

TEXAS ANGLER
EDUCATION PROGRAM**Reel Lines**

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New & NoteworthyANN MILLER – EDITOR
TPWD Aquatic Education Coordinator

■ The newest addition to TPWD's Aquatic Education Team is **Brenda Justice** who works out of our Dickinson office south of Houston. She comes to us from the Coastal Fisheries Division, and in the three months she has been on the job, she is already making a name for herself as a go-getter. Chris Lena relinquished that part of his territory to Brenda and many thanks to him for helping her get started. If you live in the Houston area, Brenda is now your go-to person. See her contact information page 4 and her article on page 2.

■ **Free Fishing Day** is on Saturday, June 7th this year. We would like to publicize any fishing events planned around the state on that date. Please contact me with any information you might have on events planned in your community. Or, if you would like to volunteer to help at any events we may be planning, please let me know (contact info – page 4).

■ We would like to hear from any of our instructors who have been teaching the Junior and/or Master Angler program and who would like to help us train other volunteers as instructors. These trainers of volunteer instructors will be called **"Angler Education Area Chiefs."** To become an "Area Chief," you must attend a one-day training that will include a special field trip that is still in the planning stage. We have planned this meeting for March 22nd, 2003. If you are interested, please contact your nearest Aquatic Education Specialist or me.

Continued on the next page**Youth Fly Fishing
is Taking Off**

Although many think of Colorado or Montana when they think of fly fishing, Texas has more anglers involved in fly fishing organizations than any other state in the United States. The sport is growing in Texas by leaps and bounds, with opportunities for both salt and freshwater fly fishing, with warm water species being fished year-round and with trout being stocked in many rivers and lakes during the winter. (Check TPWD's Web site for stocking schedules.)

Requests for youth fly fishing training have been mounting since the Boy Scouts of America added a Fly Fishing Merit Badge last year. With this in mind, Guy Harrison and members of the Hill Country Fly Fishers field-tested fly fishing activities with youth last spring at Camp LaJunta near Kerrville. At this training, Guy and fellow club members instructed youth in fly fishing basics, giving them a start in a life-long sport that is becoming a passion for many. The activities were modified and adapted from the TPWD Junior and Master Angler program. Now, in partnership with Federation of Fly Fishers clubs in Texas, the 4-H Sportfish program and other fly fishing groups, TPWD is launching its Basic Fly Fisher and Intermediate Fly Fisher training for youth this spring.



Jess Huth, winner of several fly fishing awards, tries his luck.

Fly fishing classes for youth are all hands-on, engaging them in fly casting, fly tying, knowledge of fly fishing equipment, knowledge of aquatic ecosystems and knowledge of fishing

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New & Noteworthy

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- Our Inland Fisheries division is supplying us with **First Fish** certificates that you can give kids who catch their fist fish when you are with them. Contact the Aquatic Education Specialist in your area for these certificates. If you take a picture of a youth with his or her fist fish caught (not in a stocked setting) and send it in to me with child's name, date, place and how it was caught, it will be put on our TPWD Web site. Kids love to tell other kids they are on the Web site.
- An apology for an editorial goof in the last issue. Some of you may have caught the wrong word used for the device used to keep shrimp nets from capturing sea turtles. Christina Conner, our coastal expert pointed out that her wording "turtle excluder device" was changed to the wrong word, "turtle extruder device."
- **Thanks very much to all our volunteers who made Expo a huge success this year. We certified over 650 new Junior Anglers!**

Steve Campbell teaches how to assemble basic tackle at the 2002 Texas Wildlife Expo.



Fishing with Dad

BRENDA JUSTICE Aquatic Education – Houston/Galveston

Thinking back about growing up in South Texas brings a flood of fond memories of fishing with family and friends. Whether they were trips to the sparkling waters of Matagorda Bay or the muddy rank waters of a cattle stock pond, it didn't matter. A day fishing was worth its weight in gold and the perfect topic to brag about the next day in school. Most children do not care if they catch a trophy fish and I was no exception. However, I will never forget those fishing trips with my dad or the gigantic flounder that got away.

Looking back, I now realize that my dad must be the most patient and the bravest man to ever live. He would pack up all of his fishing gear, thoroughly check his boat, and make about a two-hour trek to the bay to take three little girls fishing. It was on one of those trips that I lost the biggest flounder I have ever seen. Of course when you are five years old, everything seems big.

