Port Aransas, Keep Port Aransas Beautiful and the Kiwanis Club. They have talked to the elementary students and have had a poster contest. They have worked out on the beach during sponsored events such as Beachology and Sand Fest to educate people about discarded monofilament line. Whenever my students are out checking the bins, they are often approached by anglers who commend them on their project. Fishermen are definitely buying into the whole program!

**With the help of donations the students have built outdoor recycling bins constructed of PVC pipe.** Their first bin went up on the south jetty in February of this year. Now they have eight other bins located on piers and at marinas around Port Aransas. They have also placed six indoor bins in local bait/tackle shops. Their goal is to install a total of 15 to 20 outdoors bins and 15 indoor bins.

**Every two weeks (or more often) the kids collect the line from each bin, clean it, weigh it and send it to Pure Fishing to be recycled.** The company accepts the collected fishing line, melts it down and reuses it to make tackle boxes, line spools and artificial fish habitats. The data that is collected is also sent to Sea Grant where it goes into a database of all the collection sites. So far, my students have weighed in over **15 POUNDS** of monofilament line. Just imagine how many birds, turtles, fish and other wildlife might have become entangled in that much line!

School is nearly over for this year but the students are signing up to help with the project during the summer. They are also planning to become peer mentors to the next group of students in Science Investigations. The students are performing a valuable, significant and necessary service that has real consequences for the community and our environment.



**Be sure to check it out:**

<http://www.utmsi.utexas.edu/people/staff/dunton/GK12/summercourse.htm>

<http://dorado.port-aransas.k12.tx.us/~island/mrrp.ppt>

# PARTNERSHIPS

## Sportfishing Quiz Bowl Winners Announced

The first statewide 4-H Sportfishing Quiz Bowl for youth was held Jan. 24, 2004. The final results put the senior Smith County Bass Assassins in the winners' circle shared in the junior category by the Smith County Junior Bass Assassins. Smith County was obviously well prepared. Each team member of the winning teams received a rod and reel combination.

This highly competitive event was sponsored by the Wildlife and Fisheries Program Unit of the Texas Cooperative Extension. The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) graciously offered their training facility at Lake Buchanan Dam to house the event. Teams of four youth could register in the senior or junior age category. This year's quiz bowl registered four senior teams and three junior teams.

Each age category competed separately in double elimination contests pitting two teams in each round. Each round consisted of 30 questions — one specifically to each individual contestant and the remainder as toss-ups to whoever pushed their electronic button first. Random bonus questions, attached to a specific number of the toss up questions, earned extra points as long as the attached toss up question was answered correctly. Example questions included: "Are fish cold blooded or warm blooded?", "Name two submerged aquatic plants.", "Is it legal to shoot a largemouth bass with a bow and arrow?", "PFD is an acronym for what safety device?", and various identification questions of fish, fishing lures and fishing reels.

Competition was fierce throughout the competition, down to the final round which is the only round open for public view. The senior competition went into extra rounds to break the ties. This made for an exciting, breathtaking finish. The juniors were equally competitive.

The 2005 Sportfishing Quiz Bowl is in the planning stages. For more information about next year's Sportfishing Quiz Bowl, contact Larry Hysmith at (979) 845-4865 or lhysmith@tamu.edu



*With  
Baited  
Breath*

STEVE CAMPBELL  
Aquatic Education –  
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Texas

## Chumming for Volunteers

There is no limit to the extremes that aquatic education specialists like Brenda Justice and I will go through in order to convince others to join the cause and spread the gospel of Angler Education. We provide our Angler Education volunteer instructor candidates with their very own bait bag of minnows and worms. Not so special, you say? Ah, take a closer look, dear reader ... closer still ... why it's yummy candy!!

Here are a few tips if you'd like to create your own bait bags. I prefer to utilize Ju-Ju Fish candies as opposed to Swedish Fish for bait bags, primarily due to price. Not only are Ju-Ju Fish larger and less expensive, but in my humble opinion, they are a bit tastier than the other product. Ju-Ju Fish come in cherry, orange, lemon and lime flavors and are color coded to indicate each flavor. Bait bags, depending on the size of each class and the number of resealable sandwich bags I have to use, vary in the amount of Ju-Ju Fish, anywhere from four to ten candy fish per bait bag.

