



Cole Haynes, Youth Ambassador

My name is Cole Haynes. I am a 15 year old sophomore honor student at L-P High School. I am a member of the high school bass team, my 4-H club President and the 2019 T.E.A.C.H. Outdoors Youth Ambassador. In 4-H, I have earned the Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship and Senior Rabbit Showmanship Awards, Natural Resource Exhibitor of the Year Award as well as State Delegate honors in several Natural Resource categories. My hobbies include fishing, hunting (especially waterfowl), duck and goose calling and trap shooting. T.E.A.C.H. has given me more opportunities to shoot competitively on the trap team while making new friends and gaining leadership skills. I enjoy helping younger kids learn about safety, shooting and the outdoors through T.E.A.C.H. events.



Brianna Funk

Hi my name is Brianna Funk. I'm 15 years old and I go to MCHS. Outside of the T.E.A.C.H. Outdoors trap team, I enjoy riding four wheelers, playing volleyball, and spending time with my friends. I really like fainting goats and koalas. I hope to become a public defender or a physical therapist when I am older. I like to go fishing with my mom and shooting with my dad.



Mackenzie Wilkins

My name is Mackenzie Wilkins; I am 15 years old. I have a passion for hunting/ shooting, fishing, and the outdoors. TEACH Outdoors has given me opportunities to do what I love more than any other organization. Having been with TEACH since it started, I have learned many things from the members and my teammates some of which are communication skills, life skills, and how hard work and determination does pay off. I love being able to see everyone succeed and accomplish outdoor goals.

Some things that I am proud of TEACH for accomplishing are all the fishing derbies that we do, archery events that we host, teaching people how to build duck or bat boxes, and the amazing trap team. Helping out with all of these things has made me a more knowledgeable person and has increased my communication skills greatly. Through TEACH, I have been able to meet many new people and make new friends. Meeting new people has given me more chances to go places. I have gone to more trap shooting events and I have had more opportunities to go hunting and fishing. This organization has opened my eyes to new opportunities that have shaped me into being a better person today. I am proud to say that I am a TEACH Outdoors member.



Christopher (Turtle) Oliphant II

Christopher Oliphant II (aka Turtle) I am 13 years old and attend Coal City Schools. I enjoy being outdoors, fishing, hunting, playing football, shooting sports, and helping out in the community. This past year, I participated in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics with the Grundy County Sheriff's Department. I also participated in the beat 5k torch run for special Olympics with the Morris Police Department and with the Grundy County Sheriff's Department. I truly enjoy being in the community trying to make a difference.



Wade Tondini

My name is Wade Tondini I am 15 years old and attended Seneca High school. Although I am still new I feel that I am a part of the TEACH Outdoors community. Even before joining TEACH, I have always enjoyed being active outside. I enjoy fishing, hunting, mushroom hunting, hiking, and camping.

I hope to continue to participate in all that TEACH has to offer. For me, being outdoors is a great way to spend quality time with my family. Most of my favorite memories are of my family being together camping and fishing. I most look forward to participating in the many things TEACH has to offer and meeting people that enjoy the same activities and learning more about the activities I already enjoy. In conclusion, I look forward to being a part of the TEACH family and I believe I have found a group of great like- minded people. Thank you very much for letting me be a part of this organization.



Robert (Bobby) Wilkins

My name is Robert Wilkins and I am 14 years old. Ever since a young age I have always wanted to be outside and always had a interest in shooting and fishing. TEACH has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of new kids, learn life skills, and has helped me make many friends.

There are many things to be proud of when you are a TEACH member. For example, we do fishing derbies that are free and serve lunch. TEACH Outdoors has given me new opportunities that I thought I would never be able to have and it has changed me into the person I am today. That is why TEACH is a great organization to have kids get involved in.