



CROSS TIMBERS CHAPTER – NWTF WINTER 2009 NEWSLETTER

RECENT EVENTS

Howdy! 2009 is here already, and the Cross Timbers Chapter of the NWTF is continuing to do good things for conservation and education here in the community. We had some excellent events, helped youngsters with educational tools, and helped out 1 senior with a scholarship. Activities included hosting a JAKES event, a Women in the Outdoors event, providing a local scholarship, and providing a JAKES educational box to a local school teacher. We've also supported the Hunting Heritage Fund, and JAKES member Lynzie Albright helped us to raise \$800 to provide turkeys to WARM as part of the Turkey Hunters Care Program. The Cross Timbers Chapter received awards for 3rd place in "Highest Number of JAKES members" and 2nd place for "Most Women in the Outdoors Memberships" at the annual NWTF state awards banquet held in January. Your support at the annual Hunting Heritage Banquet makes all these things happen, and we certainly couldn't do this without your support!

Congratulations to Jake Williams, a senior at Decatur High School. Not only has he won the \$500 Cross Timbers Chapter scholarship, but he also won the \$2,000 State Chapter NWTF scholarship. His application is now in the competition for the \$10,000 national NWTF scholarship. He is an outstanding kid, and will be an excellent representative for our chapter.

We held our **JAKES** Event in September, and had 47 kids present! The event featured shotgunning, archery, wildlife habitat game, turkey calling, and dutch oven cooking. Thanks to everyone who brought your kids out, and to those who assisted with instructing the classes. A special thanks goes out to our sponsors, 2K Pawn and Gun, Wal Mart, Chicken Express, and the US Forest Service.

In October, the chapter hosted the 10th Annual *Women in the Outdoors* deer hunt. Nineteen women attended, and this was a first ever deer hunt for several of the ladies. Wes Winget of Triple W Outfitters and Brent Hackley of Richards Ranch donated the hunt to the chapter. The deer weren't very cooperative, and only a few were taken, but fun was had by all that attended. The ladies were also able to shoot skeet on Saturday afternoon, and a couple of the ladies got to shoot a shotgun for the first time ever. Thanks to Wes Winget, the Richards Ranch and all the hunting guides for making that event possible.

2009 EVENTS SCHEDULED

The 12th Annual Cross Timbers Chapter Hunting Heritage Banquet is scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2009. It will be at the Decatur Civic Center, and the doors open at 6pm. The event was delayed a bit this year, and this is the night before turkey season opens. It'll make for an exciting evening before opening day. We'll have 16 guns to either sell or give away this year. Ticket prices are \$45 for a single ticket, \$70 for a couple's ticket, and we are also selling corporate tables this year. If you would like to purchase a table, contact Jennifer Barrow for details. (Number is below). JAKES (kids 17 and under) get in and eat free, but must sign up for the \$7 JAKES membership to be entered in the drawing for the JAKES prizes that night. Buy your tickets before Thursday, April 2 at 5:00 pm and be entered in a drawing for an early-bird raffle prize. Make plans to attend, and bring a friend!

The **NWTF 2009 Gun of the Year** is very nice! . It is a Limited Edition Winchester Super X3 12 gauge gas-operated, auto-loading shotgun. Edition size is 2,600. Just like last year, we are selling 100 (and only 100) raffle tickets for this gun, and the tickets cost \$20 each. You do not have to be present to win the gun. These raffle tickets are a hot item, and will sell fast. You can buy your tickets at the banquet if you like, but there is no guarantee that there will be tickets still available that night.

To purchase banquet tickets or Gun of the Year raffle tickets, or to get involved as a committee member, you can come by the USFS LBJ Grasslands Office in Decatur on Hwy 287 North, or you can call any of the committee members listed below:

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That's all for now. Spring is finally here, so get your fishing poles and turkey calls out of storage. Hope to see you at the banquet.