

2009-2010 Texas Student Chapter Professional Development Award

Sponsored By Texas Wildlife Association

**Attention College Chapters of the
Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society!**

**Gain Valuable Experience!
Be a Voice For Conservation and Earn
Up To \$2,000 Dollars
in Support of YOUR Chapter's Efforts!**

(Total Sponsorship dollars to be awarded is \$5,000)

TWA understands that your mission is to get a good education, gain practical experience, and land a job doing your part for the future of fisheries, wildlife, and the natural resources they depend upon. Why not gain recognition and resources for your chapter in the process?

TWA's mission is to educate all persons, especially the youth of Texas, about the conservation, management, and enhancement of wildlife and wildlife habitat, particularly on private lands. TWA serves as an advocate for the benefit of wildlife and for the rights of wildlife managers, landowners and sportsmen in educational, scientific, political, regulatory, legal and legislative arenas.

We want to ensure that the leaders of tomorrow are well equipped and informed! We need your voice! We need your help! TWA and its partners (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Cooperative Extension, other NGO's, etc.) collaborate in many education venues. You can help make those happen. Wildlife Management field days and seminars, wildlife leadership camps, youth hunts, Texas Big Game Awards Banquets, urban outreach – there's a place for you! We also encourage you to design (or further) your own conservation programs, and increase your involvement in TCTWS sponsored activities.

By participating, you can:

- Gain Valuable Experiences.
- Network with Professionals.
- Find Possible Internships and Job Connections.
- Learn Information on Issues Impacting Your Future.
- Network with the Public.
- Establish Professional References.

By participating at certain TWA events and other conservation-based programs by providing voluntary service and outreach, you will receive points. The top Student Chapter record book will receive the **Professional Development Award**. There may also be an opportunity for a second and third place awards well.

Here is the point system:

- Special Events - Wildlife Expo, TWA Convention, Urban Outreach, School Programs, Etc. (20 - 40 points per event)
- Design and Conduct Your Own Conservation Education Activities (15-50 points; document program planning)
- Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society (TCTWS) Events (Wildlife Camp, Teacher Trainings, etc.) (20 - 40 points)
- Resource Management Activities (TPWD, NRCS, etc activities like prescribed burns, etc.) (10 - 30 points)
- Texas Big Game Awards Banquets - (20 - 40 points)
- Texas Youth Hunting Program Events - (20 - 40 points)
- Texas Brigades Camp - Adult Leader or Committee (10 points per person involved)
- Field Days, Wildlife Management Seminars, Symposia - (20 - 40 points)
- TWA Membership - (10 points per new member)

*** POINTS ARE AWARDED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CHAPTER MEMBERS INVOLVED AND THE EXTENT OF INVOLVEMENT***

Each Club must complete a year-end record book with signed event forms (see enclosed) for each event. Please make copies for use throughout the year. Record books will be due on January 31 annually. The Student Chapter with the most points from January 1 through December 31, will be presented with the top **Student Chapter Professional Development Award** for your Club at the TCTWS Annual Meeting, sponsored by the Texas Wildlife Association.

Please do not hesitate to call or email us with any questions, comments or concerns at (800) 839-9453. Again, thanks for all you do to help champion natural resource education.

Yours for a clean and enjoyable outdoors,
The Texas Wildlife Association

For TWA Event locations and dates, please first see the TWA Magazine, visit www.texas-wildlife.org, or call or email the following program directors or coordinators:

Texas Big Game Awards

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Texas Youth Hunting Program

Jerry Warden: 800-839-9453, ext. 121
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TWA Education Programs, Field Days, Conservation Initiatives, and Outreach

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Some Suggestions from the Judges for 2009-2010 Record Books

DO's:

- Provide detailed explanation of your events. For example, some books had multiple school programs that all seemed identical – **be sure if a particular event is part of a series of similar events, that the explanation of the event clearly describes its uniqueness.**
- Provide pictures of **ALL** events.
- The signature line on the bottom of each “Record Book Entry Form” is for the person HOSTING the event (like TWA, TPWD, etc.) to sign, confirming your participation. A signature of a Chapter Officer or Chapter Advisor is NOT sufficient for this form.
- Please provide a table of contents in the front of your report, and group your activities into the appropriate categories.
- Emphasize individual involvement. An example would be: Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society Participation: John Doe was a member of the Publicity Committee, Jane Doe participated in Quiz Bowl, Joe Doe presented a poster, etc. A huge number of points are awarded to those Chapters with heavy Texas Chapter meeting participation. Significant points are also awarded to those that help with TWA events like the Texas Big Game Awards, the Texas Youth Hunting Program, the Texas Brigades, etc.

DON'Ts:

- Do not just say something along the lines of “18 people attended the Texas Chapter Meeting”, or “we participated in Quiz Bowl and helped with some of the Committees”, etc. Without knowing who participated in what, there is no way for us (the judges) to clearly delineate how many points to award to each participant. Please define these things for us so the points can be clearly allocated. (See last bullet above).
- Do not report on your chapter BBQs, volleyball games, fundraisers, meetings, speakers etc. Activities considered normal Chapter business WILL NOT count toward your total points for this award.
- Do not include internships, study abroad, help with doctoral studies, or activities not relating to The Wildlife Society.

**Texas Wildlife Association College Chapter
Record Book Entry Form**

(Please submit one entry form for each activity)

College Chapter Name: _____

Name of Person Completing Form: _____

Event: _____

Event Date: _____ Time Spent (in hours) _____

Number of Student Volunteers: _____

Please List Names of All Participating Student Volunteers:

Activity Description:

(Be thorough in your description of your activities and attach additional sheets if necessary.)