Eventually, Dad ended up selling his boat to have money to buy his little girls new bikes for Christmas. Boat or no boat, we still went fishing. Through those experiences, he gave me a gift to last a lifetime. He taught me that fishing is not always about what and how many fish you catch. Fishing is about spending quality time with your family and friends. It is about appreciating the great outdoors and sharing with others your time and skills. Fishing is about creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Youth Fly Fishing, continued

safety, ethics and regulations. We will be targeting youth ages 12 through 17, but everyone will of course be welcome. As with our Junior and Master Angler awards, each Fly Fisher will receive a certificate and a pin upon completion of the course. Fly fishing instructors for this program will be certified TPWD Angler Education Instructors and will be provided access to an additional training kit and an instructor guide specifically geared to fly fishing basics.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff will provide instructor training to adult fly fishers who are interested in teaching youth fly fishing skills at our first training on February 22nd at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. Members of Texas affiliates of the Federation of Fly Fishers are sponsoring this three-hour training, but it is open to other adult fly fishers as well who want to share their passion of fly fishing with Texas youth. If you would like more information about this training, please contact Ann Miller (512) 389-4732 or ann.miller@tpwd.state.tx.us.

Mark your calendar also for Fly Fish Texas at Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center on March 15th where you can immerse yourself in this exciting sport and see the youth Fly Fisher activities in action. For more information about Fly Fish Texas check the TPWD Web site or call the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens.



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VOLUNTEERS

Making a Difference

Helen Mueller's 4-H Sportfish Adventures



her 18-year-old daughter Heidi as volunteer Angler Education Instructors. Their Santa Fe Wranglers 4-H Club became Junior Anglers at the 4-H Sportfishing Day Camp in Galveston in June. But that was just the beginning of their summer adventures. At the end of June, they took a tour of the Texas City Prairie Preserve, learning about the different species of marine life living in both the marsh and bay water. They also learned about the importance of preserving wetlands for marine life and for

This summer Larry Hysmith with the Texas Cooperative Extension trained Helen Mueller and

different species of waterfowl that migrate to the area in winter or live there permanently. They encountered one special citizen of the Texas City Prairie Preserve, the endangered Attwater's Prairie Chicken, which is the most endangered bird in North America.

In July, several members of Helen's 4-H club participated in a Wranglers 4-H Club Sportfishing Day Camp at Highlands Bayou Park in LaMarque, certifying new Junior Anglers and introducing other kids to fishing activities. Later, the club members put their skills to work by participating in the Texas City Tackle Time Fishing Tournament. One team member, Daniel Maniscalco, remained on the leader board in the youth division throughout the tournament and placed second and third in the crab division with two crabs over 8 inches. Way to go, Daniel!



Hooking City Kids

NOEL RODRIGUEZ

It's a ritual many of us shared, our fathers waking us before sun up to go fishing. In our house, it was my younger brother getting everyone motivated and ready to fish. One particular dark early morning after laboring on the tips of his toes making coffee for Dad, my brother carefully made his way from the kitchen through the house without spilling a drop of coffee anywhere. Just when he approached our still sleeping father, he spilled the coffee down Dad's chest and stomach. When we went fishing, my father had several places to put burn cream that day.

Now, my favorite moments come when I feel the excitement of learning and participating in a great life experience through the kids in my after-school Angler Education

program. I have worked with so many young people who have never experienced anything of the outdoors. No nights spent outside with a flashlight in a pitched tent in the backyard. No camping. No ghost stories around an open fire. No fishing. I remember not feeling like I could ever get enough of being outdoors.

Once, a young lady in my program who did not have any fishing experience insisted on using an artificial lure she had made the previous day. She asked me how to use the lure, and as she caught a bass on her third cast. The lights, bells and whistles were all going off and she was hooked. Anyone watching her would know her life had shifted.

One Saturday, when I had planned a fishing trip for local

junior high school students, I arrived at the designated time to find only two youth waiting for me. One of them was one of toughest kids I have ever instructed. Surprisingly, it was this kid who took me around the neighborhood to pick up as many of the other kids as possible. It was his efforts that made it a great trip for everyone else.

Every day reminds me of my early fishing years. My only hope is that I have given some of these kids memories that they will treasure and experiences that go a long way towards helping them be better anglers, but more important, better people.

Noel works with the Capital Area Extension Service and has been using our Junior and Master Angler program for three years.





