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News

**DEF has a new name OTF
Outdoors Tomorrow
Foundation**

**Please See Letter from OTF's
Chairman on the new name
change page 4**

**Curriculum Writers Needed -
\$25.00 per hour page 2**

**A MUST Read Article regarding
Hunting and Conservation in
the United States –
GREAT Statistics to share with
your Outdoor Adventures
Class**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DSC S.A.F.E.T.Y. Event – Sept. 23, 2017
- YWCE – January 5, 2017

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1761481>

**AMAZON DONATION TO DEF
GO TO THE LINK AND SUPPORT THE
DEF. AMAZON WILL DONATE 5% OF
YOUR PURCHASES TO THE DEF.**

Curriculum Writers – 2017 Outdoor Adventures

\$\$\$\$ Need a little Extra Money \$\$\$\$

The OTF Still Needs WRITERS!

Need lesson updates/writers for the following units:

Boater Education, NASP, Orienteering, Survival Skills,
Camping, CPR/First Aid, Outdoor Cooking

Need curriculum writers for NEW Units: Ice Fishing, Tackle
Crafts, Mountain Bike Camping, Backpacking

**DEF's New Name OTF
Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation**





Teacher Training

RSVP for each training. I have provided several dates for each training. Please check your schedules and let me know today! The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Hunter Instructor and Boater Education will require some homework prior to the training. I will review the requirements for each upon your RSVP.

If you need training outside of Texas, contact state Department of Natural Resources or Scot McClure to assist you in locating training near you.

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Outdoor Skills Workshops (Orienteering, Rock Climbing, Dutch Oven Cooking, Birding and much more) <http://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/outdoor-skills-workshops-seminars>

Hunter Instructor Classes

Dumas	Wed Nov 2, 2016	8:00 AM	(806) 930-5655	
AUSTIN	Sat Nov 12, 2016	9:00 AM	(512) 633-0164	(Please bring the completed documents found @ http://tpwd.tex)
FORT WORTH	Sat Nov 12, 2016	8:30 AM	(512) 923-3509	(@ Texas Motor Speedway Longhorn Council Camporee randy.spr)
CORPUS CHRISTI	Sat Feb 4, 2017	8:00 AM	(361) 853-8644	

NASP – Basic Archery Instructor Pre-register at: www.naspbai.org

To receive further information or register for any of the courses below please contact Burnie Kessner, burnie.kessner@tpwd.texas.gov.

Nov 19, Cooper High School - TX

Angler Education Instructor Classes

Dec 3, 2016, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Buda, TX, caleb.harris@tpwd.gov, 512-389-4472

Jan. 21, 2017, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Austin, TX, caleb.harris@tpwd.gov, 512-389-4472

April 1, 2017, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Austin, TX, caleb.harris@tpwd.gov, 512-389-4472 **(NEW Course Fly Fishing Instructor)**



DEF Becomes Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation (OTF): Our Name is Changing – Not Our Mission!

Dear Outdoor Adventure Educators,

The Dallas Ecological Foundation, a qualified 501 (c)(3) organization, is changing its name, but our mission remains the same. Our mission statement is, “...to teach outdoor education and to promote and fund conservation of wildlife worldwide.” We have decided to change our name to the **Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation** to match our commitment to national growth in furthering our Outdoor Adventures’ education program and conservation efforts. Outdoor Adventures has grown exponentially through recent years. Currently, our unique Outdoor Adventures program is offered in 285 schools in 15 states including our home state of Texas. We continue to grow and currently have over 28,000 students enrolled in Outdoor Adventures with over 150,000 graduating students since inception.

We are excited about the future of our Outdoor Adventure program as well as our conservation efforts, but we believe that by changing our name and doing business as (dba) the **Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation** we would be better positioned to expand Outdoor Adventures to over 350 schools by the end of our fiscal year in June 2017 and to recruit and retain over 500 schools to the program by 2018. We are developing a national brand which will serve the organization better as we expand and grow within the outdoor education and conservation industry in the future. Become a member, sponsor, or donor of the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation today and help us grow!

David Price

Chairman
Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation

Hunters' Contributions to U.S. Wildlife Conservation

Responsive Management has produced a new article detailing hunters' contributions to wildlife conservation in the United States. The article provides an in-depth look at the sources of funding from hunters and how these funds are spent, from wildlife management and species recovery to the work of federal and state fish and wildlife agencies and nonprofit organizations.

The article discusses various sources of funding, including the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 (commonly known as the Pittman-Robertson Act); the Federal Duck Stamp (a required purchase for any duck hunter in the U.S.); licenses, tags, and permits purchased by hunters in each state; and membership dues and donations from nonprofit organizations like Ducks Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, which are largely supported by hunters.

The article then breaks down how the funding from hunters is spent, including Pittman-Robertson revenue apportionment, the many ways in which nonprofit organizations contribute to conservation in the U.S., and how hunters' contributions manifest in the work of fish and wildlife agencies. A summary of fish and wildlife agency resources and assets compiled by senior staff at the Arizona Game and Fish Department makes clear the importance of hunter dollars on the state agency level alone (Responsive Management thanks Larry Voyles and Doug Burt for providing this information):

- 50,000 employees;
- 11,000 degreed biologists;
- 8,400 certified law enforcement officers;
- 190,000 volunteers working with the agencies annually;
- 465 million acres of land managed or controlled by agencies;
- 168 million acres of water managed or controlled by agencies;
- And a total of 990,000 square miles of wildlife habitat--almost four times the state of Texas and more than 10 times the size of all five Great Lakes combined.

Also covered in the article are examples of various wildlife species that have rebounded thanks to management efforts supported through funding from hunters:

- The whitetail deer population went from less than 500,000 in 1900 to more than 30 million today;
- Wild turkey went from under 650,000 in 1900 to more than 7 million today;
- The wood duck, extremely rare in 1900, has increased to 5.5 million today;
- The Rocky Mountain elk has gone from 40,000 in 1900 to about a million today;
- There were just 13,000 pronghorn antelope in 1900 compared to about a million today;
- And while just 25,000 bighorn sheep roamed North America in 1950, that number has climbed to 80,000 today.

The article provides a full discussion of the other ways in which hunter dollars are spent, including support for wildlife management areas, scientific conservation studies and biological research, other species recovery and wildlife management efforts, and habitat conservation.

The full article has been posted to the NRA's Hunters' Leadership Forum website, [available here](#).

[Please click here for the full article.](#)