



**El Sauz Ranch
Field Lesson Checklist**

Please ensure your teachers and staff *thoroughly read through* checklist to ensure for a successful and enjoyable learning experience.

- Bus Arrangements** (See *Map Information* sheet to calculate travel time.)
 - Submit a transportation request with your school district. Ensure bus drivers have a clear understanding of the location and they view the route ahead of time on Google Maps.

- Lunch**
 - Submit a lunch request to your cafeteria staff. Snacks for students are optional. Teachers/bus drivers and other adults should plan on bringing their own lunch if they are not going to eat the school lunch.
 - Please encourage students to bring a reusable water bottle. Or be sure to bring enough water for students and staff. We will provide water stations so that students can refill water bottles.
 - TEK 5.1B student makes informed choices in the conservation, disposal, and recycling of materials.*

- Student Information**
 - Teachers read the student information document. Ensure students receive a copy of and read through the student information for dress code and expectations.

- Liability Forms**
 - Ensure each student *and* adult have completed a signed liability release form prior to trip. Please bring forms with you the day of your scheduled visit, we will collect them at the gate. Please do not include school permission slips.
 - If you arrive to the ranch without liability forms, we will have to send the group back to your campus.

- Teacher and Staff Expectations**
 - Please ensure that teachers and staff are actively engaged and participating in the field lesson as their behavior sets the tone for student behavior during field lesson.

- RETURN SIGNED COMMITMENT FORM**
Sign and email to Elisa Velador at evelador@texas-wildlife.org.

- Please text Elisa Velador at (956) 266-3583 when you are departing from your school campus.

The El Sauz Ranch Gate is located 23 miles east of Raymondville, Texas:

37216 Texas Highway 186
Port Mansfield, Texas 78598

Gate Coordinates

26.536769° N, -97.446649° W



Approximate Travel Times and Directions to Ranch Gate by Major Cities

McAllen 77 miles/1 hour and 13 minutes

Take I-2 East toward Harlingen. Exit I-69 North toward Raymondville. Exit Highway 186 East. Travel 23 miles toward Port Mansfield. The ranch gate will be on the left side of Highway 186.

Brownsville 70 miles/1 hour and 7 minutes

Take I-69 North toward Raymondville. Exit Highway 186 East. Travel 23 miles toward Port Mansfield. The ranch gate will be on the left side of Highway 186.

Harlingen 45 miles/ 42 minutes

Take I-69 North toward Raymondville. Exit Highway 186 East. Travel 23 miles toward Port Mansfield. The ranch gate will be on the left side of Highway 186.

Raymondville 23 miles/23 minutes

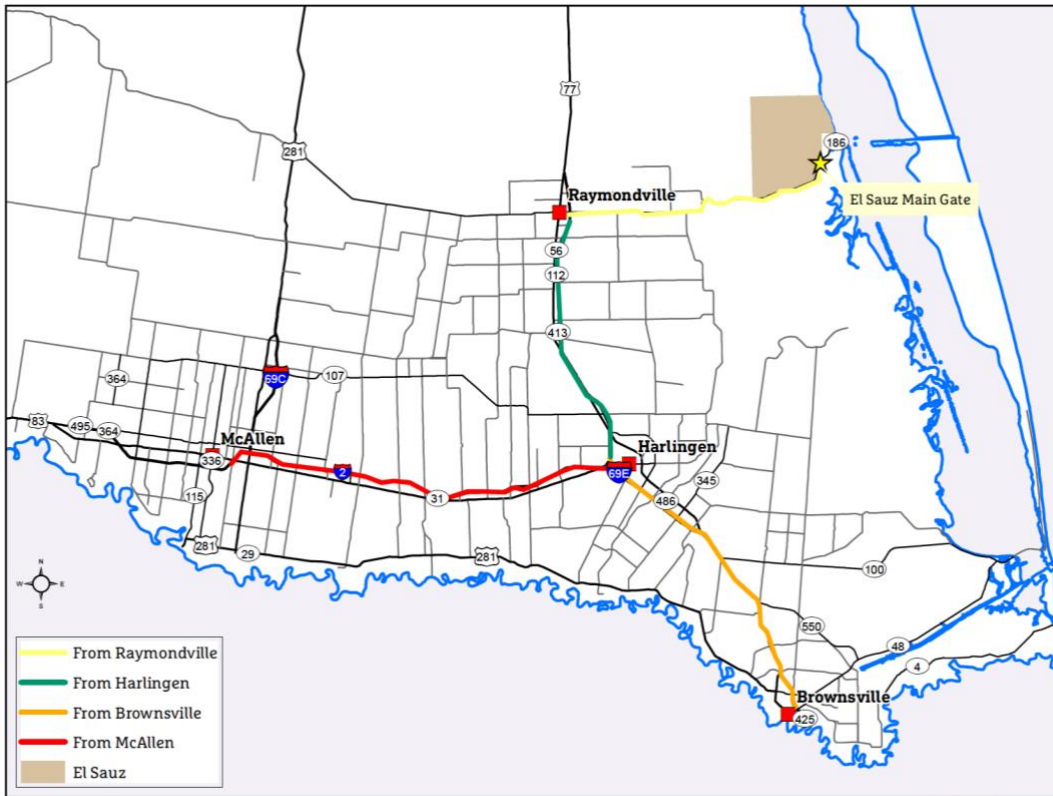
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Directions to El Sauz Ranch

