

TBLA Projects & Activities Timeline

1970's

- Formed TBLA in 1969 & incorporated it in 1970
- Became involved with Lake level issues and by 1978 had 1,000 members
- Formed Texas Toledo Bend Lake Association in 1972 & disbanded by 1974

1980's

- Developed 30-minute video for TV & brochures to help market Toledo Bend
- Encouraged SRA & LDWF to begin stocking Florida bass fingerlings
- Placed gallon jars at local businesses to help fund stocking of Florida Bass

1990's

- Created 2 ponds to help raise Florida bass fingerlings at Pendleton & Yocum Bay
- Encouraged fishing tournaments to donate to the stocking program
- Raised money to sponsor Bob Sealy's Big Bass Splash
- Began an annual fund-raising banquet
- Began programs regarding recycling & waste management as well as litter pickup
- Began fundraising at LA. Top Six Tournament with concession sales & boat raffles
- Set up concessions at the Christmas Flotilla event on the Bend

2001

- Helped sponsor *Let's Go Fishing Day* for 5th Graders with LDWF
- Began discussion of artificial reefs and bridge lighting with SRA & LDWF
- Continued raising money for stocking program
- Continued support for Lake levels

2003

- Held 1st Bass Unlimited Banquet Fundraiser
- Awarded Conservation of the Year by LDWF for good stewardship of the Lake
- Purchased and distributed 34,000 fingerlings (bass & crappie)
- Purchased 186 trees as artificial reef structure
- Donated to the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replica Program

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2004

- Purchased & distributed 18,000 fingerlings (4-6" Florida Bass)
- Assisted SRA & LDWF with release of 12,500 fingerlings (6-11" bass)
- Donated to the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replica Program
- Purchased artificial reefs

2005

- Purchased & distributed 25,000 fingerlings (4-6" Florida Bass)
- Donated to the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replica Program
- Sponsored Pendleton Bridge Lighting program & built Clyde's Landing Fishing Pier
- Donated to the LDWF Tee Shirt Safety Program for Children

2006

- Purchased & distributed 24,000 fingerlings (4-6" Florida Bass)
- Began sole sponsorship of the Replica Program and awarded 28 lunkers
- Donated to projects such as Lanana Bridge Lighting, buoy replacement, & artificial reefs
- Began donations to children's programs such as Hook a Kid on Golf & 4-H Shooting Sports

2007

- Purchased & distributed 50,000 bass fingerlings
- Awarded 40 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Purchased LDWF Habitat Barge
- Purchased aquatic education trailer for LDWF

2008

- Purchased & distributed 20,000 bass fingerlings
- Awarded 52 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Constructed Pleasure Point Fishing Pier & continued funding for buoy replacement

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2009

- Purchased & distributed 20,000 bass fingerlings
- Awarded 42 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Purchased & installed 1,800' Support Cable for fisherman to tie to under Pendleton Bridge
- Purchased Phase 1 of 30,000 sq. ft. Pavilion at Cypress Bend Marina
- Purchased 45 informational buoys for safety & guidance on the Lake

2010

- Awarded 29 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Conducted Giant Salvinia eradication training
- Funded two public fishing piers with SRA at Pleasure Point & SRA Headquarters

2011

- Awarded 32 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Sponsored giant painted bass statue at Toledo Town
- Partnered with SRA to purchase floating pier at Cypress Bend Park
- Helped fund SRA-LA barge for dredging boat ramps and clear stumps in boat lanes

2012

- Awarded 23 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Purchased LDWF boat for spraying Giant Salvinia

2013

- Awarded 58 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Awarded funds to LWFAA "*I Got Caught Wearing My Life Jacket*" t-shirt program for kids
- Participated in the Sabine Parish Roadside Trash Pickup Day

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2014

- Awarded a record 61 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Supported local community projects such as Crappie Rodeo, SRA kid swing set, & recycling

2015

- Awarded a record 81 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Supported High School Fishing Teams with supplies and scholarships

2016

- Awarded a record of 139 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Reinstated the Fingerling Restocking Program (50,000 Florida Bass)
- Supported Sabine Parish 5th Grade Fishing Clinic & TBLA-SWCD Youth Fish Fest

2017

- Awarded 73 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Continued sponsorship of High School Fishing Teams & Back to School Kid Supplies

2018

- Awarded 45 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Funded the Sabine Tourist Commission Toledo Town Intersection Beautification Project

2019

- Awarded 37 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Purchased & distributed 50,000 fingerlings (Florida Bass)
- Contributed to the Zwolle Museum
- Continued funding of artificial reef projects in LA & TX as well as a Pocket Reef Guide
- Purchased 2nd aquatic education trailer for LDWF

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2020 & 2022

- Awarded 63 Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Replicas to anglers
- Purchased & distributed 50,000 fingerlings (Florida Bass)
- Cypress Bend Kids Golf Outing
- LWAA T-Shirts “I Got Caught Wearing My Life Jacket”
- Glenn Carver Scholarship Award
- Hemphill HS Bass Fishing Team Sponsorship/Scholarships
- College Scholarships
- Crappie Bed Materials
- Sabine Parish 4H
- Boat Ramp Signs
- School Supplies for Sabine Parish & Sabine County
- Artificial Reefs Brochure
- On Site Document Shredding Service