



# TEXAS INVASIVE PLANT & PEST COUNCIL

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2016 TEXAS INVASIVE PLANT & PEST CONFERENCE  
March 8-11, 2016 • Sam Houston State University • Huntsville, Texas

## FIELD TRIPS AND WORKSHOPS

### Field Trip 1: Tour of the Sam Houston State's Center for Biological Field Studies

**Maximum:** 40

**Location:** Sam Houston State's Center for Biological Field Studies

**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2015

**Time:** 9 am – 11 am

**Coordinator:** Alan Byboth ([abyboth@shsu.edu](mailto:abyboth@shsu.edu))

**Description:** The Center for Biological Field Studies is 250-acre site that has been an integral part of the Biological Sciences and Forensic Science programs at SHSU for over 10 years. The facility that hosts the CBFS was built by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s as Texas' state fish hatchery. The fish hatchery, abandoned after a new state hatchery was implemented, was signed over to SHSU. Alan Byboth, M.S. has been the manager of CBFS for almost 3 years and has an inventory the flora and fauna present, helped restore research facilities, coordinated research and educational programs and enhanced collaboration within the SHSU system on studies involving the Piney Woods region of Texas. Projects range from stream ecology and global climate change impact, insect attraction to decomposing animals, nesting behavior of Carolina wrens using birdhouses all across the property, and native reptiles and mammals. Invasive species on the property, and management thereof will be highlighted.

The Center for Biological Field Studies is about 6 miles Northeast from Sam Houston State University. It is located off of Fish Hatchery Road (FM 2821) roughly (30.743002, -95.476707). Fish Hatchery Road can be accessed from Highway 19 and exit for FM 2821, turn right and travel down the road until it dead ends at a gate. Gate code will be given at conference.

### Field Trip 2: Ranger-led tour of Huntsville State Park and Nature Center

**Maximum:** 50

**Location:** Huntsville State Park

**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2015

**Time:** 8 am – 11 am

**Coordinator:** Ashley Morgan ([arm001@shsu.edu](mailto:arm001@shsu.edu))

**Description:** A two to three hour Interpretive Ranger-led tour of the East Texas Pineywoods and flora and fauna will be featured at nearby Huntsville State Park. A Nature Center includes educational displays and the animals you can find within the park. Pine trees,





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wildflowers, 250-acre Lake Raven and three streams feeding the lake are all present in Huntsville State Park, making it a suitable habitat for several species. Nature lovers will find plenty to see here. White-tailed deer, opossum, mole, skunk, raccoon and eastern gray squirrel are abundant. Alligators, largemouth bass and crappie live in the lake. Invasive species in the park will also be highlighted.

Huntsville State Park is located 7 miles South from Sam Houston State University. Exit #109 and turn right on P-40 (for almost 2 miles) to lead you to the state park entrance. Participants will provide their own transportation to the Huntsville State Park.

## Workshop 1: Invaders of Texas Citizen Science Train the Trainer Workshop

**Maximum:** 25

**Location:** Quality Suites Meeting Room

**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2015

**Time:** 8 am – 11 am

**Coordinator:** Hans Landel ([hlandel@wildflower.org](mailto:hlandel@wildflower.org))

**Description:** Invaders of Texas is a unique program whereby volunteer "citizen scientists" are trained to identify and report invasive species throughout Texas. That information is validated and delivered into a statewide database and to agency partners who can take action. This statewide initiative is supported by organized "satellite groups" which lead localized group efforts. This half-day workshop certifies individuals to serve as "satellite leaders" for their community, conservation organization, school group, or other institution. It will provide the tools necessary to conduct Invaders of Texas volunteer training events, including curriculum, citizen scientists resources (e.g., workbooks and field guides), and [www.texasinvasives.org](http://www.texasinvasives.org) website navigation and data entry tutorial.

This workshop counts as "Continuing Professional Education" (CPE) hours through the Texas Education Agency, as the Wildflower Center is a certified provider. Also, training counts as "Advanced Training" for Texas Master Naturalists and data reporting counts as volunteer hours for the program as well.

