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Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association – Header

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Encouraging the Conservation of Wild Furbearers Across America’s 2nd Largest State

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Join TTFHA today… (centered)

and help preserve an important sportsmen’s heritage for future generations. Whether you trap or fur hunt a little or a lot, TTFHA would benefit from your participation.

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Member services include; (bullet point these)

Quarterly subscription to the *Texas Fur Trails* magazine

Reduced rates for trapping’s largest publication, *Trapper’s Post*

Voting privileges on trapping and fur hunting positions held by TTFHA

Bi-annual conventions held around the state

To join or find an officer or director in your area visit [www.txtrappers.com](http://www.txtrappers.com) (centered)

**Outside (page that folds in)**

TTFHA Education (centered)

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Education about Texas game species and the ethical harvesting of them by sportsmen has never been more important. More and more people are choosing to live in urban centers where they have far less understanding of animals and their habits than did predecessors who grew up on farms and ranches.

To help the public better understand who trappers and fur hunters are and what we believe in, TTFHA uses a network of association volunteers who routinely attend, exhibit, and educate at Sportsmen’s events, Cabelas and other retail stores, hunter’s education, 4-H, FFA, etc. TTFHA is proud of our decade’s long heritage of education and the fact that because of our efforts more Texans understand the need to use sound wildlife management practices.

In addition, twice each year, conventions are held that offer educational seminars designed to;

* increase trapping and fur hunting skills
* demonstrate the latest in humane methodology
* outline predator control strategies
* notify members of any animal disease concerns

**Inside (left)**

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From the initial gathering of trappers that started the Texas Trapper's Association in 1980, the TTFHA has grown into the premier organization representing trappers and fur hunters in the Lone Star state. TTFHA board members work hand in hand with state and federal agencies as well as private citizens to conserve Texas wildlife though sound wildlife management practices.

Key alliances with Texas Game and Parks, fellow sportsmen's groups, and governmental agencies ensure that trapping is well represented at every level by the men and women of the TTHFA.

The purpose of the TTFHA is to:

* **Educate** the fact that Texas trappers and fur hunters are dedicated to the conservation of furbearing animals
* **Advocate** for sound legislation benefiting sportsmen and the animals they pursue
* **Oppose** interests who seek to negatively impact legal trapping and fur hunting activities
* **Teach** proper, ethical methods of trapping and fur hunting
* **Encourage** trapping and fur hunting and the use of Texas wild fur

**Inside (middle)**

Texas is home to a diverse population of animals such as raccoons, skunk, opossum, red and gray fox, coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions, ringtail, and more. TTFHA works with state and federal agencies to ensure that healthy renewable populations of all these species are harvested ethically and responsibly.

Certain species such as raccoons are listed by state agency regulations as a furbearer and are trapped and hunted according to game laws.

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Some species such as coyotes, are not listed as furbearers in Texas, due to the fact that they’re often involved in predation of native and exotic animals, and as such coyotes may be harvested at any time of the year.

**Inside (right)**

Trappers and fur hunters carry on a tradition as old as America itself. Furs were the first goods shipped from America, with the North American fur trade dating back to the 1500’s. Much of this country was explored by Dutch, English, and French fur traders who faced great peril to trap and open fur trading routes and their efforts led to the fact that for nearly 300 years much of this continent’s business dealings revolved around fur.

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Now 500 years later, Texas men and women are proud that we help reduce disease and animal suffering - animal populations are typically ravaged by disease if allowed to grow too large. We also aid farmers and ranchers in the protection of crops and livestock that may be prone to predation and we help protect endangered species when predators threaten their survival. Trapping and fur hunting are as relevant today as they were many years ago and the fact that we utilize fur, a renewable resource, versus non-renewable alternatives means TTFHA fur harvesters are leading stewards of the environment.