

Applications are due April 1, 2009!

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Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camp Application Form

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Brigades. Please read all of the instructions carefully. Admission to the Brigades program is a competitive process. Applications for each camp are pooled and then graded by a committee. The top 20-30 applications are selected and notified of their acceptance. We are looking for 13-17 year old students who are highly motivated, active in a variety of extracurricular activities and interested in the outdoors, wildlife, and natural resource conservation.

Please type or print neatly the information requested.

Applicant's Name: _____

Preferred first name for your nametag: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Belongs to: _____

Personal Email: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Shirt size (adult) – Please **circle** your choice: Ex Sm Sm Med Lg XLg XXLg

Name & fax number of your local paper: _____

Where (4-H, FFA, magazine, newspaper, website, etc.) or from whom did you learn about the Texas Brigades? _____

You may apply for one or all programs (Buckskin and/or Bobwhite/Feathered Forces and/or Bass). Your application will be directed to the appropriate camp coordinator. If accepted, we will do our best to accommodate your first choice, but cannot guarantee that. To accommodate the most qualified applicants, you will only be selected for one program. Select which camp(s) you are interested in attending and rank your preferences where appropriate. You do not have to rank all of the camps.

_____ **Bass Brigade**, July 13-17, 2009, Ft. Parker State Park, Mexia

Rank these 2 in order of preference (1 for most preferred, 2 for least):

_____ South Texas Buckskin Brigade, June 14-18, 2009, La Bandera, Carrizo Springs

_____ North Texas Buckskin Brigade, July 19-23, 2009, Stasney's Cook Ranch, Albany

Rank these 3 in order of preference (1 for most preferred, 3 for least):

_____ Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, June 20-24, 2009, Centennial Lodge, Coleman

_____ South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, June 28 – July 2, 2009, 74 Ranch, Campbellton

_____ Feathered Forces, July 26-30, 2009, Hilltop Conference Center, Nacogdoches

Out of the camps you selected, which is your 1st choice overall? _____

Members of the Texas Brigades should possess a strong interest in wildlife and natural resource conservation and management. Following completion of the camp, all cadets are encouraged to present educational programs for the public. Educational programs may be speeches, power point presentations, working at field days or wildlife programs, setting up demonstrations, etc. The Texas Brigades will equip you with the information, skills, and tools necessary to spread the word about conservation. Such efforts may be rewarded with hunts, fishing trips and other outdoor adventures, as well as scholarships, and other suitable awards.

On a separate page, please type a short essay (one page, single-sided) describing your reasons for wanting to be selected as a cadet for the Texas Brigades. Do not put your name on the essay page. Instead, put the last four (4) digits of your social security number in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Applicants will be informed of their selection no later than 30 days prior to the camp for which you have been selected.

Please read and sign as required:

I agree that, if selected, I will fulfill my obligations to become an ambassador for wildlife conservation.

Applicant signature

Parent/Guardian signature

Scholarships are available for anyone requesting assistance. Tuition for the camp is \$300, which is not due until you receive notification of acceptance.

___ Yes ___ No Please indicate if you would like more information about scholarships.

___ Yes ___ No Please indicate if you are interested in getting your Hunter Education Certificate if you are selected for a Brigade camp. This has no bearing on whether or not you are accepted. Hunter Ed is not offered at all camps.

___ Yes ___ No Please indicate permission to send a news release to your local paper if you are accepted to a Brigades camp.

Applications are due April 1, 2009. Please mail the application and essay to:

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For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at (800) TEX-WILD, (210) 826-2904, (210) 332-3560, or
h_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org or click on www.texasbrigades.org.

