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## 12th Annual Youth Hunt

16 of 18 Kids Harvest Trophy Animals



WOW is the word to sum up the weekend at Faulkner Ranch!!! Mr. Royce Faulkner invites us down to his high fenced ranch once a year for a kid's hunt. This year we took 18 kids between the ages of 12 - 18. We stay at the YO Ranch Hotel in Kerrville, TX, deep in the heart of the hill country. A

banquet Friday night gets everything kicked off. This is also where the hunters begin their hunter's safety course. Saturday morning, we all head to the ranch after a brief stop at Wal-Mart to pick up any essentials left behind!! At the ranch we are greeted by Mr. Faulkner and his ranch hands and friends with warm smiles and happy greetings! We break off into groups and go to several activities including target practice, rifle sight in, remote control cars and the outdoor trek of the hunter's safety course. After a delicious lunch prepared by some of the best grillers around (Mr. Faulkner's friends) we head to the blinds. All of the deer blinds on Mr. Faulkner's property are completely handicapped accessible and heated, so this is hunting in style!! Each hunter is accompanied by a hunt master and a companion. This is where the fun begins! You wouldn't believe the beautiful deer that come to these feeders!!! They are a sight to be seen!!! After sunset and the sound of gun shots ringing through the property, the hunters come in with the animals they have harvested. Sixteen of the eighteen hunters harvested 8-12 point bucks, 2 axis deer and 2 black bucks. With barbecue ready for our mighty hunters for dinner, the

deer come in and the stories begin! It's so awesome to see these little faces light up with excitement as they tell the stories of the afternoon and take pictures! All is wrapped up on Sunday morning with a wonderful breakfast at the YO Ranch and finishing up hunter's safety.

This weekend at the Faulkner Ranch is one of our favorite events of the year and it would not be possible without the kindness of the Faulkner Family, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Kirby Brown with Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Youth Hunters Association, and Mr. Faulkner's Staff! To all involved, we want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU!!!! This weekend was a great adventure for all involved.

If you want to be considered to go next year and you are under 17, please let us know!! This hunt is always the second weekend in January, the weekend after regular deer season closes. All you have to do is get to Kerrville and we'll take care of the rest!

Contact Shorty at [shorty@turningpointnation.org](mailto:shorty@turningpointnation.org) or 972-524-4231



## Ski Tahoe With Turning Point

## Cody on Ellen



Cody McCasland is a young man with a huge smile. I met him at the Turning Point Extravaganza in Dallas last year. His smile could be seen from across the



Turning Point North Texas is planing a ski trip to Tahoe in February with olympic medalist Candace Cable. The dates are Feb 26 thru 28. **You must R.S.V.P. by January 25th so we can make the reservations at the ski school.**

The host hotel is Circus Circus in Reno. It is the best bet gor us in Reno, because the cost is the minimal and the restaurants are easy to get to. Mid week rates are \$40 a night for a queen double room. We will have transportaion to and from the ski slopes.

Skiing will be at Alpine Meadows. They rent equipment for \$40 plus there is a lift ticket purchase for \$58. There is a 2 for one lift ticket . To be able to rent the equipment the skier has to show that they can load and unload the equipment safely. For new skiers, lessons are 2 and half hours in length and cost is \$60 which includes a lift ticket. To continue to use the equipment, the half day rental is \$30.

We will be skiing Tuesday, Feb 26 and Wednesday, Feb 27. On Thursday, you can ski or we also have snowmobile rentals set up for that day.



If you would like to join us call:

park and his "can do" attitude is contagious .

He likes to water ski and swim and has been doing s since he was three. I can understand why he was on of Ellen's favorite kids. He is an inspiration to everyone he meets.

If you missed him on the Ellen show click on the link below to see the clip.

[cody's interview with Ellen](#)

## Learn to Sail



## *Free Learn to Sail*

### 5 Week Seminar

#### Starting:

Monday Evening April 7, 2008

3 nights in the classroom and

**2 sessions**

'ON THE WATER'

#### WEEKLY Topics:

#### Week 1 Mon, April 7

(7:00 to 9:00pm) Introductions, nomenclature, boat set-up Equipment, basic sailing

#### Week 2 Mon, April 14

(7:00 to 9:00pm) Sailing up wind & tacking

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## Up Coming Events

### Turning Point North Texas

- Jan 19th-20th East Texas Youth Hunt
- Feb.16th Bowling and billiards/Plano Super Bowl  
10a.m. -4p.m.
- April Camping Trip/East Texas
- April 5th Turning Point Gulf Coast Black Drum  
Tournament/ Galveston
- May 5th -9th Outdoor Camp/Caddo Lake
- May 10th-11th Juniors' Bream Championship and  
Annual Bass Championship/ Caddo Lake, Uncertain, TX
- June 5th Fundraiser: Golf Tournament/Texas Hold  
'em Tournament
- June 6th Juniors/Adult 3 on 3 Basketball  
Tournament
- June 7th Extravaganza/ Bachman Lake,Dallas
- June 9th-12th Fishing Clinic
- June 13-15 PVA Bass Tournament, Lake Ray Hubbard,  
Garland, TX

