



OUR FACILITIES

See list below for available facilities at the Ron Whitson Center. Please note, there is no nurse on location.

- 11,000 square foot show arena complete with restrooms, concessions and PA system.
- 2 – 10,000 square foot barns to house cattle, horse, pig, sheep and goat projects for our local FFA chapter.
- The original red barn with outdoor classroom.
- 400 square foot greenhouse
- Garden area
- Walking trails
- 3 ponds stocked with fish and turtles
- Pastures
- Wetlands, woodlands and prairies
- Picnic area with tables available
- Bus parking



RON WHITSON

Ron Whitson was born in Dallas, Texas and graduated from Garland High School. He received his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from East Texas State University and his Master's degree in Vocational Education Administration from the same university. Ron was a vocational education teacher for 2 years in Cedar Hill and was an agricultural science teacher in Mansfield for 27 years. He was also an advisor for the Mansfield FFA chapter. After his retirement from education, he accepted a position with the Texas Education Agency as State Director for Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources where he provided oversight as the Statewide CTE Coordinator for six career clusters. He also serves as an agency liaison and member of the Board of Directors for Texas FFA, Texas DECA and HOSA-Texas Association. Ron and his wife Beverly live in Dripping Springs, Texas. As of August 2018, Ron has retired from TEA.

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RON WHITSON AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE LEARNING CENTER



CAMP INFO

Agriculture and science camps are open to 4 years old and up, in district and out. Chaperone requirements for ages 4-10 are 1:10 and for ages 11 and up are 1:20.

The cost for out of district is \$5 per participant.

Some camps are seasonal and are not offered year-round. Below is a partial list of camp sessions. Please visit our website for the complete list of camps, more details, and registration information.

- Renewable or Not
- Fishing for Science
- Looking at Leaves
- Invasive Pests
- Woolly Mammoth
- Are You My Mother
- Star Party
- Farm to Table
- Muck, Moss and Pete
- How Big is Your Tree
- Habitat Haven
- Web of Life
- Pumpkin Patch
- Soil Stories

STAFF INFORMATION

Keven Smith is an Agricultural Science teacher from Ben Barber Innovation Academy and is also a Mansfield FFA Advisor.

Please contact Mr. Smith for all out of district requests to check for availability and pricing. Also, please email Mr. Smith for any questions about the camps or special requests.

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For more information about this facility or to sign up for in district camps, please visit our website at

www.mansfieldisd.org/WhitsonAgCenter

AGRICULTURAL COURSES

Ben Barber Innovation Academy Agricultural courses will periodically visit the Ron Whitson Center to apply/observe what students have learned in the classroom.

- Energy & Natural Resource Technology
- Equine Science
- Forestry & Woodland Ecosystems
- Principles of Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
- Horticulture Science
- Small Animal Management
- Advanced Plant & Soil Science
- Livestock Production
- Advanced Animal Science
- Wildlife Fisheries & Ecology Management
- Veterinary Medical Applications
- Practicum in Agriculture Food & Natural Resources

