



## OUR FACILITIES

Available facilities at the Ron Whitson Center:

- 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
- Fish hatchery
- Wetlands, woodlands and prairies

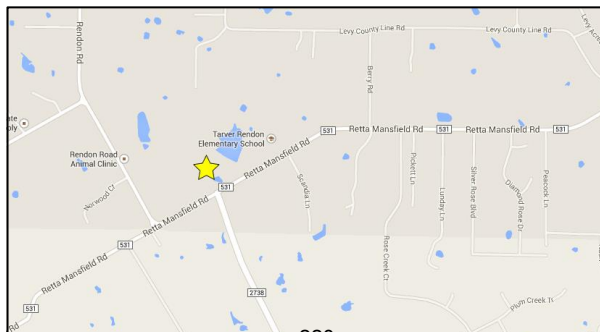


## RON WHITSON

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.

Currently, he provides 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. He has two sons who graduated from Mansfield High School, two stepsons and 8 grandchildren.

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# RON WHITSON AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CENTER



## CAMP INFO

Agriculture and science camps are open to students of all grade levels, kindergarten through high school. 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 CTA and is also a Mansfield FFA Advisor.  
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For more information about this facility or to sign up for camps, please visit our website at  
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## AGRICULTURAL COURSES

Ben Barber CTA 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

