



Colorado River Municipal Water District hosts annual children's home youth hunts

The Colorado River Municipal Water District hosted two deer hunts during the 2014/2015 deer season for kids from a Texas Children's Ranch. On both hunts, five children from the home participated in the doe and spike hunts. These hunts are a great management tools in controlling deer numbers, but more importantly, provides a wonderful

opportunity to experience the outdoors and hunting to those would not normally get a chance to do so. Both the October and January hunts were blessed with rather pleasant weather; cool mornings and warm afternoons. Everyone observed a variety of game and a good time was had by all.

Wal-Mart of Ballinger, Texas, donated a gift card, along with

an anonymous donor from Nebraska who donated several Academy gifts cards for the hunts. Each child received a participation gift card, plus gift cards were awarded as prizes for the biggest doe and biggest spike harvested, best marksmanship and a luck of the draw prize.

Besides the hunt, all the young hunters had the opportunity to participate in what has become



one of their favorite events: a trip to the shooting range where each has time to sharpen their shooting skills and participate in a marksmanship contest. Things always get very serious when it comes time for the contest.

The boys ruled the shooting range, but the young ladies had all the luck hunting. Winners of the prizes for the two hunts were:

October 25, 2014 Hunt

Marksmanship Andrew (score of 38)

Biggest Doe Kailey (guided by Michael Lee)

Biggest Spike Kailey (guided by Michael Lee)

Luck of the Draw James John

January 17, 2015 Hunt

Marksmanship John (score of 40)

Biggest Doe Haley (guided by Michael Lee)

Biggest Spike Edna (guided

by Mary Ann Evans)

Throughout both hunts all were blessed with great food. On the October hunt, breakfast goodies and soft drinks were provided by David and Vicki Stewart of Rockwood, Texas. Lunch was provided by the Ballinger Mornings Lions Club of Ballinger, Texas, who prepared grilled hamburgers with the fixings, chips and cookies. Enough food was left over for all to enjoy another burger after the evening hunt. Also, Norene Jamison, of Voss, Texas, baked up a big batch of homemade cookies for each of the hunts. Note: not a single cookie survived.

Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday of the January hunt was provided by Elm Creek Village of Lake Ivie, and lunch was provided by Concho Park Marina, of Lake Ivie. After the evening hunt, a taco soup and

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