

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**

11:00pm **Lodge for wrap-up, Friday Itinerary, and closing thoughts- Agents**

11:20pm **Release to Dorm- Agents**

Midnight **Lights-Out- Agents**

Friday, July 15

6:30am **Wake-up- Agents**

7:00am **Breakfast- Mullins**

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**