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Travel reimbursement sought, including hotel when applicable.

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Michael Mitchell

Conservation-related Public Speaking

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a retired Naval Officer and retired state game warden, I live in Austin and have a strong passion for educating regarding wild things and wild places. I present at various nature and leadership groups across the state and nation. My style is very relaxed with high levels of interaction and storytelling.

SPEAKING TOPICS (as of 4/2026)

COMING IN 2027: MINDFULNESS AND THE HEALING OF NATURE

Focusing upon Body Scan, Tai Chi, Forest Bathing and similar possibilities.

COMING IN 2026: PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

Focusing upon explaining this concept for protecting the public's shared resources.

NEW! ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT

Last presented at the National Conservation Training Center, 2025.

Optimal time 1.5 hours with questions and answers. Non law enforcement will be redacted.

GAME WARDEN CAREER FOR JUNIOR MASTER NATURALISTS/YOUTH

First presented at Lindheimer Chapter, New Braunfels Public Library, 2024.

Optimal time 1.5 hours with questions and answers; taught in person only

CONSERVATION LAWS AND ETHICS / RESOLVING MORAL AMBIGUITY

Last presented at 2025 Texas Master Naturalist State Conference & countless chapters. 2008-2026.

Optimal time 2.5 hours with questions and answers; taught in person only

SCREECH OWLS, BOXES, AND CAMERAS

Last presented at 2025 Texas Master Naturalist State Conference. 2020-2025.

Optimal time 2 hours with questions. Live is preferred due to show and tell.

OPERATION GAME THIEF: TEXAS' CONSERVATION CRIMESTOPPERS PROGRAM

Last presented at 2023 Texas Master Naturalist Program conference, 2019-2023.

Optimal time 1 hour with questions and answers

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING, PANDEMICS, AND TERRORISM FUNDING

Last presented at 2023 Texas Master Naturalist Program conference, 2021-2023.

Optimal time 1 hour with questions and answers; taught in person only

ANRDAGOGY: HOW ADULTS LEARN & HOW TO EFFECTIVELY DELIVER TO THEM

Last presented at 2025 Texas Master Naturalist State Conference, 2024-2025.

Optimal time 2 hours with questions and answers; taught in person only

DISCUSSING CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS

Last presented at 2024 Texas Master Naturalist Program conference, 2024.

Optimal time 2 hours with questions and answers; taught in person only

ECOLOGICAL GRIEF: IS IT REAL AND WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN

Last presented at 2025 Texas Master Naturalist State Conference, 2024.

Optimal time 1.5 hours with questions and answers; taught in person only

TECHNICAL VERSUS ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES

Last presented at Natl Assoc of Conservation Law Enforcement Academy, 2022-2024.

Optimal time 1 hour with questions and answers

SOCIAL MEDIA IN CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT

Last presented at Natl Assoc of Conservation Law Enforcement Academy, 2015-2023.

Optimal time 2 hours with questions and answers

INVASIVE FERAL HOGS AND WHAT WE CAN DO

Presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute @ University of Texas, 2023.

Then at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute @ Texas Tech (Fredericksburg), 2024.

Optimal time 1.5 hours with questions and answers