With Baited Breath

STEVE CAMPBELL
Aquatic Education –
Dallas/Ft. Worth

Confessions of a Landlubber

Not long ago I was in the Corpus Christi area. With my business concluded, I thought a little bit of R&R was in order.

One of my friends suggested I might ask Captain Bob if he would take me out in his boat. My friend then pointed Capt. Bob out and whispered a magical phrase in my ear, "Spanish Mackerel."

I can count the number of times I've fished saltwater on one finger. Despite being a dyed-in-the-wool landlubber, there was absolutely no way I was going to pass on the opportunity to count maritime fishing on an additional digit.

I sauntered up to the good Captain and made my petition. I thought that with the right touch of humility, I would be wetting my line on the high seas in no time. And as planned, The Captain granted my request.

In short order I found myself on the rear deck of Capt. Bob's Boston Whaler. The boat flew across the water and when its bow plowed into the crest of the each wave, I was drenched from head to toe. I wiped the brine off my face and looked forward to each successive wave. I even began pointing out distant waves that I thought would be great fun to crash into.

Then the boat stopped

I scanned the horizon and realized that I could barely see the shoreline. I rose to my feet – a mistake for sure – and leaned over to Captain Bob and said, "Bob, don't turn off the engine."

"Ever?" he asked.

"Ever!" was my immediate and emphatic response.

It wasn't long before I became keenly aware that I made three very horrible mistakes. One, I had asked Capt. Bob to take me out. The second was I had eaten a late breakfast. And the third was a combination of two natural phenomena – the tide was going out and there was an onshore breeze. Although the waves were generally gentle, around 2 to 3 feet, every so often swells of 5 to 7 feet came along. The small ones I am still convinced I could handle, but the larger ones did me in.

I soon began to feel queasy... Oh, all right! I was darn well sick to my stomach! Within a few minutes I was leaning over the gunnels, desperately trying to rid myself of that last meal consumed on shore.

One of my shipmates suggested I watch the horizon. Well, that would have been a good idea *IF I COULD HAVE SEEN THE HORIZON!* It disappeared too often when the boat sank beneath the larger swells.

I tried for a moment to watch the deck of the boat, but this only proved to make matters worse. All I could do was pick out a cloud in the sky and try to focus my attention on it. This plan worked, except for one tiny miscalculation on my part. The bait bucket was located between my feet and if anyone wanted a fresh shrimp, I was the go-to-guy. After each re-baiting, I found myself leaning back over the gunnels.

"Capt. Bob," *BARF!* "I think..." *EERGGHHH!* "we should..." *OH MY!* "go back now!" I managed to speak between my moments of involuntary heaving. Despite his sadistic nature, Capt. Bob must have found a soft spot in his heart and he turned the boat back toward the safety of the harbor and the comfort of terra firma.

All I can say about this adventure is that *I am a landlubber* and will always be a *landlubber!* Suffice to say, I yam what I yam. *Toot toot!*

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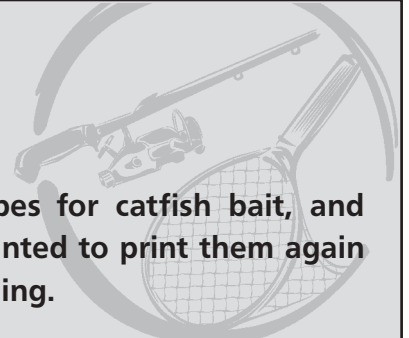
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For the Love of Catfish

CHRIS "MUDCAT" LENA, Aquatic Education – Austin/Central Texas

Several of our new instructors have requested my recipes for catfish bait, and although I printed the recipes about three years ago, I wanted to print them again and offer encouragement for instructors to take youth fishing.



Making catfish bait is easy and a fun way to involve the kids. Remind kids that catfish eat all kinds of live and dead prey, using their keen sense of smell to find prey even in muddy water. That is why they are attracted to the smelly bait in the recipes below.

Catfish are easy to catch in almost every body of water in Texas, but be sure to show kids the right way to hold catfish to avoid injury from the dorsal spines or better yet, tell them to let an adult remove the hook.

When fishing for catfish, which are structure-loving fish, keep the bait within a foot off the bottom or right off the bottom. Look for

stumps, brush piles (natural or man-made), rock outcroppings, secondary points, ledges or where a creek empties into a river or lake. A sinker will bring your bait to the bottom. Give your bait at least 15 minutes for the fish to find it. Pre-baiting with soured grain/cottonseed cakes or range cubes will aid in bringing catfish to your fishing spot. Sometimes catfish will suspend in large schools in a river, and when they do this, you'll need a depth finder to locate them.

