

2012 Hog Out Activities and Feral Hog Bounty Locations Set for Caldwell County

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and Plum Creek Watershed Partnership in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is pleased to announce a Feral Hog workshop to be held at the Luling Foundation on October 16 at 5:30pm. Supper will be provided and participants will be credited 3 CEUs for the event. Topics discussed will include the History and Biology of Feral Hogs, Control Techniques, Laws and Regulations, and the Texas Department of Agriculture, Hog Out County Grant Program. Cost for the event is \$20 and must be prepaid at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office – Caldwell County by October 12.

The doors will open at 5pm and volunteers will be on hand to issue a \$2 per tail bounty for feral hogs killed in Caldwell County after October 1st. In addition, participants will be given one entry per tail for a prize drawing to be held in January. Thanks to tremendous support from local businesses for this program, the donations continue to roll in, so don't miss out on this great opportunity to turn those feral hog tails into cash and prizes! For the individual with the most verified hog kills in Caldwell County from October 1 through December 31, Cabela's will be offering a Grand Prize, the Maurader Hog Light by Hawglite is a bow-mounted light system that can be adapted to a rifle scope, gun barrel or an AR style of picantiny rail. The light retails for \$129.99.

Starting October 20th, two Caldwell County businesses will be administering bounty payments on behalf of the county for feral hog tails. Salt Flat Feed and Mercantile in Luling, and Caldwell County Farm and Ranch in Lockhart will be verifying feral hog tails, registering participants for the end-of-year prize drawing, and issuing bounty payments. You do not have to be a county resident to claim the bounty, but participants will be required to identify the approximate location within Caldwell County that the feral hog was killed. Feral hog tails will be accepted during regular business hours only.

For information on the feral hog workshop or the Caldwell County feral hog bounty program, please contact Nick Dornak, Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator, at 512-213-7389 or by email at ndornak@plumcreekwatershed.org. For the latest news and updates on Hog Out activities in Caldwell County and to learn more about the environmental impacts of feral hogs, visit the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership website at pcwp.tamu.edu and find them on Facebook.