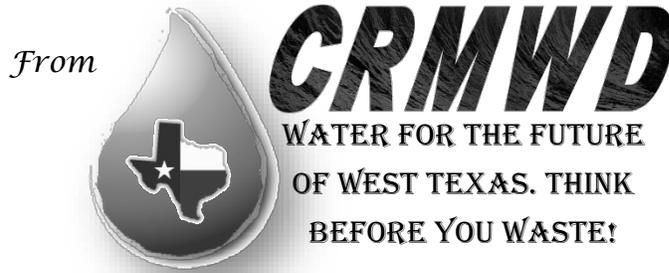


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Children's Ranch Deer Hunt January 13, 2018

On January 13, 2018, the Colorado River Municipal Water District hosted its second deer hunt of the 2017/2018 season for kids from a Texas Children's Ranch. A crisp, chilly 25 degree morning was the setting for this second hunt, but the kids were still excited to brave the cold and go hunting. Four girls participated in the doe and spike hunt. These hunts are a great management tool in controlling deer numbers, and more importantly, provides a wonderful opportunity to experience the outdoors and hunting for those who would not normally get a chance to do so. Everyone observed a variety of game and a good time was had by all.

An anonymous donor from Nebraska, donated several gift cards for the hunt. Each child received a participation gift card, plus awards were given for the best marksman, biggest (weight) doe, biggest (weight) spike and two luck of the draw prizes.

The young hunters also participated in what has become one of their favorite events; a marksmanship contest. It always gets very serious when it comes time for the official target shoot for a prize. The marksmanship prize was won by young hunter Haley, who turned in a very impressive best 4 out of 5 shot group of 1 ¼", after a very competitive shooting match. Very nice shooting girls!

The biggest doe was awarded to young hunter Mary (guided by Monica Minzenmeyer), with a doe field dress weight of 63 lbs. Youth hunter Taheen won the biggest spike award (based on weight). The luck of the draw prize went to young hunter Haley.

Despite the very cold weather, everyone saw an abundance of game. That always adds some excitement to the hunt. There was also several buck observed that had already dropped their antlers.

Throughout the hunt, all were blessed with great food. The Saturday morning breakfast was provided by David and Vicky Stewart of Rockwood, TX, who also furnished soft drinks for the hunt. Saturday lunch was provided by the Concho Park Marina, also of Lake Ivie. After lunch, everyone enjoyed home-made cookies baked-up

by Noreen Jamison of Voss, and brownies by Carrol Sessom, of Lake Ivie, and Monica Minzenmeyer of Rowena, TX. Debra Halfmann of Lake Ivie fed the group a spaghetti dish for the Saturday evening meal. The group was treated to Sunday morning breakfast by Elm Creek Village, of Lake Ivie, before leaving on their journey home.

A very informative Q/A program was provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens Jacob Crumpton of Concho County, Texas, and Cameron Ramsey of Runnels County, Texas, which generated some very interesting topics and real life work experiences.

Those assisting as hunting guides were Carol Sessom of Lake Ivie, Monica Minzenmyer of Rowena, TX, Debra Halfmann of Lake Ivie, and Joel from the Children's Home. Chris Grimes of Ballinger, TX, also came out Saturday morning and assisted in the processing of deer harvested after the morning hunt.

Deer corn was provided by the Coleman Grain Inc. of Coleman, Ballinger Shopping Basket (IGA) and Ballinger Feed and Seed, both of Ballinger, TX. As always, this greatly enhances the odds that the young hunters will have a better opportunity to see wildlife and harvest a deer.

Once again our special thanks to all who supported this event and gave of themselves to make this opportunity available to these young girls.

PHOTO:

Top Row Left to Right: Carrol Sessom, Joel, Debra Halfmann and Monica Minzenmeyer

Bottom Row Left to Right: Haley, Hanna, Taheen, Mary

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