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DISTRICT LEVEL WILDLIFE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT
OCTOBER 4, 2023

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

August 19, 2023

Dear Friends:

Once again Lower Neches SWCD is hosting a District Level Wildlife Career Development Event which involves agricultural science students and 4-H members from area counties. This event will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the Big Thicket National Preserve Visitor Center, Kountze, TX.

(Map enclosed)

This letter is an invitation to all 4-H Clubs and Agricultural Science Departments interested in participating in the upcoming District Level Wildlife Career Development Event.

The 2023 Wildlife CDE entry fees are: \$45.00 per team and \$10.00 per additional individual (not listed on a team). **REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES WILL BE COMPLETED THRU judgingcard.com**. Please go to their website to enter the contest and pay the entry fees. The registration is now open and the **deadline for entry is September 22, 2023**. **Please be sure to include the number of people that will be eating lunch on the meal count line so that we can prepare accordingly**. If your local SWCD usually pays for your entry fees, please register your students and pay the entry fees on judgingcard.com. Then send your SWCD proof of your payment. If their board approves payment, they will reimburse your school.

LNSWCD will be giving monetary awards to the club or the agricultural science department of the schools (not teams) who place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the event. A school/club will receive only one award. The amount of the awards is as follows:

1st Place - \$150.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

3rd Place - \$ 50.00

This clinic will be a challenge for the students. They will gain knowledge and become more aware of our natural resources and why the conservation of these resources is a major issue in our daily lives. Whether the students win or lose, we at LNSWCD feel they will walk away from this event with a greater appreciation of nature's life sustaining resources.

Please make the students aware that once the contest has begun, the students need to refrain from ALL cell phone use. The teachers are responsible for helping The Lower Neches SWCD implement all rules.

If you require further information regarding this event, please call Elizabeth Allen@ (409) 656-3201, (409)385-4699 or email us at lowerneches@swcd.texas.gov. We will be happy to assist you.

SUBJECT: Wildlife Career Development Event
HOSTED BY: Lower Neches SWCD
DATE: Wednesday, October 4, 2023
LOCATION: Big Thicket National Preserve, Visitor Center, Kountze, Tx.
SIGN IN TIME: 8:30 A.M.
START OF CLINIC: 9:00 A.M.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Clinic rules must be followed.
2. Teams will consist of 3 or 4 members.
3. Each school or 4-H club may enter up to 3 teams.
4. **Entry fee is \$45.00 per team. Individual student's fee is \$10.00 per student.**
5. Please enter and pay entry fees for this event on judgingcard.com before Sept. 22, 2023.
6. If you would like an updated guide book, it is available for purchase at imsbookstore.org.
7. Scan-tron answer sheets WILL NOT be necessary. **Please bring pencils and clipboards.**
8. NO talking during the event.
9. NO cell phone use during the event.
10. Unless otherwise stated in writing, pictures are considered public information.
11. The results of the clinic will be presented as soon as possible.
12. Lunch and handouts will be provided.

For additional information please contact the Lower Neches SWCD at (409) 656-0218, (409)385-4699 or email lowerneches@swcd.texas.gov.

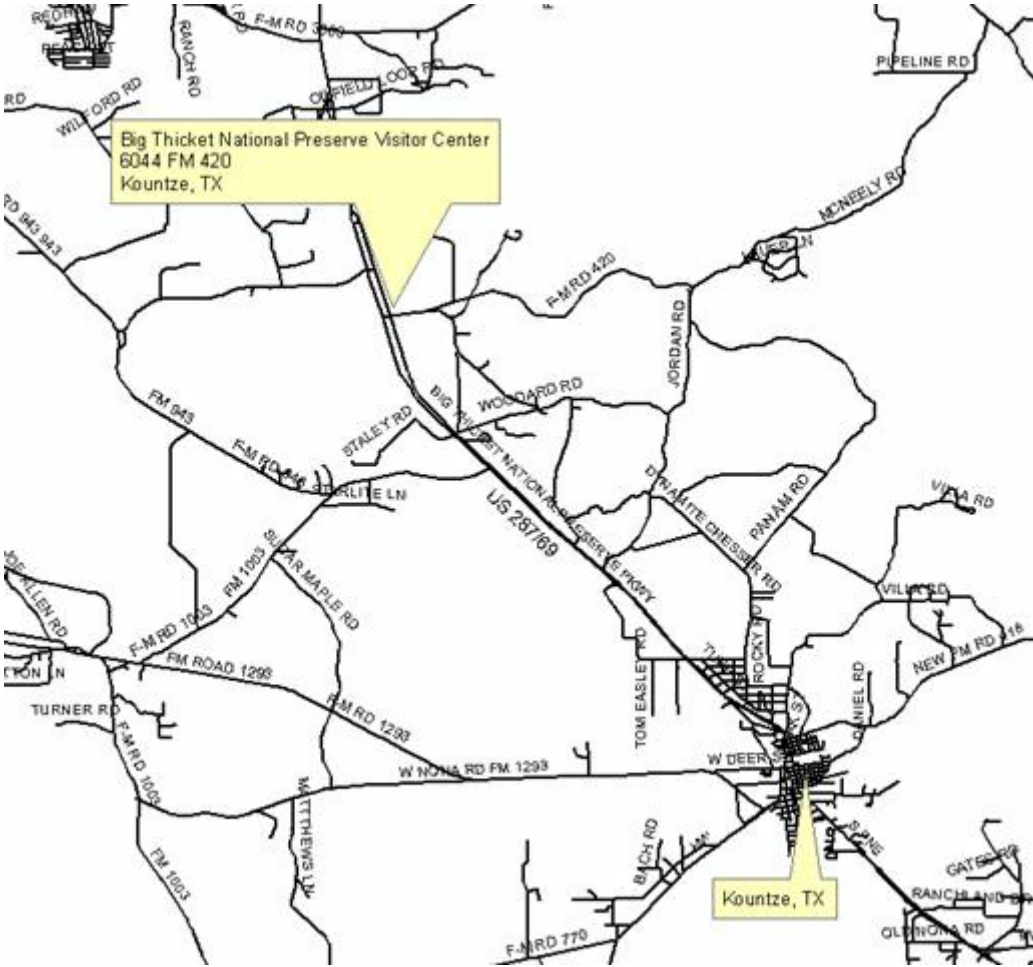
Sincerely yours,

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Lower Neches SWCD Chairman

Map to the Big Thicket National Preserve Visitor Center



Eight miles north of Kountze, Texas, take FM 420 east and follow the signs to the visitor center. Parking will be at the Big Thicket Baptist Church across from the Visitor Center.

