

## Lend a Hand

Volunteer for a L.A.N.D.S. Field Day

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After a lesson on how radio telemetry is used to locate animals, students are divided into groups to use equipment to track a live receiver.

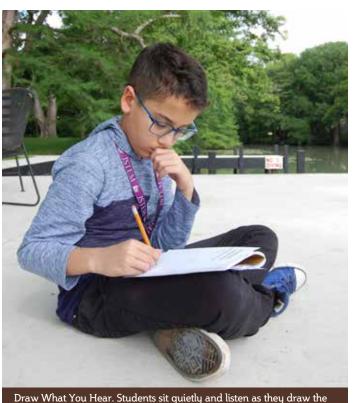




Insect sweep. Students are encouraged to find and identify insects in the field.

o further enrich our busy day-today lives and the lives of others, many of us seek impactful ways to volunteer our time. Whether it is helping a neighbor, contributing to a church fundraiser or dropping a family member off at school, the benefits of volunteering in the community can be even greater for the volunteer than for the recipient.

Learning Across New Dimensions in Science (L.A.N.D.S.) is a program TWA offers through its Conservation Legacy



Draw What You Hear. Students sit quietly and listen as they draw the sounds of nature.

department. This intensive, yearlong, education program strives to impart natural resource knowledge and a connection to nature in teachers and their students while fostering values related to wildlife and land stewardship. So, what does that mean exactly? The Texas Wildlife Association is taking kids, teachers, parents and leaders OUTDOORS.

Volunteering for a L.A.N.D.S. Field Day, often conducted on a local private ranch, allows youths to experience hands-on learning beyond the classroom. Activities include lessons on radio telemetry in the field, water quality testing, quail nest predation and drawing the sights and sounds of nature.

None of these activities would be possible without the assistance of volunteers. By helping out at a field day, volunteers are rewarded by knowing they made an impact on the community and its youth by fostering a love for the outdoors.

Remember, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your day. Whether you are a new or long-time TWA member, we thank you for joining TWA and supporting its mission. We hope that you will show your support for TWA conservation education efforts by attending or volunteering at a L.A.N.D.S. Field Day near you.

For more information on volunteering for a L.A.N.D.S. Field Day, please contact Leslie Wittenburg, TWA Director of Education–L.A.N.D.S. Intensive Programs, at lwittenburg@texas-wildlife.org. ②

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