

**Archery Basics:** This is a fun, hands-on class in which participants will learn the basics of archery focusing on international (Olympic) style techniques using basic archery equipment. Participants will learn to safely shoot a bow with the “11 Steps to Archery Success.” All equipment is provided for this class. ***This course is a prerequisite for anyone who wants to take “Archery II - Advanced.”***

**Archery II - Advanced\*:** This is a fun, hands-on class for those who have taken the Archery Basics class and are ready to hone their skills and shoot archery at the next level. We will help the participant determine their personal draw length and demonstrate maintenance of archery equipment. PLUS, participants can shoot, shoot, shoot!! Some bows are available for use; however, participants should bring their own archery equipment (bows, arrows, releases, etc.) to get the most out of this class. ***\*Participants must have taken “Archery Basics” at this or a previous BOW workshop to take this clas***

**Boater Education\*:** This is a condensed course just for the students at BOW! This is an actual certification from Boater Education staff. Anyone born on or after September 1, 1993 who wishes to operate certain vessels on the public waterways of Texas must have Boater Education. With more and more people enjoying the lakes and rivers every year, it's important, for everyone, that boaters educate themselves on boating skills and seamanship. ***This course is covered over 2 sessions - must attend BOTH sessions for TPWD certification.\****

**Intro to Bowfishing:** Join Garquest Bowfishing Adventures for an exciting and educational experience in Bowfishing! Participants will learn the basics of Bowfishing safety, equipment, fish identification, regulations, and much more. This program will consist of hands-on training and is taught by a 35-year veteran of Bowfishing, and state record and world record holder!

**Bug Identification:** This class will go through identification of insects and other small creepy crawlers. We will learn to identify orders and families of insects in the field. Then, we will take a nature walk and apply the skills we learned at the beginning of the session out in the field. Please download the app, ***iNaturalist*** before the class - you will learn how to properly use the app.

**Butterflies, Bees and Flowers please! (and other flying stuff too!):** A look at pollinators and plants and why they are important. Learn tips and tricks for planting and attracting these little critters to your garden or establishing that small meadow adding beauty and benefit to your home.

**Camping Basics:** We'll make you a "happy camper." Find out how much or little equipment it takes to keep you safe and sound on your adventures. We'll discuss Leave No Trace, shelter (tents), sleeping (bags/pads/cots), stoves and lighting of all varieties, trip planning, basic necessities and all the little comfort items new on the market. No matter what your experience level, you'll be certain to pick up new ideas from instructors and fellow participants and share your thoughts with others.

**Camp Aranzazu Challenge Course:** Challenge yourself physically and mentally as you take on Camp Aranzazu's high challenge course elements including two rock climbing walls, various traversing high elements, and a zip line! Camp Aranzazu staff will guide and support you through the session starting with some warm-ups, get-to-know-you activities, team building initiatives and stretches – followed by playing at a height on our high elements! All activities are 'challenge by choice' meaning you get to choose the way you challenge yourself in the session! We will wrap with a short closing and debrief of the session to process what we've accomplished.

**Canning for Beginners:** If you've never canned before, but want to break through that wall of mystery and intimidation, this class is for you. Learn the basic principles of canning (the why and how) and participate in making a batch of jelly you and your classmates get to take home! If you've done canning before and know it well, please try to leave these spots open to true beginners. ***This class is for first-timers - please don't sign up if you've already taken this class at a previous BOW.***

**Coil Basketry:** Coil basketry is a style of basketry found all over the world. In this class we will make a small coiled basket using jute and raffia. Feel free to bring unique materials from home to make your basket your own.

**Dirt Cheap:** Welcome to our gardening class for newbies! We'll explore how to create a thriving garden on a budget by repurposing everyday items. Perfect for those just starting out, this class will guide you through the basics of gardening by using old containers, scraps of wood, and even kitchen waste to craft beautiful, productive garden features. You don't need a green thumb or a big budget—just a bit of creativity and enthusiasm. Start Small and GROW!

**Geocaching:** A popular outdoor adventure appropriate for every person no matter your outdoor skill level. Geocaching uses a GPS unit to go on a treasure hunt of sorts. This class will focus on how geocaches work, where to find resources for the sport and you'll have an opportunity to join the fun.

**Fire starting:** Ever watched those survival shows on TV and wondered if you could get a fire started with just some primitive tools . Well, you can, and it's really fun. In this workshop there will be lots of teamwork and hands-on crafting. You will learn several methods for getting a fire started from rubbing sticks together to making your own fire starter. Together, we are going to start a flame, get a campfire going, and learn just how fast we can get water boiled and food cooking. Be prepared for lots of fun hands-on experimentation, teamwork, and a challenging smore's making competition.

**Flyfishing Beginner\*:** Participants will learn the classic "four-part" cast and roll cast, as well as hooking, playing, and landing fish using the "long rod." The class covers basic information on how to fish using a fly rod and how to select the right fly for freshwater and saltwater fishing. We will go fishing!

**Fly Tying Basics:** Learn how to use your crafting skills to catch fish. Know what "Match the Hatch" means. Learning how to make a fly that a fish thinks is food is fun and once you catch a fish on a fly you have tied, you'll be HOOKED! We will provide basic fly tying vises and tools for you to use and materials to make flies. Optional: Bring your magnifying glasses (aka: strong cheater glasses) for close up vision ability.

**Game Calling:** Want to "talk to the animals" like Dr. Doolittle? Participants will learn techniques for calling in varmints (hogs, coyotes, bobcats, foxes), turkey, waterfowl, deer and elk and even non-game animals. Each participant will receive her very own call and learn how to set up for the hunt, wildlife photography or simply to watch animals from close range. Call types, outdoor safety, camouflage, blinds, animal behaviors and responses are topics that will be included in this outdoor, hands-on session. And you can drive your family and friends crazy!

