Piney Woods Conservation Adventure Camp Itinerary
July 12-15, 2016 Rayburn Country Jasper County

Tuesday, July 12
Noon-2:00pm – Check-in, pre-test, forms, etc.

2:00pm- Introduction of cooperating agencies and campers
        Recognition of sponsors - All

2:30pm What are Natural Resources and their importance- Aaron Sumrall, CEA-Newton

3:00pm Ecoregions of Texas- Jamie Sugg, CEA- Rusk

3:30pm Introduction to Ecology- Sumrall

4:00pm Get Moving/Get Acquainted Activity- Ashley Pellerin, CEA-Smith
        Shaniqua Davis, CEA- Upshur

4:30pm Land Ethics- Julia McCormick and Kevin Isom, NRCS

5:00pm Endangered Species Introduction- Lee Dudley, CEA-Panola

5:30pm Invasive Species Introduction- Dudley

6:00pm Supper

6:45 – 8:45pm Tour of Area – Waterfall, Lake Rayburn, Conservation Center,
        Hatchery (determine on 12/3) - All

8:45-10:15pm Pool at Rayburn Country- Agents

10:15pm Wrap-up, Wednesday Itinerary, and closing comments- Agents

10:45pm Release to Dorms- Agents

11:15pm Lights out- Agents

Wednesday, July 13

6:30am Wake-up- Agents

7:00am Breakfast- Libby Mullins- Rayburn Country

7:45am Brain Games- Pellerin and Davis

8:15am Intro to NR management (Aldo) – Rusty Wood via Gary Calkins- TPWD wildlife
9:00am  Conservation vs. Preservation- Calkins (Role Play)
9:30am  Break- Agents
9:45am  Best Management Practices and Overview of Management Plan Development (Last Day Assignment)- All
10:00am Developing Management Plans- NRCS and TPWD
10:30am Natural Resource Laws- Tom Jenkins- TPWD Game Wardens (Justin Eddins)
11:00am Wildlife Webs- Calkins and/or Jeffrey Reid,USFW
11:30am Fisheries Webs- Reese Sparrow or Todd Driscoll, TPWD fisheries
12:00pm Land Webs- Isom and McCormick
12:30pm Lunch- Mullins
1:00pm  Wildlife CSI- Jenkins (Justin Eddins)
2:00pm  Timber Management (industrial, non-industrial, and Agency) - Trevor DoBell-Carlsson, TFS
3:30pm  Break- Agents
3:45pm  Basics of Fisheries Management- Sparrow/Driscoll
4:45pm  Basics of Wildlife Management- Calkins/Reid
5:45pm  Supper- Mullins
6:15pm  Work on Plans- All
7:45pm  Land and Water Pollution Sources- Ryan Merrel, CEA- Angelina
8:15 – 10:30pm Jasper Youth Shooting Sports Association evening activity- JYSSA
11:00pm Wrap-up, Thursday Itinerary, and closing thoughts- Agents
11:20pm release to dorm- Agents
Midnight Lights out- Agents
Thursday, July 14

6:30am  Wake-Up- Agents
7:00am  Breakfast- Mullins
7:45am  Load Vans- Agents

(Fisheries Track)
8:00-11:00am Farm Pond Management- Billy Higginbotham, Extension Wildlife and Fisheries Specialist/McCormick/Isom
  Total volume grids
  Aquatic weed management
  Construction/location considerations
  Sein census
  Compatible species and stocking
  Farm pond productivity
  ETC…

11:30am-12:15pm Lunch at Hatchery- Agents

12:15-3:15pm Hatchery Management- Sparrow
3:15pm  Break- Agents
3:30-5:30pm Public Water Management- Driscoll/Taylor Jones, TPWD Parks
  Invasive and endangered species (specific and detailed)
  Boat Safety, Electroshock, census techniques, etc.
6:00pm  Supper at Lodge- Mullins
6:45pm  Lake-side Laws- Jenkins (Jones may add some dealing with TPWD parks)
7:15pm  Fish Characteristics and Tendencies- Driscoll and friends
8:00pm  Electroshock census (concurrently with bow-fishing exercise) - Driscoll
  Bow-fishing exercise (concurrently with Electroshock census) - Possibly change
11:00pm Lodge for wrap-up, Friday Itinerary, and closing thoughts- Agents
11:20pm Release to dorm- Agents
Midnight Lights-Out- Agents

(Wildlife Track)
8:00am  Hunting Practices and Techniques in East Texas- Calkins/Reid
9:15am – noon East Texas Conservation Center activities- Calkins/Reid/DoBell-Carlsson/Shawn Benedict, The Nature Conservancy
Fire Ecology  
Prescribed burn exercise  
Overview of conservation center  
Endangered and invasive species (specific and detailed)

Noon  Lunch at ETCC- **Agents**

12:45-5:00pm  Management/Conservation sessions- **Calkins/Reid/Benedict/DoBell-Carlsson**  
Waterfowl, upland bird, wetlands, moist soil management, super stockings, Habitat evaluations, browse surveys, census techniques, etc.

6:00pm  Supper at Lodge- **Mullins**

6:45pm  Wildlife response to pressure and management- **Calkins/Reid**

7:15pm  Wildlife Laws- Detailed- **Jenkins**

7:45pm  Spotlight Census Safety and operation- **Calkins**

8:15pm  Spotlight Census- **Calkins**

7:45am  Brain Games- **Pellerin/Davis**

8:00am  Natural Resource Quiz Bowl- **All**

9:30am  Best Management Practices – Plan Development- **All**  
3 wildlife  3 fisheries

10:30am  Advocacy  (State Rep)- **James White & Trent Ashby, State Representatives**

11:00am  Evaluations- **Agents**

11:30am  Awards and Recognition (State Rep assistance)- **All**

1:00pm  Depart for Home