

WHO WE ARE: Cen-Tex Youth and High School Bass Hunters, is a transformation of an existing youth bass fishing club into a high school level bass club. We give young boys and girls from age 9 through 18 an opportunity to excel and learn to compete in high school and youth level fishing competition in the central Texas area. Although Fishing is our sport, these young anglers will learn so much more. Fishing is only a part of what we do. These youth anglers will have many opportunities in which to grow your student angler will learn how to speak in public, how to approach and confidently address peers and adults alike, they will learn organization skills, and the value of things that they work hard for. They will learn conservation, and a love for the outdoors as well as a respect for nature. They will learn countless things without even realizing that they learned. Studies have proven that students that fish are better students in natural sciences as well as mathematics. As the youth director, I believe that it is an amazing opportunity to excel and to keep them invested in positive activities, instead of the negative activities that surround them on a daily basis.

WHAT WE DO: The High school level anglers will compete in the FAN HS Trail in the Austin area for a three tournament season. This series is run under The Bass Federation (TBF) Student Angler Federation(SAF), it is designed for boys and girls from grades 7 through 12 (as long as the 18 year old does not turn 19 by 1 November of that calendar year) these student anglers will fish as pairs with an experienced boat captain throughout the season. Our target anglers are along the Hwy 190 corridor from temple to Lampasas, although if your student is outside that area and you are willing to travel, you are welcome to come join us, and maybe eventually begin a program in your area. This concept is relatively new to our area and will develop some challenges. The intent is to grow teams to begin to represent their respective high schools in the 2015 season, or sooner if the school administrators desire. The goal is to build these teams to be semi self-supporting, the only issues that the schools should face is the necessity for boat support. Once these teams begin to resource themselves, we will continue to be available to assist when and where we can to ensure their success within their high schools. Make no mistake, we began as a youth club, and as we grow, we refuse to lose sight of our youth anglers between 9 years old and the sixth grade, as these will be our high school champions in the future. Their program will resemble the high school teams, but there will be more focused on the teaching aspect of what we do as anglers. They will still fish the same lakes as their high school counterparts, their catches will still be weighed and calculated, however our focus with this group will be more from a teaching aspect.

WHAT YOU NEED: All you and your student need, a strong desire to enjoy the great outdoors and give back to the communities, a good attitude, and a willingness to belong to a group and work together as both parents and students. Some type of fishing equipment, we will have classes on quality equipment throughout the year and are working programs and looking for sponsorships to get quality equipment at reasonable prices. Most importantly, a US Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) that fits your student.

WHERE TO MEET US: Our meetings are normally the first Monday of every month (see calendar for actual dates) at the Morgan's Point VFW in temple Texas at 6pm, one hour prior to the Men's Meeting. Come join us, we can't wait to meet you. We are constantly seeking sponsors and volunteers to make this program improve, if you own a boat and want to get involved, please sign up on our boat captain/volunteer tab, so that we can maintain an active list to ensure we have available boat captains and volunteers. Whether you own a boat or not, if you do not have a club of your own, come out and try our men's club, it is a great bunch of fishermen, and a good group of friends.