The best bait bags consist of more than just minnows (Ju-Ju Fish). I also include either Gummi-Worms or sour candy worms and sometimes both, if I'm feeling really

generous. (Gummi-Worms are probably slightly healthier. I believe they are fat free.) But I think that if one is making a bait bag, it is only logical to include worms as a bait!

I also like to include at least two (2) Life-Saver candies in each bait bag. What is the significance of including Life-Savers candies one might ask? Well ... duh ... what if someone falls in the water? Well, that's the way I pass it off. And I must add at this point that I have NEVER lost a single instructor-in-training to drowning.

Now, all kidding and my particular brand of foolishness aside, I feel that I must caution you, dear reader/volunteer instructor, that bait bags (as described in this article) should not be given to children participating in your program. This is because these candies (with the exception of Life-Savers) are not individually wrapped. They are, however, guaranteed to bring a few smiles to the faces of your adult volunteers.

**Now go out there and take  
their baited-breath away!**

# FLY FISH TEXAS 2004 — Rain, Rain Go Away!



Despite several tense minutes around eight in the morning with threatening skies apparently ready to burst open, volunteer Walter McLendon and Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) staff-member Brent Holubec pulled off a beautifully organized youth fly fishing program this year at TFFC's *Fly Fish Texas*. "We were wearing windbreakers and wishing for gloves for the first hour or so, but the enthusiasm of both volunteers and kids enjoying the program warmed us up ... with sunshine helping now and then," joked Brent.

Around 90 kids received their Basic Fly Fishing pins, while several others made it through the Intermediate Level. With more volunteers next year, we can offer the Intermediate Level in a bigger way and give all our volunteers more time to enjoy the show. Please consider reserving March 5 next year to volunteer and enjoy this wonderful event at TFFC.

*A careful participant identifies stream critters.*

*Aquatic Education Coordinator Ann Miller coaches several young fly fishers as they search for those elusive stream critters.*

PHOTOS BY LARRY HODGE, TPWD



# Fly Fishing for Summer Campers

GUY HARRISON

This June, half a dozen members of the Hill Country Fly Fishers (HCFE) Education Committee will introduce 20 more youngsters to the world of fly fishing at Camp La Junta outside of Kerrville. This makes our fourth year to teach fly fishing at Camp La Junta and we are looking forward to working with a new group of youngsters.

HCFE's fly fishing program is short but comprehensive, covering the Basic Level in Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) youth fly fishing program. The kids are divided into four groups, which then rotate through classes over the next five evenings. Hands-on activities are part of every class, helping to make the learning experience memorable. Campers will tie their own flies and basic knot types, practice casting and identify locally-collected aquatic invertebrates. While examining the aquatic invertebrates, they will also learn about water quality and human impacts on water quality. Safety in and around water is a must for all campers.

On the final day of camp, participants will receive a cer-



tificate and pin from TPWD to mark their achievements. But the fun is just beginning for them because all 20 youngsters will get a chance to fish during the week following the program's conclusion. Students who use this opportunity to practice their new skills for the first time typically have an 80% success rate (all fishing is catch and release)!

The Hill Country Fly Fishers encourage other Texas fly fishing clubs to develop partnerships with TPWD's Aquatic Education staff and local youth organizations to provide similar youth fly fishing opportunities in their communities. If your club would like to learn more about how HCFE organizes our youth fly fishing classes, please feel free to contact me at: [gunyon003@aol.com](mailto:gunyon003@aol.com)

## Lake Tawakoni Angler Education Kick-Off

LYNDA FOLTS

The East Texas Angler Education Team held its 2004 season kick-off event Saturday, Feb. 28, at Lake Tawakoni State Park. Park manager Ken "Doc" Watson, his wife, Friends of Lake Tawakoni State Park members Carolyn Crowder and Ron and Roylenne Huff, arranged and hosted the event which was sponsored by The Sportsman's Foundation. The Foundation's



Shane Johnson, was on hand with donated prizes and bait for the children, while the Wills Point Kiwanis Club volunteers grilled a fine lunch for all.

Angler Ed Instructors Jeff Geer, Lynda Folts and Terry Folts were on hand to assist Ken, demonstrating casting, fish habitats, fish anatomy, ethics and angler safety. Billy Autrey, our fly fishing expert on loan from the Brazos Valley Flyfishers, was also on hand for the day's events. Jeff brought his new Angler Education trailer equipped with all the essentials and our Junior Anglers enjoyed a great casting exercise.