So enjoy and let us know what works best on your next catfishing trip. By the way, since I've been in angler education, I've been given the nickname "mudcat" due to my love of catfish. These baits can be fished on rod and reel or trotlines. Good luck!

CATFISH BAIT RECIPES

Not for human consumption!

1 Gallon of chicken or beef blood
1 pound of flour (not self rising)
5 pounds of cottonseed meal
2 cups of sugar
1/2 small bottle of vanilla extract

Mix all together and if too thin, add more flour, too thick add more blood or water. Use this fishing with treble hooks.

8 oz. cod liver oil
8 oz. anise oil
1 bottle of clear Bait Mate from Sporting Good Retailer
turkey wieners

Mix first three ingredients together. Cut wieners up in 1 inch pieces and soak them in the above ingredients for 24 hours and then you're ready to fish with either single or treble hooks.

Package of strawberry or raspberry instant gelatin
Turkey wieners

Dissolve gelatin mixture. Cut wieners up in 1-inch pieces and soak them in the liquid gelatin for 24 hours. Use with single or treble hooks.

1 cup flour
1/2 cup water
1 can sardines packed in oil
1 tablespoon cooking oil
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/4 cup of salt
4 tablespoons flaked tropical fish food

Thoroughly mix all ingredients and cook over low heat until it becomes difficult to stir. The dough should bind on the spoon to form a single mass. Remove and flatten on wax paper to cool. Store in an airtight container. Use with treble hooks. For long-term storage, place in refrigerator.

4 bars of Ivory soap (family size)
1/2 cup of sugar
1/2 cup of water
Sheet of wax paper or aluminum foil

In a small pot, combine sugar and water and dissolve. Shave soap into the water mixture and heat over a low fire. Stir until soap is melted. Pour soap mixture onto paper. Wet your hands to avoid burning and soap from sticking. Pat soap into flat mass approximately 1/2 inch thick. Cut into cubes while soap is warm and place in an airtight container or zip-lock bag to retain moisture. **DO NOT LET SOAP COOL BEFORE CUTTING—IT WILL BECOME BRITTLE!** Soap bait will be pliable and easy to use either with single or treble hooks.

You Said It — Survey Results

ANN MILLER – TPWD Aquatic Education Coordinator

In August we sent out a survey to all our current volunteer Angler Education instructors to get some feedback about the program. Your response was wonderful. We had about a 20% response rate, double the return of most surveys. Here are some highlights of the survey. And keep those lines of communication open. We want to hear your suggestions, your successes and lessons learned as angler education instructors.

REQUESTS

Quite a few people wanted us to send them the new Junior and Master Angler Instructor Guide. We hope you all received them in good order, but if you didn't, or if you want one now, please contact your nearest Aquatic Education Specialist.



Several of our volunteer instructors have noted the lack of teaching materials for aquatic habitats. We now have three posters (West Texas Cienega, Pineywoods and Coastal Wetland) which are perfect for demonstrating aquatic habitat. The Pineywoods and Coastal

posters have sets of fact sheets about the plants and animals depicted in the posters. See the order form on page 11 to order the poster and fact sheet sets. Contact me for the West Texas Cienega poster. It is free. (Here is your prize for reading this issue of *Reel Lines*!)

Another cool tool to teach about aquatic habitats are three aquatic habitat drawings created by Christina Conner, our specialist in Corpus Christi. The drawings depict a coastal jetty habitat, a freshwater river habitat and a coastal wetland habitat. You can ask students to draw in plants, animals, structure and anything else you would like to illustrate in the habitat. Of course, kids will enjoy coloring the habitats, too. Contact me or Christina to send you a copy of the drawings which you can then use to make copies for your students.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

One instructor wanted to contact other instructors in her area to see if they would like to teach Junior and Master Angler as a team. If you would like to make a connection with another instructor in your area, contact the Aquatic Education Specialist in your area (see page 4 for contact information).

Two instructors suggested that we put our order forms and reporting forms in electronic form so that they could simply e-mail them to us. If you would like a copy of both forms that you can fill out on your computer please contact me.

Quite a few people said they were interested in advanced fishing classes. We are in the process of setting up some of those classes. See the schedule on page 8 for a tacklecrafting class in April and check our Web site for other classes that will be posted in the coming months as they are scheduled.