### Turning Point Carolina

- January 21-25 Adaptive Snow Ski Clinic, Beech  
Mountain
- February Adaptive Extreme Ski Clinic, Tahoe
- March 12 Adult Striper Trip, Lake Norman
- March 28-30 Clarks Hill PVA Bass Tournament,  
Clarks Hill Reservoir, GA
- April 10-12 Adult Camp out & Fishing Trip, Kerr Lake,  
VA
- April 18-20 Harris Chains Lakes, PVA Bass  
Tournament
- April./May Turkey Hunt with Wheelin Sportsman

### Week 3 Sat, April 19

(11:00 am)

At Hobie Point - Boat Setup / Inspection, instruction and  
practice

### Week 4 Mon, April 21

(7:00 to 9:00pm) Sailing Downwind & Gybing

### Week 5 Sat, April 26

(11:00 am)

AT Hobie Point & Wrap up

### ***Classroom activity at Mariner Sails 10903 Indian Trail -Dallas***

### ***On-the-Water activity at Hobie Point Lewisville Lake Park - Lewisville Tx***

Pre-registration NOT required, Just come to  
the first Class!

Contact:Sam Baker [sdbaker@gte.net](mailto:sdbaker@gte.net) for mor  
details

Boat not required for classroom - Recommended for on  
the-water

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## Team Challenge

- May 2-4 Pier Fishing, Oak Island/Morehead City
- May 16-18 Rend Lake PVA Bass Tournament, IL
- June 20-21 Kids' Camp Out, Fishing Derby, Lake Norman
- Summer 2008 Extravaganza, Lake Norman YMCA

## Turning Point Indian Nation

- February Fort Smith Boat Show
- April Lewis & Clark Outfitters: kayaking, remote control cars, archery, climbing wall
- April 26 Crappie Trip on Arkansas River Camp
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May Doodle Socking Day - crappie spawn with long rods

- June/July Catfish "Noodling"
- Sept 20 Dove Hunt, Webber Falls, OK
- Oct 18 Kayaking & BarBQue, Greenleaf Lake
- October Archery Season Hunt

## Turning Point Tahoe

- February Cross Country Skiing, Tahoe Donner
- March Winter Festival, Tahoe
- March Crab Feed Fundraiser, Truckee
- April Cross Country Skiing, Tahoe Donner
- May Mackinaw Fishing, Lake Tahoe
- May Hike in Sierra Valley
- June Fishing & Hiking, Tahoe area
- July No Barriers Festival Fishing
- August Fishing, Tahoe Lakes
- September Camping & Fishing, Emerald Bay
- September Overnight Dove Hunt
- October Fall Hike, Tahoe
- November Fund Raising Event

See our website for more info on up coming events

[WWW.TURNINGPOINTNATION.ORG](http://WWW.TURNINGPOINTNATION.ORG)

## Join Turning Point's Pool league



Turning Point is starting an 8-ball pool league. We will be playing at The Billiard Den, 580 West Arapaho

Road, Richardson, TX 972-792-7665. The Billiard Den is fully accessible and has lots of rolling room around its beautiful new tables. We invite people of all ages and



## Team Challenge Roster

Shorty Powers TX	Rance Bighorse OK
Victor Leake OK	Jason Swanson TX
Lon Hilde MA	Doug Moore AR
Jeff Dills NC	Rod Short MS
Jon Bostic OK	Dave Kiley NC

You can see how the team is doing or join the tour c  
[WWW.PVA.ORG](http://WWW.PVA.ORG)

## 2008 PVA Bass Tour Schedule

Southeastern

March 28-30, 2008

Atlanta, GA (Clarks Hill Lake)

Central Florida

April 18-20, 2008

Tavares, FL (Harris Chain of Lakes)

Vaughn

May 16-18, 2008

Mt. Vernon, IL (Rend Lake)

Lone Star

June 13-15, 2008

Garland, TX (Lake Ray Hubbard)

National

July 11-13, 2008

Waldorf, MD (Potomac River)

Mid-America

abilities to join in the fun. It will begin in late January. So register soon.

If you are interested in joining us please register with Jason Swanson at 214-649-7146 or Email [JSwanson@turningpointnation.org](mailto:JSwanson@turningpointnation.org)

September 12-14, 2008  
Mannford, OK (Keystone Lake)

Corporate Sponsored  
September 26-28, 2008  
Birmingham, AL (Lay Lake)

## Handcycle Club



The Turning Point North Texas Chapter is teaming with the Lonestar Handcycle Club to bring handcycling to more people in North Texas. We will be riding in the Dallas/Ft.Worth area twice a month. Jan Mattern and Rick Gore, from the Lonestar Handcycle Club, will be joining Turning Point riders like Randy Snow, Jason Swanson, John Faye, Richard Queen, Rick Cox, Tony Swift and others. Randy Snow is excited to be hosting one of the rides that will be held in Terrell, TX. The rides will vary in difficulty and new riders are encouraged to attend. Our expert riders will work with new riders to give them tips and helpful hints about riding locations, new equipment that is available and how to choose the right handcycle for you.

For more information and a list of riding locations check us out on the web [www.turningpointnation.org](http://www.turningpointnation.org)

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<http://www.myspace.com/turningpointnation>

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## Our Mission



**"To develop self-esteem and confidence in the physically challenged population through participation in adapted outdoor adventures"**

"Life Beyond The Sidewalk" is a monthly publication of Turning Point National. It is published the first week of each month.

If you have an article or event you would like us to publish please submit it to Jason by the 10th of the month. If we do not receive the information by the 10th it will go in the next issue.

Jason Swanson - Publisher

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