

AgriLife Extension Sets October 30 Deer Appreciation Day in Coleman

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COLEMAN - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Coleman County will conduct a Deer Appreciation Day beginning with registration at 8:15 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 500 W. Live Oak in Coleman.

The program will conclude by 4:15 p.m. following an afternoon tour of the J. Lock Ranch near Gouldbusk.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered -- one general and one integrated pest management.

"The start of the regular deer season is just around the corner, so we've planned this program to address the latest in deer management, while deer hunting is uppermost in the minds of many area ranchers," said Luther Dunlap, AgriLife Extension agent in Coleman County.

"We'll start the actual program at 8:45 a.m. with a lab practical of the 20 top deer browse plants in our area," he said. "The remainder of the morning session will be devoted to various management aspects relating to deer and to deer hunters. We'll also look at deer nutrition before we break for lunch at noon."

Dunlap said the afternoon session will start with a talk on the Buckskin Brigade youth camp by Shelby Adams, a brigade cadet from Santa Anna, followed by a presentation on deer economics.

Participants will then depart at 1:00 p.m. for a tour of the J. Lock Ranch where topics including high fence deer management, supplemental feeding and habitat management will be discussed.

The program is free and open to the public.

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