

Welcome back educators!

*The **Texas Wildlife Association** believes that today's children are tomorrow's decision makers and have thus made it our mission to create an awareness of natural resources, our native Texas habitats and wildlife, and wildlife conservation related issues among Texas youth. TWA offers programs through our L.A.N.D.S. Outreach Division, to help enhance your classroom studies by providing you natural resource, habitat, and wildlife conservation educational materials that are fun, hands-on, TEKS aligned, and offered at no cost to you.*

Discovery Trunks are filled with lessons, activities, and hands-on materials that you and your students can utilize for two weeks. Discovery Trunks are a great way to further incorporate wildlife and natural resources into your classroom and curriculum! (see below for more information)

Distance Learning programs, currently offered via videoconferencing, bring wildlife and natural resources into your classroom for 45-minute sessions of LIVE, fun, TEKS-aligned learning, again at no cost to you! (see below for more information)

Discovery Trunk Reservation Process

Discovery Trunks are a great resource and in high demand – reserve your trunk now! Each school is allowed to reserve two (2) Discovery Trunks per semester, so please communicate with your team and team lead/coordinator and let them know of your reservation. Trunk reservations are handled first-come-first-serve. We will begin spring 2013 reservations in December 2012.*

- E-mail your area contact listed below, letting them know you are interested in reserving a Discovery Trunk.
 - **In this e-mail, please be sure to include your contact information, along with your school's name and district, and the trunk(s) in which you are interested in reserving.**

In response to your e-mail, you will receive the available reservation dates, the trunk's inventory, and further information regarding the lessons and TEKS alignment.

Once an available date is agreed upon, the return of our *Reservation Agreement* will confirm your reservation.

TWA will then take care of the rest!

- ✓ We'll ship the trunk to your school for you to then incorporate the activities and lessons into your classroom for 2 weeks!

- ✓ At the end of the 2 weeks, return the trunk to your school's office and TWA will schedule the pickup for you.

Discovery Trunk Contacts:

- If your school is located **inside Houston's Loop 610** - Contact Lynnsey Dohmen, ldohmen@texas-wildlife.org, 281-702-0988
- All other schools in **Harris and surrounding counties** (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, Waller, and Washington) - Contact Mary Pearl Meuth, mpmeuth@texas-wildlife.org, 727-366-1144
- Schools located in **Tarrant and surrounding counties** (Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Parker, or Wise) – Contact Leslie Wittenburg, lwittenburg@texas-wildlife.org, 512-680-6000
- Schools located in **Cameron, Hidalgo, or Willacy counties** – Contact Tina Buford, teachwildlife@yahoo.com, 956-793-0785
- **If you are in **Regions 2, 3, 12, 13, or 20** and your district participants in the **ESC 20 Living Science Co-op**, you have the option to either check out a trunk through ESC 20 (web.esc20.net/livsci/) OR the Texas Wildlife Association. We ask that you reserve trunks either solely through ESC 20 or TWA, please do not double book with both entities. Reservations through ESC 20 will follow the Living Science Department's protocol and procedures.*

For all remaining counties or for more information – Contact Kassi Scheffer, Education Program Specialist, kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org, 210-826-2904 ext. 113

Distance Learning (videoconferencing) Programs:

- Visit Connect2Texas (www.connect2texas.net) to view our program calendar, class descriptions, and to register for programs (registration for a program can only take place through Connect2Texas).
- TWA's programs are 45 minutes long, LIVE, TEKS aligned, and FREE!

- All participants receive: post materials (via e-mail) and a quarterly class set of TWA's mini-magazine *Critter Connections*!
- Not sure if you have Distance Learning capabilities at your school? Have your school's technology staff contact us or Connect2Texas – you may be able to view via your desktop!

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Have a wonderful school year!

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