One instructor suggested that TPWD hold yearly events where instructors and their students (in a local area) could get together, do some fishing and share ideas. This type of informal gathering of people with common interests would increase motivation to share fishing with youth.

Another instructor could use a publication that would provide ideas for suitable places to teach angler education classes where there is shade, bathrooms, tables and a good place to fish. We don't have a publication at this time, but if you will check with your nearest Aquatic Education Specialist, he or she will be able to give you some good ideas.

Teaching Tips from the Front Lines

Several instructors took the time to send in some wonderful ideas for teaching fishing skills. We are always looking for good ideas to make it easier to pass on our love of fishing, so keep sending your tips to any of our Aquatic Education Specialists or to the editor who can make sure they get in the next *Reel Lines*.



This Boy Scout learns fishing knots from Volunteer Instructor Mark Carpenter.

Larry Larson, a volunteer instructor from Amarillo, sent this excellent idea to teach knot-tying:

Larry tells students that the saddest story he hears is about someone losing a fish because the hook came off the line. He works with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Webelos who know most of the six basic knots. He demonstrates by tying a square knot in a piece of monofilament line, puts some tension on it, and shows that it will pull right out. Knots that are good for ropes will not necessarily work on monofilament.

Larry makes large (2" to 3") practice "fish hooks" out of coat hanger wire and gives the students 20# or 40# monofilament line to practice the knots. Then he uses white nylon rope/cord and a very large eyebolt to make it easy for the students to see how he ties the knot.

Jim Parker shows young anglers how to measure a fish.

Robert Parks from the Houston area sent in these very interesting tips:

- Did you know that an aluminum soda can is a very economical and lightweight alternative to a rod and reel? If you are backpacking or just don't happen to have a rod and reel with you, you can simply wrap the line around one end of the can and cast it out by holding the other end. People along the coast have been doing this for years.
- As we stress "fun" in fishing, put emphasis on safety. It is fun to dig for night crawlers for bait, but be sure about what is going in the bait bucket. Several years ago, two kids in Ohio dug up some "worms" that "stung" them. Evidently they were small snakes instead of worms, and the kids were harmed from the bites.
- Most of us learn to fish in fresh water and/or see bass fishing on TV. The angler is holding the fish by the lip. Freshwater anglers learn this method since fish are slick and hard to hold. However, many saltwater fish have teeth and putting the fingers in any saltwater fish's mouth should not be done.
- Did you know that the tips of the fins of a hardhead catfish have a poisonous substance that will cause pain if you get scratched or poked by them? It is also an anti-coagulant and care should be taken to keep from getting finned. I tell my scouts to ask an adult to use pliers to remove hooks from catfish to avoid this.



PARTNERSHIPS

4-H SPORTFISH EVENTS/TRAINING

Hands-on training to certify leaders in the 4-H Sportfishing program. Also receive certification as a TPWD Angler Education Instructor.

4-H Sportfishing Basic Leader Training

March 8, 2003

New Braunfels

Contact Larry Hysmith, (979) 845-4865.

AQUATIC ECOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Learn the basics of our water systems and the organisms that inhabit them. Workshop will cover technical information, sampling and collection techniques, available educational materials and educational delivery methods. Directed towards adult youth leaders and teachers.

March 22, 2003

Kerrville

Contact Larry Hysmith, (979) 845-4865.

April 26, 2003

Welder Wildlife Foundation, Sinton

Contact Larry Hysmith, (979) 845-4865.

4-H SPORTFISHING YOUTH CAMP

4-H Sportfishing Youth Camp July 21-24, 2003

LCRA Training Facility, Lake Buchanan.

Contact Wade Hibler, Burnet County Extension Office, (512) 756-5463.

AQUATIC CAMP

Aquatic Camp August 4-9, 2003

Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi.

Contact Frank Escobeda, Kleberg/Kenedy County Extension Office, (361) 595-8566.