Once the kids were properly armed with all essential skills and a few Kiwanis hotdogs, we set out for a little old-fashioned "Texas fishin'" at the rainbow trout-stocked pond near the park's entrance. We spread out along the bank and the friendly competition for Shane's prizes began in spite of the chilly weather. Our young anglers reeled in a few trout, a largemouth bass and a few catfish to claim awards from Mr. Johnson, capping off the day's festivities. Thanks to Ken and our sponsors, we enjoyed a great day at beautiful Lake Tawakoni. With great teamwork like this, the 2004 season is shaping up to be our best ever here in East Texas. See ya at the pond!



BRENDA JUSTICE  
Aquatic Education –  
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# Angler Education Volunteers Get Down and Dirty

After a full morning on the water pulling in crab traps all Gib Larson could say was, "I think I am going to go home and take a nap." Gib is a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Angler Education volunteer who recently helped TPWD staff at the Chocolate Bayou Boat Ramp during the 3rd Annual 2004 Crab Trap Removal Program in February. A total of 13 volunteers assisted at this cleanup

site, pulling in over 200 traps. Out of the 200 plus traps pulled in at the site, Gib and the Brazoria County game wardens providing the boat pulled in 53 traps in one trip. Not a bad haul!



Volunteer Gib Larson unloads abandoned crab traps at the Chocolate Bayou Boat Ramp with the assistance of Brazoria County game wardens Nick Harmon and Andy Ozuna.



All along the coast, volunteers and staff were hard at work tugging and pulling abandoned crab traps out of the mud and hauling them to shore. In all, over 3,300 traps were collected. Abandoned crab traps or "ghost traps" not only create marine debris, they become death traps for crabs, fish and a variety of organisms. Repair costs to boat motors and fishing equipment are also negative impacts of these abandoned crab traps. Thanks to Gib and many other volunteers, damage by "ghost traps" is being reduced.

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# Golbow Elementary Teaches Fishing and Conservation

MARK FOBIAN



Golbow Elementary (Katy, Texas) Angler/Conservation Club began in September of 2003. The club has been a huge success, educating 26 new members each six weeks consistently since its inception. Angler members meet once a week for 30 minutes to learn all aspects of fishing, including learning about the different types of fish and their habitats, the importance of conservation, what bait should

be used to catch each fish, how to choose appropriate rods and reels and the casting techniques for each.

The club concludes each six-week segment by applying their three hours of classroom training during a special fishing trip. The fishing trip is on a 190-acre private ranch located in Katy, Texas. Mr. Herman Meyer graciously donates the use of his land, which includes three ponds fully stocked with largemouth bass, sunfish and several different types of catfish. Several world-class elk, white-tailed deer and buffalo also inhabit the ranch, giving the members a chance to see and appreciate other wildlife. We also encourage members to bring their families to the outing and share their acquired knowledge. This reinforces the

knowledge, moves it to a higher learning level and also gives them a wonderful family memory.

Many of the club members had their first fishing experience through these organized fishing trips. The club has already educated 104 students in the program this school year and the enthusiasm continues to grow. We are excited to be able to bring the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Angler Education curriculum to our members and look forward to continuing this curriculum and growing our membership.



*The Golbow Elementary Angler/Conservation Club would like to thank its sponsors: Golbow PTA, Midway Market and Deer Processing, Zebco, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Herman Meyer. These generous sponsors provided angler supplies, equipment, refreshments, the land and the fish required to give members a real fishing and outdoor experience.*

## OPPORTUNITIES

### BASS BRIGADE 2004

Bass, the popular game fish, will join the bobwhite quail, white-tailed deer and wild turkey to form the nuclei of the award winning *Texas Brigades*. The 1st Battalion of the Bass Brigade will be June 27-July 1 at Lower Colorado River Authority's (LCRA) McKinney Roughs Nature Center outside Bastrop. The Bass Brigade is an aquatic wildlife education and leadership development program held in a 4-1/2 day camp targeting 13- to 17-year-old high school students with no less than a 'B' average.

The camp is designed to teach life skills and increase knowledge of aquatic wildlife and habitat management. In addition to a heaping dose of ecology, participants learn skills in photography, entomology, art, water safety, fishing, leadership, communication and team building. The result is a 100-hour crash course in growing up.