**Hunting 101:** This class will discuss all things hunting in Texas. Have you ever wanted to hunt a specific species in Texas? We will explore where, when, how and what game species you can hunt in Texas. We will discuss safe and legal practices, licenses and permits, taking a good shot (we will have a live fire exercise with air guns) and taking care of game from "field to fork" (skinning/quartering demonstration).

**Intro to Birdwatching\*:** Participants will be taken on a birdwatching hike. Bird identification, life histories, habitat requirements, techniques, tips, and places to go birdwatching will be covered. Wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes. You may bring your own binoculars if you have them.

**Intro to Firearms\*:** This class will cover basic types of firearms, firearm safety and an introduction to selecting firearms and ammunition. Participants will handle several types of firearms. This class does not include any actual shooting. ***This course is a prerequisite for anyone who wants to take Shotgun Basics and/or Advanced Shotgun Basics, and anyone who wishes to be considered for the Mentored Hunt drawing must have this class.***

**Intro to Hunting & Hunter Education Certification\*:** Participants will be introduced to various aspects of hunting including equipment, rules and regulations, and safety. Participants must wear walking or hiking shoes. Additional registration information for this class will be sent with class confirmation email. Participants will receive the Texas Hunter Education course certification upon completion. ***This certification is required for anyone who wishes to be considered for the Mentored Hunt drawing.***

**Map & Compass Basics:** In today's world of electronics and gadgets, the skill of reading a map and using a compass can keep you out of trouble, get you out of trouble, or dramatically expand your adventure and survival options during any outdoor excursion. This class reveals the mystery of the compass as well as topographic and other maps leading to an understanding of route planning. Participants will practice each of these skills. All materials provided. If you have a compass or mystery map, please bring them.

**Natural Fiber Basketry:** In this class we will weave a basket out of grapevine, jute, seagrass, raffia, and reed. We will also discuss collection and dying of other weaving materials. When finished, you can take your basket home. Feel free to bring any special weaving materials that you might want to use to personalize your creation.

**Outdoor Cooking\*:** Participants will learn the basics of outdoor cooking techniques including cast iron Dutch ovens, tin turtles in the campfire, cedar plank grilling and many other methods. Become comfortable with outdoor stove technology, old and new. Come hungry and be prepared to help make the meal – from hors d'oeuvres to desserts – and spend some time grazing! ***\$15 class fee -ONLY FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS will be selected for, and allowed in this class. If you have taken this class in the past, please do not sign up again.***

**Roadside Maintenance:** Learn how to change a tire, jump-start a vehicle, check oil and transmission fluids, check belts and hoses, and check your tires for air pressure, wear and tear and when it is time to replace them. Learn how to read your owner's manual to know which type of oil to use, when to service your vehicle, and other important information.

**Saltwater Fishing 101\*:** Learn some basic fishing skills with a fun and hands-on approach. We'll cover equipment & tackle, casting, knot tying, fish ID & habitat, fish handling, safety, ethics and regulations. We will also go fishing. All equipment and materials provided. Participants should bring Wade Boots for walking out into the water. This is a catch and release only class. ***Participants must have a fishing license to take this class.***

**Secrets of the Gulf:** Did you know that the Gulf of Mexico is the ninth largest body of water in the world? Home to a spectacular diversity of species, the Gulf is one of the richest ecosystems in the world. Offering a range of habitats including sandy beaches, shallow coastal bays, deep offshore waters and benthic sediments, the Gulf hosts organisms as small as the tiniest corals and as large as the mysterious whale shark. Come learn about (and meet) some of the creatures that call the Gulf of Mexico home. Learn to throw a cast net and pull a seine net to discover what we have living right off our beaches. Be prepared to get wet! Closed toe shoes that can get wet, synthetic clothing that dries quickly (or a change of clothes) and a towel are required for this class.

**Shotgun Basics\*:** This class will provide an overview of shotgun types, ammunition, uses and safety. Participants will have the opportunity to practice shotgun techniques with an emphasis on the use of a shotgun for hunting. Shotguns and ammunition will be provided. ***Participants must have taken "Intro to Firearms" at this or a previous BOW workshop to take this class, and anyone who wishes to be considered for the Mentored Hunt drawing must have this class.***

**Advanced Shotgun Basics\*:** Participants will be taught the basics of shotgun safety and technique. Sporting clays is a rapidly growing shooting sport designed to simulate true hunting conditions. We will do a lot of shooting! ***Participants must have taken "Intro to Firearms" AND "Shotgun Basics" at this or a previous BOW workshop to take to this class, and anyone who wishes to be considered for the Mentored Hunt drawing should take this class.***

**Stand Up Paddling:** The fast-growing sport of SUP is a fun, easy way to go play on the water. With a minimum of equipment, you can paddle anything from ocean surf to lakes and rivers—no waves required. Paddleboarding offers an amazing full body workout and is becoming a favorite cross-training activity for skiers, snowboarders, and other athletes. And since you're standing at your full height, you'll enjoy excellent views of everything from sea creatures to what's on the horizon. It's almost like walking on water! Wear something you can get wet (if cold weather – consider a wetsuit).

**Trailer Basics:** This class will cover how to properly hitch a trailer to a vehicle, safely maneuver around curbs and back a trailer into a parking spot. Come learn the tricks of the trade and practice in a supportive, judgment-free, no “No-The- Other-Way!” zone

**\* Indicates that a class has a prerequisite or other special requirement.**