

“Whether students plan to enroll in college or find a job after high school, it is important for them to have a STEM foundation,” Al Mitchell, Monsanto Fund president, said. “Grow Rural Education provides farmers with a way to give back, and farmers that have nominated grant-winning districts are thrilled to see how \$10,000 and \$25,000 grants can transform a classroom.”

Since 2011, more than \$14 million has been awarded to school districts through the Grow Rural Education program.

More information about the program can be found at GrowRuralEducation.com.

Abundant Life

[Editor’s Note: The following is the tenth in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

Where are we going?

Matthew 24:43 *“But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.”*

With all the violence and anger in the world right now, I think a lot of folks have thought about security and keeping their families safe. We have had to start locking our cars at night and watching what gets left outside. A locked door and locked windows are good, but we often forget that the tv and internet and cell phones are wide open, and the devil uses anything and everything to attack our families. Even if we maintain a level of blocking graphic attacks on our family, the devil has learned to send his message on a PG level that will still distort the mind and try to alter family values and your role as parent or guardian.

1 Peter 5:8 *“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”*

Games and all the different apps and sites are designed to keep us engaged so that they can advertise or that someone can track how long things keep your attention for use in advertising. Everything has become about carnal and material things. The longer we are locked into these things the less time we truly see the world around us changing.

2 Timothy 3:2 *“For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy”*

It becomes normal when atrocities happen on the streets, or when children disappear, or people are murdered. We are living most of our lives in a virtual world that we feel we control but we are the ones being controlled.

Ephesians 5:14 *“For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*

Look around and you can see the changes.

I love y’all. Tell someone what Jesus has done in your life.

10 Family Fishing Ideas for Spring Break in Texas

Many Texans opt outside to help reconnect with nature after a long winter, but Spring Break adventures aren’t limited to swimming, camping and hiking. Fishing also offers a great way for families to experience the diverse aquatic life and scenic places that Texas has to offer.

Here are 10 places where families can make memories fishing this Spring Break:

1. The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in East Texas offers several stocked fishing ponds, ample fishing loaner equipment, a full production hatchery and a vast array of aquatic exhibits to explore. After catching catfish and rainbow trout in the fishing ponds, spring breakers can watch a live fish-feeding dive show, take a narrated tram tour through the outdoor hatchery facility and explore the wheelchair accessible wetlands trail. For those interested in seeing freshwater species up-close, the TFFC has aquariums filled with a wide variety of freshwater fish along other species like alligators and alligator snapping turtles.

2. Though the coastal city of Rockport suffered significant damage during Hurricane Harvey, this charming coastal community is open for business, which means plenty of opportunity for anglers and visitors during Spring Break. Families can plan a fun fishing day at the Rockport Beach Park Piers or the Copano Bay State Fishing Pier. While the fishing piers at nearby Goose Island State Park are not currently open due to hurricane damage, the Redfish road area of the island will be open for fishing and kayaking in the bay.

3. Colorado Bend State Park in the Texas Hill Country provides daily access to one of the best white bass spawning runs in the state, which should be in full swing during Spring Break. The park will also be hosting a free basic fishing



Vehicle Fire! Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department extinguished this vehicle on fire last week. The incident occurred south of Robert Lee on Highway 208.

workshop at 8:30 am March 10. No fishing license is needed to fish in a state park but anglers will need to bring their own fishing pole and tackle.

4. Mustang Island State Park on the coast near Corpus Christi reopened for day use March 1 and offers some of the best shallow-water fishing in Texas. Anglers can experience this high-quality fishing wading from the 5-mile shoreline or while paddling the 20-mile Mustang Island State Park paddling trail.

5. For a scenic spot of river away from all the tubers, the leased River Access and Conservation Area (RACA) site at Dick’s Canoes on the Brazos River is right for you. Dick’s Canoes is located at the FM 2114 crossing of the Brazos River downstream of Lake Whitney. Fishing opportunities in this segment of the Brazos River include largemouth, spotted and occasional white bass. Channel catfish, freshwater


drum, and sunfish are also good species to target. Access is open from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset for bank angling and launching non-motorized boats, canoes, kayaks, or other floatable devices.

6. For hardcore bass anglers and beginners alike, Amistad Reservoir near Del Rio offers some of the best largemouth bass fishing in the state. The Amistad National Recreation Area offers excellent boat and angler access to the lake with multiple fishing docks and

cleaning stations, miles of shoreline bank fishing and 9 public boat ramps.

7. At Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson, visitors can explore aquaria and exhibits of Texas marine life, the largest redfish hatchery in the world, 36 one-acre fish culture ponds, an outdoor wetland exhibit and a youth fishing pond. A 20-foot touch pool allows visitors to gently touch marine animals such as blue crabs, hermit crabs, stone crabs, snails and even anemones.

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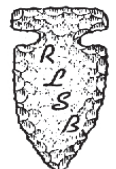
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