



W.I.L.D. Mission Statement:

To provide a youthful perspective for the further development of the Texas Brigades while enhancing our own ability to influence natural resource conservation.

- *Developed by the Inaugural W.I.L.D. class, September 2006.*

What you can expect from W.I.L.D.

(this is an example, skeleton agenda - all activities TBD)

April, 2012 – Session I – San Antonio

Icebreaker Cultural Outing (Past outings have included a San Antonio Missions Baseball Game and the Fiesta Noche Del Rio show on the Riverwalk)

What is your Leadership Style?

What you will gain from your W.I.L.D. experience?

Professional Image and Etiquette - Kathryn Greenwade, *Texas A&M University Association of Former Students*

Dining with Dignitaries – *Dinner at San Antonio's Biga on the Banks*

Natural Resource Policy: *From the steps of the county courthouse to the halls of the White House: How does it happen? And where can you fit in?* – Special guest speaker

Topical Issue Point/Counterpoint (20min/ea with time at end for questions addressed to both)

Presentation of group positions (15min/ea)

Group Project Discussion/Questions

Overview of Cadet Advisory Group (CAG) responsibilities - Assign camps & Overview of CAG manual

Presentation of CAG project results

Session 2-4 Discussion

Homework Assignments

Ropes Course and Teambuilding Training

Camp Attendance June & July

Day 2 or 3 arrival

Assigned a Covey/Herd/School/Flock to mentor

Help with projects and camp logistics

Sell Merchandise to cadets and parents at banquet

Follow-up with assigned cadets on a weekly basis following camp – keep them motivated, energized and engaged

September or October 2012 – Session 2 – Location TBD

Emerging Issue Point/Counterpoint – Special guest speakers

Stakeholder position presentations (W.I.L.D. Participants)

Cultural Outing (past outings have included a Dove Hunt & Dinner, and Sand Sculptures on the beach)

Service Project Planning Begins

Fundraising Training

Topical Issues Roundtable – *an intro to the issues likely to face the next legislative session*

(Invited Guests: local State Representatives and Senators, Conservation Organization Legislative Reps, Texas Outdoor Partners)

Issue identification for Session 3 Presentations

Texas Outdoor Partners Reception

January 2013 - Meeting held in Austin

Etiquette Refresher

Policy/Issues Forum – Ag Museum (first floor of the Capitol)

- Policy-Maker Panel (**Past attendees/invitees listed for reference – Guests will be invited based on issue pool and associated interests/affiliations)
Past Invitees/Guests: Speaker Tom Craddick, Representative Harvey Hilderbran, Representative Charles ‘Doc’ Anderson, Representative Jimmie Don Aycock, Representative Drew Darby, Representative Lois Kolkhorst (Legislative Liaison for TB W.I.L.D.), Eric Beverly, Office of Rural Community Affairs, Kirby Brown, Texas Wildlife Association, Carter Smith, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Cary Dupuy, Comptroller’s Office, Kevin Ward, Texas Water Development Board, Representative from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Urban Wildlife/Habitat/Issue; Tour (the 2011 session included a tour of Barton Springs with the Texas Forest Service)

Meeting with Wildlife Leaders at Texas Parks & Wildlife Headquarters

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September/October 2013 – Session 4 – Location TBD

Service Project

Cadet Advisory Group Meeting

Graduation