

Who are WAY Members?

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Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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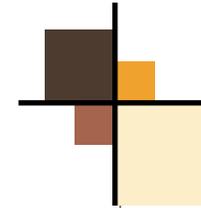
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Wildlife Alliance For Youth (WAY)

Training Youth to be tomorrow's conservation leaders



"Habitat provides wildlife with its basic life needs - food, shelter, and adequate space. For humans and wildlife to live together successfully, the stability and security of these habitats must be maintained through protection, preservation, and proper management."

Joshua Tooley, Region 1 Texas FFA Soil Stewardship Public Speaking Contest Winner, 1998

This is Who We Are

The Wildlife Alliance for Youth (WAY), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is a consortium of state, federal, and private organizations working together to provide support and technical assistance to agricultural teachers and 4-H leaders who train youth in various aspects of wildlife conservation and habitat management.

Concentrated instruction is also given to youth on Texas hunting, angling, and boating safety to include laws which govern hunting and fishing in the state. The wildlife and recreation career development event is directly correlated to the AgSc 381 Wildlife and Recreation Management Curriculum and is also supported by curriculum related to AgSc 382 Range Management and Ecology.



Students participate at a techniques station where they demonstrate their knowledge and skills in identifying wildlife species by wings, tracks, pelts, mounts, skulls, and other factors.

The Program is Growing

FFA and 4-H teams from all geographic regions of Texas annually participate in the comprehensive Wildlife and Recreation Management Career Development Event. So, what challenges these youth? It is the love and respect they have for the outdoors accompanied by a strong desire to learn more about wildlife, wildlife management, and the conservation of these natural resources.

Speaking of Contests - The annual local, regional, and state CDE events test youth in:

- Wildlife plant identification
- Wildlife plant food preferences
- Wildlife biological facts
- Wildlife and habitat management practices
- Fish and game laws
- Safety in the outdoors
- Wildlife identification techniques.



Many trees, shrubs, vines, legumes, grasses, aquatic plants, and forbs are found throughout Texas and the ability to identify them is important in wildlife management.



Students are tested on their knowledge of safety as it applies to the outdoors.

Texas is home to tens of thousands of native animal and plant species. These species form the fabric of over 800 habitat types, from bottomland hardwood forests, and big tooth maple canyons, to black grama grasslands. Hundreds of these species occur only in Texas and nowhere else in the world.

A great deal of pressure is placed on our state's natural resources because of an increase in human populations and the differing interests which people have in regard to wildlife and related natural resources.

Through the **WAY Career Development Event**, the membership of the **Wildlife Alliance for Youth** hope that students and teachers alike develop a more acute awareness and better