TEXAS JUNIOR ANGLER SPRING SCHEDULE

DATE	HOST CITY	PARK
Jan. 10-12, 2003*	Ft. Worth	Ft. Worth Boat Show
Jan. 17-19, 2003*	Mesquite	Texas Fishing & Outdoor Show
Feb. 15-23, 2003*	San Angelo	San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo
Mar. 2, 2003	Colleyville	Colleyville Nature Center
Apr. 4-12, 2003*	Galveston	Galveston County Fair and Rodeo
Apr. 11-13, 2003*	Poteet	Poteet Strawberry Festival
Apr. 12, 2003	The Colony	Lions Club Park
Apr. 13, 2003	Cedar Hill	Valley Ridge Park
Apr. 19, 2003	Hereford	Aquatic Park Pond
Apr. 26, 2003	Rowlett	Lakes of Springfield
Apr. 26, 2003	Weatherford	Holland Lake Park
Apr. 25-26, 2003*	Brownwood	Lake Brownwood State Park
May 3, 2003	DeSoto	Briarwood Park
May 10, 2003	Watauga	City Lake Park
May 17, 2003	Farmers Branch	Gussie Field Park

* Catch Tank event

Please be aware that dates and locations are subject to change.

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OPPORTUNITIES for fishing fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Listed here are training opportunities and fishing-related events. You may want to participate or volunteer to help the Aquatic Education Specialists listed for each event. See their contact information on page 4. Some training and events are still to be scheduled. Check our Web site for updates.
(AED = Angler Education; NTEC = North Texas Education Center)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Jan. 25	AED Instructor Class	Baytown	Brenda Justice
Feb. 8	AED Instructor Class	McKinney Roughs, Cedar Creek	Chris Lena
Feb. 15	AED Instructor Class	San Antonio	Chris Lena
March 4	AED Instructor Class	Camp Lone Star, LaGrange	Chris Lena
March 15	AED Instructor Class	NTEC, Grand Prairie	Steve Campbell
March 22	AED Area Chief Meeting	Austin Headquarters	Ann Miller
April 5	Tackle Crafting Workshop	Flower Mound Middle School	Chris Lena
May 5	AED Instructor Class	Atlanta State Park	Steve Campbell
May 7	AED Instructor Class	NTEC, Grand Prairie	Steve Campbell
June 12	AED Instructor Class	Baytown	Brenda Justice
June 21	AED Instructor Class	NTEC, Grand Prairie	Steve Campbell
July 9	AED Instructor Class	NTEC, Grand Prairie	Steve Campbell

FISHING EVENTS

JANUARY

17-18	Reel Kids fishing activities - Texas Fishing & Outdoor Show, Mesquite	Steve Campbell
31 – Feb. 2	Junior Angler and other fishing activities for kids, Outdoorsman’s Fishing & Hunting EXPO, at the Reliant Arena in Houston	Brenda Justice

MARCH

1	Coastal Expo Reel Kids fishing activities and more, San Antonio	Chris Lena, Christina Conner
7 (tentative)	Reel Kids at Starr County Fair in Rio Grande City	
28-30	Reel Kids fishing activities, Houston Children’s Festival	Brenda Justice

APRIL 3

10	Junior Angler activities, Youth Day at Galveston County Fair and Rodeo	Brenda Justice
11 – 12	Junior Angler and Reel Kids activities, Totally Texas Festival, Deer Park	Brenda Justice
12	Children’s Day Out, Fishing activities, Marble Falls	Chris Lena
12 (tentative)	Junior Angler activities, Earth Day/ Bay Day, Corpus Christi	Christina Conner
26	Junior Angler, Sam Houston Scout Fair, Houston	Brenda Justice
26	Coastal Expo, Corpus Christi, from 1-7pm at the Memorial Coliseum on the bayfront.	Christina Conner

JUNE

7	FREE FISHING DAY Check our Web site in February for a list of activities planned for this date.	
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JULY

7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18	Outdoor Explorers Summer Camp for kids, Corpus Christi	Christina Conner
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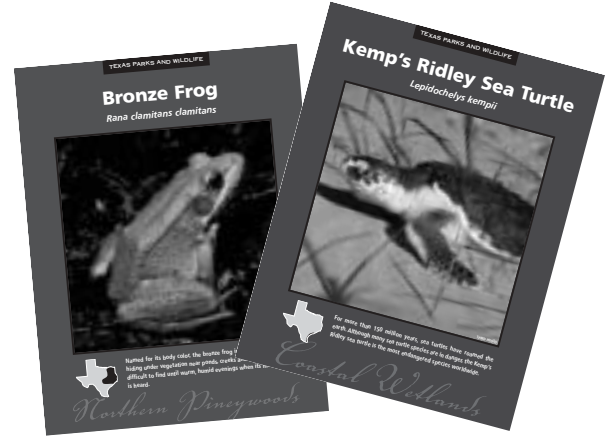
Welcome New Instructors!

Listed below are our new Angler Education Instructors certified between July and December 2002. 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.

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