

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

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and Plum Creek Watershed Partnership in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are pleased to announce a Feral Hog workshop to be held at the Hays County Extension Office in San Marcos on October 30 at 6:00pm. 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's Hog Out County Grant Program. Cost for the event is \$20 and must be prepaid at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office – Hays County by October 26.

The doors will open at 5pm and volunteers will be on hand to issue a \$2 per tail bounty for feral hogs harvested in Hays 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 hogs taken in Hays 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 picatinny rail. The light retails for \$129.99.

Cabela's in Buda, TX, will also be hosting 4 feral hog mini-workshops this month. These workshops will be limited to one hour and will be free and open to the public. There is no need to RSVP. Dates and times for the Cabela's feral hog mini-workshops are Thursday, October 25 at 6pm and 7pm, and Sunday, October 28 at 3pm and 4pm.

Starting October 20th, three Hays County businesses will be administering bounty payments on behalf of the county for feral hog tails. Triple "S" Feed in Dripping Springs, King Feed, Garden & Hardware in Wimberley and McCoy's Building Supply (Saturdays only) in San Marcos 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 Hays County that the feral hog was harvested. Feral hog tails will be accepted during regular business hours at Triple S Feed and King Feed. The McCoy's location will only be accepting feral hog tails on Saturdays between 10 am and 2pm.

For information on the feral hog workshop or the Hays 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

Hays County and to learn more about the environmental impacts of feral hogs, visit the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership website at <http://pcwp.tamu.edu> and find them on Facebook.