Recruitment of adults is also necessary to staff the camp. These volunteers must be willing to spend five days in close contact with the youth cadets. It will be the best short course on fisheries and aquatic habitat management to be found for the price. There is no cost to volunteers unless you count loss of sleep. The camp

is organized and run by volunteers from various government agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses and individuals all interested in teaching youth about the great outdoors. Bass Brigade sponsors at this time are Texas Cooperative Extension, LCRA, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Wildlife Association, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Sonic Drive-In, Blue Bell Creamery, Colorado River Foundation and Kids on the Colorado Foundation.

Cadet and volunteer applications are available on the Texas Brigades Web site, [www.texasbrigades.org](http://www.texasbrigades.org) or contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at (800) TEXWILD or [h\\_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:h_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org). For more information on the Bass Brigade and to volunteer time or resources contact Larry Hysmith, Camp Coordinator, at (979) 845-4865 or [lhysmith@tamu.edu](mailto:lhysmith@tamu.edu).

### NEW ANGLER AWARDS TO RECOGNIZE FISHING ELITE

Catching a big fish can be just as much a matter of luck as skill. But, it takes more than luck to catch several different big fish.

There is an elite group of anglers who prove their ability regardless of the water they fish, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wants to recognize their achievements through a new Elite Angler Awards program.

A component of TPWD's Angler Recognition Awards program, the Elite Angler Awards honor anglers who attain five different freshwater or saltwater big fish awards. Separate categories will recognize freshwater and saltwater anglers.

The program begins May 1 and is open to anyone. There is no time limit to gather the required five different fish species to qualify.

Anglers who achieve this ranking will be announced at the end of the year and will receive a special certificate commemorating their accomplishment.

For more information about the Elite Angler Awards program, contact Joedy Gray, TPWD Angler Recognition Awards Coordinator, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744, phone (512) 389-8037 or e-mail [joedy.gray@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:joedy.gray@tpwd.state.tx.us) Information about the program is also available online at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

# Handy Dandy Rod Holders

If you are looking for a simple, handy project for your fishing club or group, building fishing rod holders might be just for you. Once they are completed, these rod holders help keep your fishing rods organized and they are easy to transport.

