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Online Auction to Benefit Gear Up for Game Wardens

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF) is launching its first-ever online auction to benefit Gear Up for Game Wardens, a TPWF program that provides specialty equipment for Texas Game Wardens across the state. The auction is scheduled for Sept. 21 – Sept. 23 and features items ranging from hunting and fishing gear to one-of-a-kind outdoor adventures guided by Texas Game Wardens.

"If you are a fan of Texas Game Wardens, especially those you might have seen on Animal Planet's *Lone Star Law*, you won't want to miss this," said TPWF Gear Up for Game Wardens Program Manager Austin Taylor. "Along with amazing items ranging from fine art to high-end gear, there will also be the opportunity to bid on trips hosted by Texas Game Wardens who have appeared on the show that promise to be experiences of a lifetime."

Trips offered include:

- ★ Kayaking with Game Warden Allison Hatten on an epic 3-day Devils River trip
- ★ Hunting with Game Warden Morgan Inman and legendary Texas chef Jesse Griffiths
- ★ Offshore fishing with Game Warden Dustin Dockery on a 41' Valhalla
- ★ 700 HP Airboat Cast and Blast with retired Col. Game Warden Grahame Jones
- ★ Youth Hunt guided by retired Game Warden Mike Boone, including a Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License and custom Henry rifle

Auction items have been donated by a wide array of companies including YETI, Modern Huntsman, Advanced Night Vision, GUNNER, Tecovas, Vortex, Howler Brothers, SITKA, Sorella Co., Copano Bay Press, First Lite, McKenna Quinn and SCHEELS. All proceeds from the online auction will help sustain the Gear Up for Game Wardens program and ensure this critical program can continue to enhance the capabilities of the best-trained corps of conservation officers in the nation. Find out more the program at gearupforgamewardens.org. Register for the auction at gearupforgamewardens.org/auction.

Through private donations, Gear Up for Game Wardens provides specialty equipment Texas Game Wardens need to maintain safety and ensure the highest level of service for the people of Texas. While the state provides the basic necessities for game wardens to do their jobs, there is still a critical need for additional specialized equipment. Since the program launched in October 2017, more than 1,300 donations have been made, for a total of more than \$2 million raised.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation raises private funds to advance Texas' proud outdoor traditions and conserve our state's wildlife, habitat, recreational areas, and natural resources. Since 1991, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation has invested more than \$215 million in efforts to ensure that all Texans, today and in the future, can enjoy the wild things and wild places of Texas.