This is a picture of the El Sauz Ranch Gate.
We will have staff on site to meet you at the gate.





El Sauz Ranch Field Lesson

Student Information

1. Have your parents sign and return the East Foundation release of liability form AND school permission slip. *Students will NOT attend the field lesson without turning in both, no exceptions.*
2. Make sure to arrive at school on time the day of the Field Lesson so that you can board the bus on time.
3. Check the weather forecast for **Port Mansfield, Texas** the day before the Field Lesson and dress for the weather. Long jeans and closed toed shoes are mandatory. Wear shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. Hats are strongly recommended. Wear a jacket or sweater depending on weather or wear layers to stay warm.
4. Apply insect spray and sunblock before you get to school.
5. Eat a very good breakfast and use the restroom before leaving the school. It may be a long bus ride!
6. Students must follow all school rules at the El Sauz Ranch. Do not run and watch your step at the ranch.
7. If you need to use the restroom, let your teacher know. Students are not allowed to wander away from the rest of the group without permission.
8. Your campus will provide a lunch and the East Foundation will provide water. Your teachers will let you know if you may take snacks, extra drinks, or a lunch. ***Be good land steward! Bring a reusable water bottle!***
9. Electronics such as cameras, cell phones, tablets etc. may be used by students to take pictures IF your campus administration/teachers allow them.
10. Do not litter. Dispose of all trash in appropriate containers. We will be using portable restrooms, please be respectful and keep them clean. Only used toilet paper goes in the toilet.
11. The taking of animals and/or plants of any kind from the El Sauz Ranch is strictly prohibited.
12. Always be respectful and attentive to all presenters during the Field Lesson.
13. You do not need to bring money with you. There is no gift shop or store.

Teacher Name: _____
School Name: _____
Date of Field Lesson: _____
Year: _____



East Foundation Student Release, Waiver, Assumption of Risk and Permission

In consideration of _____ (please print name)(the “Student”) being granted access to one of the ranches of the East Foundation (“EF”) and provided the opportunity to participate in an educational, field day program (the “Program”) at such ranch, the undersigned parent, managing conservator or guardian of the Student hereby agrees as follows:

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE. The undersigned agrees, on behalf of himself/herself and the Student and our respective personal representatives, executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns, to release and forever discharge the EF, East Foundation Ranches, LLC and their respective related entities, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, successors and assigns (each an “EF Party” and collectively, the “EF Group”) from, waive in respect of each EF Party, and covenant not to sue any EF Party for, any and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses (including, but not limited to, attorneys’ fees and expenses), actions, causes of action, suits, obligations, judgments and claims of any nature whatsoever (collectively, the “Liabilities”) arising from, based upon or related to personal injury to, or death of, or damage to or loss of property of, the Student in connection with the Student’s being on an EF ranch or participating in the Program. **Such release, discharge, waiver and covenant not to sue shall include, but not be limited to, any and all such Liabilities caused in whole or in part by the negligence of any EF Party.**

STUDENT ASSUMES RISK. The Program consists of various activities outdoors on an EF ranch, including but not limited to, observing cowboys work with cattle, a captive ocelot, a rainwater/watershed demonstration, skins and skulls from wildlife specimens, a presentation on native rangelands, and a historical account of South Texas. Each of the Student and his/her parent, managing conservator or guardian is aware of and understands the inherent risk and dangers of the Program, and agrees to assume all risk of and responsibility for personal injury or death to Student, and/or damage to or loss of Student property, arising from, related to the Student’s being on the EF ranch or participation in the Program. Such assumption of risk includes, but is not limited to, any personal injury or death, and/or damage to or loss of property, arising from, based upon, or relating to improper conduct of any Student, and any personal injury or death, or damage to and/or loss of property, caused in whole or in part by the negligence of any EF Party. Each of the Student and his/her parent, managing conservator or guardian understands and agrees that, in the event of any injury to Student, none of the EF Group will be responsible for any decisions relating to medical treatment for Student or for such treatment itself.