## To start this project, purchase the following supplies:

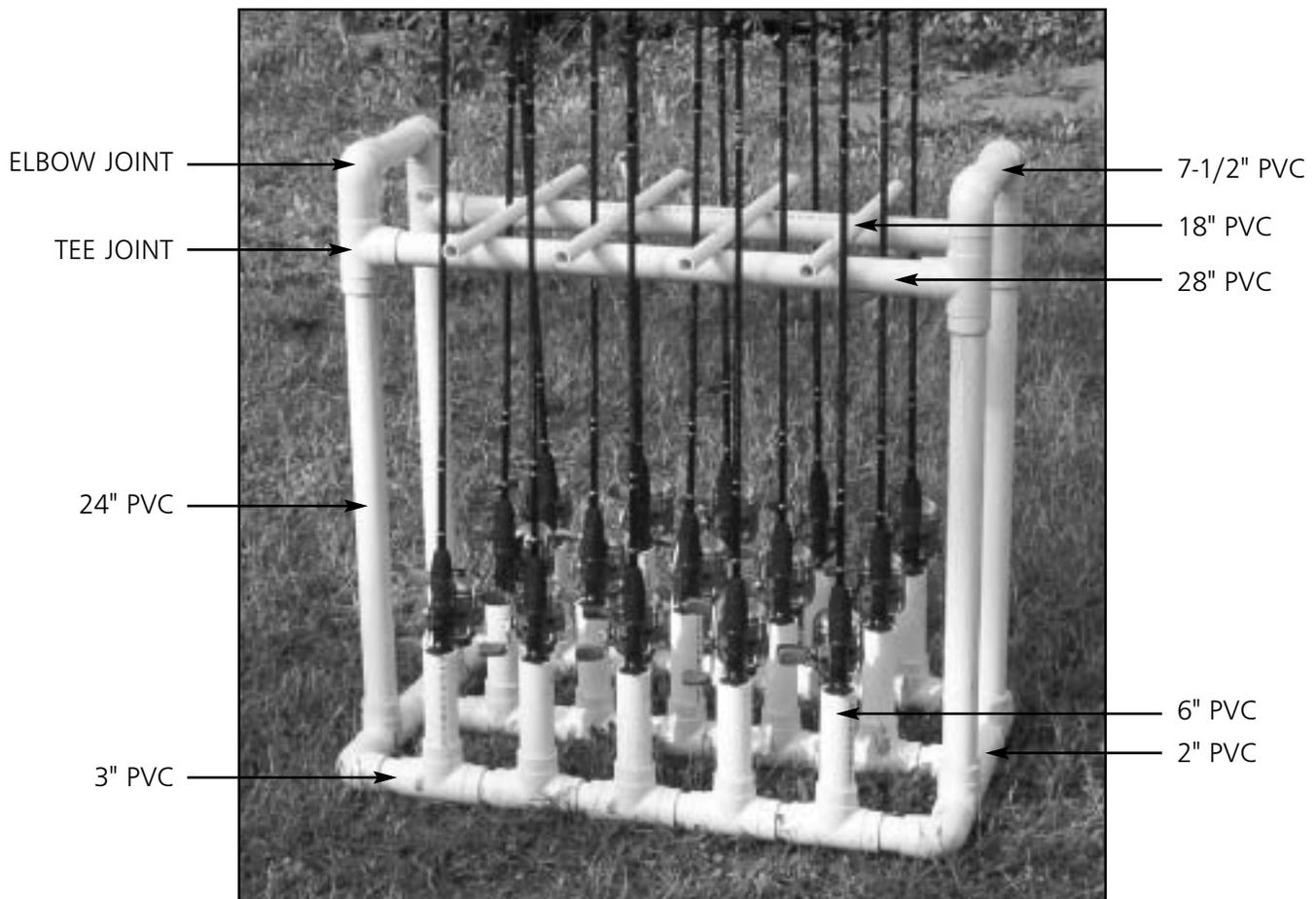
- 8 1-1/4" PCV elbow joints
  - 23 1-1/4" PVC tee joints
- Approximately 21' of 1-1/4" diameter PVC. Cut into the following pieces:
- 4 1-1/4" PVC pipe, 24" long (legs)
  - 2 1-1/4" PVC pipe, 28" long
  - 2 1-1/4" PVC pipe, 7-1/2" long (handles)
  - 12 1-1/4" PVC pipe, 2" long (used as connectors)
  - 18 1-1/4" PVC pipe, 3" long (used as connectors)
- 6' of 1/2" diameter PVC pipe. Cut into the following pieces:
- 4 1/2" PVC pipe, 18" long (bars on top)
- 8 2" long bolts with washers and nuts
  - 8 oz. can of PVC Cement
  - 8 oz. can of PVC Primer
  - Drill and saw
  - Can of spray paint for plastic (optional)

*Note: The supplies listed above include pre-cut pieces of PVC pipe that are 1-1/4" in diameter and will complete the construction of one rod holder. A rod holder can also be built using 2" diameter PVC pipe. Keep in mind that it will depend on the width of your rod handles.*

Except for the 1/2" top bars, connect all other pre-cut pieces using the diagram below. Do not glue them together with the cement until all pieces are in place and they fit properly. This gives you the option to go back and reposition the pieces if you accidentally place them in the wrong spot. Once the holder is assembled, then working a section at a time, prime and glue all the connecting pieces.

When all of the 1-1/4" pieces are glued together, then the 1/2" pieces are placed on top of the rod rack. The four 1/2" pieces are used as dividers and are placed about 5-1/2" apart. These dividers are attached using the 2" bolts, washers and nuts, so you will need to drill holes in the pipe pieces and along the top of the rack to connect the 1/2" pieces to the top of the rod holder. If you wish to jazz the holder up a bit, it can be painted.

When transporting your rods and reels in one of these holders, it is best to break down the rods and connect the top portion of the reel to the bottom with rubber bands or twist ties. You can keep them rigged and ready to go if necessary, however; if you leave hooks attached, make sure they are not swinging loosely.



# Welcome New Instructors!

Listed are the new instructors certified between January and May. If we have accidentally left someone off, please let us know. We encourage you to team up to teach. It's fun, easier and a great way to support each other. Just call the Austin office if you would like to team up with one of these new instructors.

CASSIE A. ROBERTSON	ALLEN	MITCH JORDAN	BRYAN	JAMES I. POLAND	CONROE
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