



# IMPACT ★ TEXAS

## OUR MISSION

Serving Texas wildlife and its habitat, while protecting property rights, hunting heritage, and the conservation efforts of those who value and steward wildlife resources.

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## 10,000 members strong!

Hunters • Anglers • Landowners • Conservationists • Wildlife Managers • Outdoor and Conservation Educators

## Hunting Heritage

***TWA promotes safe and ethical hunting and sound wildlife habitat management by preserving traditions and educating all citizens on the positive values of hunting and the great Texas outdoors.***

### IMPACT

#### Texas Youth Hunting Program (TYHP)

- 220 safe and educational hunts
- 1,630 youth hunters
- 158 landowners
- 1,561 trained Huntmasters statewide
- Partnership between TWA and TPWD

#### Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA)

- Over 1,300 entries for 2015-2016 season
- Recognizes Youth, First-Timers, Hunters, and Landowners
- Hosts regional Sportsman's Celebrations
- Partnership between TWA and TPWD since 1991
- Awards \$15,000 in Conservation college scholarships annually

## Issues & Advocacy

***TWA wants you, your children and grandchildren to continue to have a place to go and enjoy the great outdoors. If you like to hunt, fish, or skip rocks on a pond, TWA helps to preserve these freedoms we enjoy today.***

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- Promoting the "Public Values of Wildlife on Private Lands" in Texas
- Pursuing 2017 Legislative Priorities - Eminent Domain Reform, Funding for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Water, Deer and Wildlife Issues
- Reaffirmed groundwater as a vested, real property right in Texas through legislation (SB 332 in 2011) and support of property owners in 2012 Texas Supreme Court Case (The Edwards Aquifer Authority and the State of Texas v. Burrell Day and Joel McDaniel)
- Actively opposing increased federal government regulation of Texas land and natural resources through the Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Land Management, and broadened scope of the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act
- Protecting agricultural/wildlife management property tax valuations
- Advocating for voluntary species conservation efforts as alternative to proposed federal designations of threatened or endangered

TWA is an advocacy group focusing on protecting private property rights and promoting and preserving our hunting heritage. TWA actively influences outcomes in state and national legislative, regulatory, and legal processes.

## Conservation Legacy

***Teaching youth and training teachers on the importance of native Texas wildlife and private lands stewardship. Incorporating Texas wildlife and natural resources into the classroom. Enabling land managers with best wildlife and natural resource management practices. Impacting Texas.***

### IMPACT

- Public Outreach – programs, special events, and publications: Over 215,000 direct and indirect contacts/year
- L.A.N.D.S. Distance Learning (videoconference and webinars), Discovery Trunks, and Wildlife by Design: Over 275,000 youth/year
- L.A.N.D.S. Intensive School Program: Over 10,000 youth/year
- Educator Workshops and Trainings: Over 800 educators statewide trained annually
- Texas Brigades (Youth Leadership Development Program): 2,600 students across Texas in the last 24 years
- W.I.L.D. (Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development): Advanced leadership for high school and college-aged ambassadors
- Land Management Workshops, Field Days and Symposia; Wildlife Ambassador Trainings; and Wildlife for Lunch Webinars - Reaching over 1200 adults annually
- Emerging Issues Education and Conservation Initiatives (representation on statewide advisory committees and task forces)

TWA is combating natural resource illiteracy with hands-on youth education, adult education, and conservation initiatives.

***Texas wildlife depends on Texas landowners!***

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