AGREEMENT AND WARNING: I UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AN AGRITOURISM ENTITY IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO OR DEATH OF AN AGRITOURISM PARTICIPANT RESULTING FROM AGRITOURISM ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE ACCEPTED ALL RISK OF INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND OTHER LOSS THAT MAY RESULT FROM AGRITOURISM ACTIVITIES. (EF is an agritourism entity and the Program is an agritourism activity.)

WARNING: UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL OR FARM OWNER OR LESSEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AN EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES.

RIGHT OF PUBLICITY. The Student’s participation in the Program shall constitute permission to use the name, likeness, photographic image, voice, biographical information or any other identification of the Student for advertising,

Teacher Name: _____
School Name: _____
Date of Field Lesson: _____
Year: _____



publicity, instructional or any other purposes in connection with the Program or the mission of any EF Party, and in any and all media now or hereafter known, without compensation to or right of prior review or approval by the Student or his/her parent, managing guardian or guardian. The undersigned agrees, on behalf of himself/herself and the Student, and our respective personal representatives, executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns, to release and discharge each EF Party from, to waive in respect of each EF Party, and not to sue any EF Party for, any and all Liabilities arising from, based upon or relating to any claim for invasion of privacy, violation of right of publicity, defamation or appropriation, or any similar claim, in connection with any such use.

MISCELLANEOUS. If any portion of this instrument shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining portion hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in force and effect.

REPRESENTATIONS. The undersigned states that he/she has had full opportunity to ask any questions regarding the Program that he/she may have, that he/she has read and understands this instrument and that he/she has been given the opportunity to review this instrument with any person he/she chooses, including a lawyer, and has done so to the extent he/she wishes to do so.

Name of Parent, Managing Conservator or Guardian (Print)

Signature of Parent, Managing Conservator or Guardian

Date: _____



Liberación, renuncia, asunción de riesgo y permiso de estudiantes de la Fundación East

En consideración a _____ (escriba el nombre en letra de imprenta) (el "Estudiante") que se le otorgó acceso a uno de los ranchos de la Fundación East ("EF") y se le brindó la oportunidad de participar en un programa educativo de día de campo (el "Programa") en dicho rancho, el padre abajo firmante, el conservador gerente o el tutor del Estudiante por la presente acepta lo siguiente:

LIBERACIÓN DE RESPONSABILIDAD Y PACTO DE NO DEMANDAR. El abajo firmante acuerda, en nombre de sí mismo y del Estudiante y nuestros respectivos representantes personales, albaceas, administradores, herederos, parientes más cercanos, sucesores y cesionarios, liberar y despedir para siempre a EF, East Foundation Ranches, LLC y sus respectivas entidades relacionadas, subsidiarias, afiliadas, funcionarios, directores, agentes, empleados, voluntarios, sucesores y cesionarios (cada uno una "Parte EF" y colectivamente, el "Grupo EF") renuncian con respecto a cada Parte EF y se comprometen a no demandar cualquier Parte EF por cualquier y todas las responsabilidades, pérdidas, daños, costos, gastos (incluidos, entre otros, honorarios y gastos de abogados), acciones, causas de acción, demandas, obligaciones, juicios y reclamaciones de cualquier naturaleza (colectivamente, las "Responsabilidades") que surgen de, basadas en o relacionadas con lesiones personales, muerte, daño o pérdida de propiedad del Estudiante en relación con el hecho de que el Estudiante esté en un rancho EF o participe en el Programa. **Dicha liberación, descargo, renuncia y convenio de no demandar incluirá, pero no se limitará a, todas y cada una de las Responsabilidades causadas en su totalidad o en parte por la negligencia de cualquier Parte EF.**

EL ESTUDIANTE ASUME EL RIESGO. El programa consta de varias actividades al aire libre en un rancho EF, que incluyen, entre otras, la observación de vaqueros trabajando con ganado, un ocelote cautivo, una demostración de agua de lluvia / cuenca, pieles y cráneos de especímenes de vida silvestre, una presentación sobre pastizales nativos y una historia cuenta del sur de Texas. Cada estudiante y su padre, tutor principal o tutor es consciente y comprende los riesgos y peligros inherentes del programa, y acepta asumir todo riesgo y responsabilidad por lesiones personales o muerte del estudiante y / o daños a o pérdida de la propiedad del Estudiante, que surja de, relacionada con la estadía del Estudiante en el rancho EF o su participación en el Programa. Tal asunción de riesgo incluye, pero no se limita a, cualquier lesión personal o muerte, y / o daño o pérdida de propiedad, que surja de, se base o se relacione con la conducta inapropiada de cualquier Estudiante, y cualquier lesión personal o muerte, o daño y / o pérdida de propiedad, causado en su totalidad o en parte por la negligencia de cualquier Parte EF. Cada uno de los Estudiantes y sus padres, administrador o tutor entiende y acepta que, en el caso de cualquier lesión al Estudiante, ninguno de los miembros del Grupo EF será responsable de las decisiones relacionadas con el tratamiento médico del Estudiante o de dicho tratamiento en sí.

