

TEXAS PROJECT WILD AND AQUATIC WILD



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DISCOVERING THE WONDERS OF WILDLIFE

WHAT IS PROJECT WILD/ AQUATIC WILD?

Project WILD/Aquatic WILD is "Wildlife in Learning Design," a Kindergarten-12th grade environmental and conservation education program emphasizing awareness, appreciation and understanding of wildlife and natural resources. It is interdisciplinary and supplementary, which means it can be used to teach basic learning skills in science, social studies, language arts, math, art, music and physical education. With an unbiased approach to basic wildlife management practices, Project WILD/Aquatic WILD teaches young people *how* to think about wildlife, not *what* to think. It also gives teachers and students information about the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

PROJECT WILD/AQUATIC WILD PROVIDES:

- a set of fun, hands-on, easy to use educational activities,
- an outstanding six-hour, hands-on workshop for teachers and youth group leaders,
- helpful, scientific background information preceding all activities,
- powerful techniques and methods for teaching problem-solving and decision-making skills,
- a program that is kid-tested and teacher-approved and
- activities correlated to state educational standards.

WHY PROJECT WILD/AQUATIC WILD?

Human population growth is increasing exponentially. As our planet grows more crowded every day, natural and wild places need more of our attention...

and so does wildlife.

Project WILD/Aquatic WILD teaches that people can learn to use natural resources wisely and share the earth with wildlife.

WHO CAN USE PROJECT WILD/AQUATIC WILD?

- Project WILD/Aquatic WILD is for classroom teachers, environmental educators, park and nature center personnel, scout, Camp Fire and 4-H leaders and others who work with young people. It is approved for indoor and outdoor use.
- Project WILD/Aquatic WILD activities develop conceptual skills such as analysis, classification, description, estimation, evaluation, inference, hypothesis formation, problem solving and synthesis.
- Project WILD/Aquatic WILD is appropriate for gifted students and impaired learners as well as mainstream students.

PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN, THE LAND AND ITS RESOURCES.

UPCOMING WILD WORKSHOPS

PROJECT WILD/AQUATIC WILD GUIDES

The core of WILD is its three activity guides. The Project WILD guide contains 122 activities and the Aquatic WILD guide contains 48 activities. The Projecto WILD Guide contains 34 of the most popular activities from both the Project WILD and Aquatic WILD Guides in Spanish. All guides are presented in lesson-plan format, which includes objectives, methods of teaching, background information, references available, a list of materials needed and ways to evaluate learning. The guides help incorporate wildlife-related concepts into classroom curriculum, and each activity is designed to teach one or more of the following concepts:

- awareness and appreciation of wildlife,
- human values and the wildlife resource,
- habitat and ecological systems,
- wildlife conservation,
- cultural and social interaction with wildlife,
- environmental issues and trends, alternatives and consequences,
- ecological systems and responsible human actions.

Each guide also includes grade level, subject, topic and skill indices as well as a glossary of terms.

HOW WAS WILD DEVELOPED?

The materials were written by classroom teachers and other educators, resource agency personnel, representatives of private conservation groups and other community representatives. The activities were extensively field tested and the program is being monitored and evaluated on a continuous basis.



WHO ENDORSES PROJECT WILD?

Project WILD has been awarded the *President's Environment and Conservation Challenge Award* for Education and Communication. The program also is endorsed by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Environmental Education Advisory Committee, offering six environmental education credits and six hours of SBEC credit.

In Texas, Project WILD is sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Associate organizational sponsors include the National Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife, Environmental Protection Agency, The Wildlife Society, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the American Fisheries Society.

HOW YOU CAN GET WILD

The activity guides are distributed during six-hour, hands-on workshops designed to explain the philosophy of these programs as well as how activities can be integrated into an existing curriculum or program.



To receive information about Project WILD/Aquatic WILD workshops taught in your area, please check our Web site for current workshop postings at:

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/education
or detach and mail the completed form to:

PROJECT WILD/AQUATIC WILD
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department,
4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744

Name _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

- Please send me a list of upcoming workshops.
 I would like to organize a Project WILD/
 Aquatic WILD workshop for my fellow teachers.

WHAT TEACHERS SAY ABOUT PROJECT WILD:

"This workshop exceeded my expectations. I really enjoyed it and learned a lot!" *Angleton*

"The Project/Aquatic WILD materials are an excellent resource for educators who hope to better acquaint their students with natural processes and habitats."
College Station

"This information is very helpful in getting children actively involved in the learning process."
Pflugerville

"Great ideas and activities for our students to make science come alive for them." *Damon*

"I am beyond impressed. I have been a teacher for six years and never had such a refreshing teacher workshop. Thank you for everything!"
San Antonio