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Application deadlines are the 1st and 15th of each month between August 1 and November 1. August 1 is the deadline for all alligator hunt categories and private lands dove hunts. August 15 is the deadline for archery deer, archery mule deer, pronghorn, private land pronghorn and javelina.

A full list of category deadlines can be found online. Hunters can apply up to 11:59 p.m. CST on the application deadline. Applicants can check their drawing status online at any time.

For more information or to get started in the application process, visit the TPWD drawn hunts webpage. For questions, contact hunt@tpwd.texas.gov or call (512) 389-4505 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Register for Young Farmer & Rancher Fall Tour

By Julie Tomascik
TFB Editor

Young producers will get a look at agriculture in the Hill Country through the 2023 Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) Fall Tour. It's an opportunity for farmers and ranchers between the ages of 18 and 35 to meet with fellow producers and learn about other agricultural perspectives.

This year's tour is set for Sept. 8-10 in Kerrville and will focus on wildlife, vineyards, orchards and hay production.

"The Fall Tour is a great opportunity for young farmers, ranchers and ag professionals to relax, network and learn about agriculture in a different part of the state," Adrienne Synatschk, TFB YF&R Advisory Committee chair, said. "This is a fun and educational event, and we're excited to host it in the Hill Country this year."

The impact of commodity and consumer sales, as well as tourism, in the Hill Country

plays a crucial role in the state's economy.

"Visiting this area of Texas will give young agricultural professionals—farmers, ranchers, business owners, teachers or anyone interested in agriculture—a glimpse into what makes the Hill Country unique," Syntaschk said.

The three-day tour will feature farm and ranch visits, discussions on wildlife and opportunities to network with other participants.

"We need more young people to farm, ranch and work in agricultural businesses and other fields that support the production of food, fiber and fuel," Synatschk said. "The Fall Tour is a great way to meet other young people and learn from each other to take home new ideas and new strategies that we can implement."

Registration closes August 3.

There are two registration packages participants may select from that will include lodging, meals, transportation and the cost of all tours. A third registration package is available for those who do not require lodging.

County Farm Bureaus may help cover the cost of attending the Fall Tour.

Interested members can learn more about registration costs and register for the tour online at texasfarmbureau.org/YFR.

Prevent hot car deaths by always checking the backseat

Summer might be a favorite for travel and fun, but it's important to stay safe from torching temperatures in Texas by always checking the backseat and making sure kids are protected from the heat.

As temperatures climb into the triple digits during the Texas summer, conditions can become deadly for people, pets, and especially children.

"We have to remember that children's bodies heat up a lot faster than an adult because of their size, so we need to make sure we never leave them outside in a vehicle," said TxDOT El Paso Traffic Safety Specialist Monica O'Kane.

According to the Texas Heatstroke Task Force, children have died in hot cars even in moderate temperatures, but most deaths occur in the months of June, July, and August, making prevention even more critical during this time.

"Sometimes parents think well, the truck is in the shade, or the air conditioner is on in the truck, or I'm parked under a shady tree, it's okay to leave the child there. And unfortunately, it's never okay to leave the child," O'Kane said. O'Kane educates parents on car seat safety and reminds parents to never leave their children

Texas Drawn Hunt Program opens for season

New hunting opportunities and scenery are available to hunters this fall through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) drawn hunt permits program. The program, which issues permits for drawn hunts on both public and private lands throughout Texas, is now accepting applications for a shot at almost 10,000 permits in more than 60 high quality hunt categories.

Among the offerings available through the Texas Public Hunt System are hunts for white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorn, turkey, alligator and dove and guided packages for exotic species and bighorn sheep. There were 278,000 applications last year.

A new e-Postcard category has been added for predator hunts at the Matador Wildlife Management Area. Applicants for e-Postcard hunts and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Antlerless Deer Permits must have a current Annual Public Hunt Permit (APH) to apply. APH permits go on sale annually on August 15. Last year, the sale of 55,400 APH permits generated approximately \$2.5 million in revenue for wildlife conservation and public hunting opportunities.

An interactive map shows all drawn hunt opportunities by category or by area. All applications, fee payments and permit issuance are handled electronically. To participate, applicants will need internet access, an email address and a credit or debit card. The

customer ID number from the applicant's hunting or fishing license is the most effective way to access the system.

Application fees range from free to \$3 or \$10, depending on the hunt category. Adult hunters who are selected may need to pay a Special Permit fee of \$80 for regular hunts and \$130 for extended hunts. Some categories, such as the Youth-Only hunts, require no application fees or permit fees. Permits are open to resident and non-resident hunters alike.



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Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
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Sun. 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:30 am Worship
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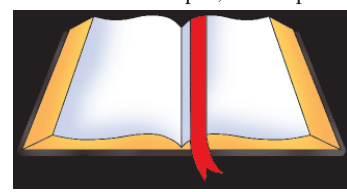
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Bronte • (325) 650-4836
Pastor Keith Fletcher
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor
Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

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Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
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4C Feedlot Youth Building

Coke County

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor
www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship



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Bible Baptist Church
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
11 am and 5 pm Worship,
Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
Pastor Brantly Robertson
(972) 841-2009
Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

First Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship,

Iglesia Bautista Betel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118
or (325) 473-1053
Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor
Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Chris Walls, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 6:30 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study