ACUERDO Y ADVERTENCIA: ENTIENDO Y RECONOZCO QUE UNA ENTIDAD DE AGROTURISMO NO ES RESPONSABLE DE NINGUNA LESIÓN O MUERTE DE UN PARTICIPANTE DE AGROTURISMO RESULTANTE DE ACTIVIDADES DE AGROTURISMO. ENTIENDO QUE HE ACEPTADO TODOS LOS RIESGOS DE LESIONES, MUERTE, DAÑOS A LA PROPIEDAD Y OTRAS PÉRDIDAS QUE PUEDAN RESULTAR DE LAS ACTIVIDADES DE AGRITURISMO. (EF es una entidad de agroturismo y el Programa es una actividad de agroturismo).



ADVERTENCIA: BAJO LA LEY DE TEXAS (CAPÍTULO 87, CÓDIGO DE PRÁCTICA CIVIL Y RECURSOS), UN PROFESIONAL DE ANIMALES DE GRANJA O PROPIETARIO O ARRENDATARIO DE GRANJA NO ES RESPONSABLE DE LAS LESIONES O LA MUERTE DE UN PARTICIPANTE EN ACTIVIDADES DE ANIMALES DE GRANJA, INCLUYENDO UN EMPLEADO O CONTRATANTE INDEPENDIENTE RESULTANTES DE LOS RIESGOS INHERENTES DE LAS ACTIVIDADES DE ANIMALES DE GRANJA.

DERECHO DE PUBLICIDAD. La participación del Estudiante en el Programa constituirá permiso para usar el nombre, semejanza, imagen fotográfica, voz, información biográfica o cualquier otra identificación del Estudiante para publicidad, publicación, instrucción o cualquier otro propósito en conexión con el Programa o la misión de cualquier Parte EF , y en todos y cada uno de los medios que se conozcan ahora o en el futuro, sin compensación ni derecho de revisión o aprobación previa por parte del Estudiante o de sus padres, Conservador Gerente o tutor. El abajo firmante acuerda, en nombre de sí mismo y del Estudiante, y de nuestros respectivos representantes personales, albaceas, administradores, herederos, familiares, sucesores y cesionarios, liberar y despedir a cada Parte EF de, a renunciar con respecto a cada EF Parte, y no demandar a ninguna Parte EF por todas y cada una de las Responsabilidades que surjan de, basadas en o relacionadas con cualquier reclamo por invasión de la privacidad, violación del derecho de publicidad, difamación o apropiación, o cualquier reclamo similar, en relación con dichos usos.

MISCELÁNEO. Si alguna parte de este instrumento se considerara inválida o inaplicable, la parte restante del mismo no se verá afectada y permanecerá en vigor y efecto.

REPRESENTACIONES. El abajo firmante declara que ha tenido plena oportunidad de plantear cualquier duda que tenga sobre el Programa, que ha leído y comprende este instrumento y que se le ha dado la oportunidad de revisar este instrumento con cualquier persona que elija, incluido un abogado, y lo haya hecho de la medida en que lo desee.

Nombre del Padre, Conservador Gerente o Tutor (en letra de imprenta)

Firma del Padre, Conservador Gerente o Tutor

Fecha: _____



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Name of Teacher/Educator (Print)

Signature of Teacher/Educator

Date: _____



**El Sauz Ranch and Coastal Land Resource Center
Field Lesson Commitment Form**

Please have an administrator initial each statement, sign, and email to Elisa Velador at evelador@texas-wildlife.org.

_____ School has committed to bringing _____ students to participate in a Field Lesson on the El Sauz Ranch on _____, 20____. The students are in _____ grade.

_____ School will provide lunch for students, staff, teachers, chaperones, and bus drivers.

_____ School agrees to print learning booklets for their students. Learning booklets may be added into science journals in place of printing.

_____ School has committed to ensuring teachers are actively monitoring students and participating in lessons taught by East Foundation Staff and partners.

_____ School has committed to ensuring that participating teachers will complete an evaluation of the field lesson.

_____ School will depart school campus at _____ (time) and will need to return to campus by _____ (time).

School contact will bring signed liability forms with them, the day of the field lesson. If students and adults do NOT have signed East Foundation liability forms, we will ask the group to return to their campus.

Administrator Signature

School Contact Signature

Printed Administrator Name

Printed School Contact Name

Administrator E-mail

School Contact E-mail

Administrator Phone/Cell Phone

School Contact /Cell Phone