



# 25 Years of Texas Brigades

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**T**exas Brigades is a non-profit organization striving to educate and empower youth with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries and land stewardship. It also promotes conservation ambassadorship for a sustained natural resource legacy.

More than 25 years ago, Dr. Dale Rollins, an optimistic wildlife specialist with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, envisioned a way to expand educational efforts by developing wildlife ambassadors. His vision came to life in 1993 with the formation of the Bobwhite Brigade, prompting the development of a strong suite of similar programs, which ultimately became the Texas Brigades.

Today, Texas Brigades has a combination of educational programs, including our popular five-day summer camps, our advanced Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development (WILD) program and

our newest, one-day Texas Brigades Experience.

Texas Brigades hosts eight camp programs: two Bobwhite Brigades, two Buckskin Brigades, Bass Brigade, Waterfowl Brigade, Ranch Brigade and Coastal Brigade. These camps provide excellent summer experiences to youths across the state and country. Each camp is five days of intense, interactive, fun learning from top wildlife and natural resource professionals in Texas. Subjects covered include biology, habitat management, watersheds, population dynamics, ecology, botany, photography, journalism, firearm safety, fishing, communication, critical-thinking, team building and leadership.

This organization is represented by its outstanding volunteers, who contribute more than 10,000 hours annually, and its cooperating partners that include the

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Wildlife Association Foundation and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Texas Brigades strives to enhance the minds of youths with comprehensive information, a passion for the outdoors and natural resources, and a level of pride that comes with improved leadership and communication skills. Through all of our programs, we reach youths across Texas from rural areas and small towns to suburbs and cities and prepare them to be engaged leaders with a strong land ethic.

Come join us! ☺

For more information, visit our website at [www.texasbrigades.org](http://www.texasbrigades.org).





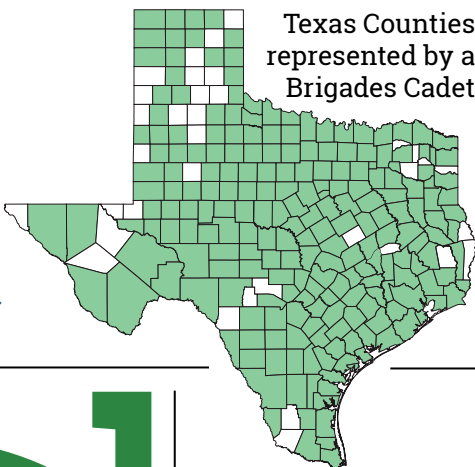
# Mission:

Educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.



# 115

Battalions



Texas Counties represented by a Brigades Cadet

# 223

# 900

Communities represented by at least one Texas Brigades Cadet

"Conservation leaders in every community."

Cadets representing 19 other states



# 2,979

Cadets graduated



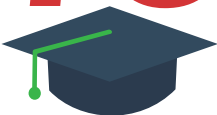
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Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development (WILD) Classes



Young ambassadors well versed in natural resource & wildlife topics

# 73



WILD graduates

# 41

College scholarships awarded in 2017



# \$50,000

In college scholarships awarded in 2017

# 80

Average number of camp hours volunteered annually per committee person



# 1,000

Hours volunteered annually per each camp committee

# 10,000

Hours donated annually by Texas Brigades volunteers

# \$150,000

Value of annual in-kind volunteer hours

