

4-H WILDLIFE HABITAT EVALUATION PROGRAM

State Contest

The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program is a hands-on, experiential, and practical program to learn about rural and urban wildlife management planning. The program teaches youth and their leaders ecologically sound principles of wildlife management, strong leadership and teamwork skills, and the ability to apply learned knowledge. Participants will learn and compete in these areas:

- 1) Identify common wildlife species (Juniors and Seniors)
- 2) Identify common wildlife foods (Juniors and Seniors)
- 3) Interpret wildlife habitat from aerial photographs (Juniors)
- 4) Understand and prescribe wildlife management practices (Juniors and Seniors)
- 5) Develop and present wildlife management plan (Seniors)

The 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program Arkansas Contest Handbook (AG363) is the training book for participants. The contest will be changed in 2009 to align with the National Contest. Make sure you are using the 2009 Handbook. A copy will be posted on the Cooperative Extension Service website in November 2008. A CD of the handbook can be requested from Becky McPeake. A leader's guide is also available upon request.

Participants may compete as an individual or on a team. A county team will consist of no less than three and no more than four entrants who are 4-H members in their county during the current year. Senior team members must all meet the age qualifications for Senior 4-H'ers: ages 14-19 as of January 1 of the current year. Likewise, Junior team members must all meet the age qualifications for Junior 4-H'ers: ages 9-13. Cloverbuds can participate in Activity 1 (identifying wildlife) if Junior or Senior 4-H'ers from their county will be competing. Cloverbuds will not be scored but will receive a participation ribbon.

Who: Open to all 4-H'ers ages 9-19
Teams consist of three or four, or compete as an individual

When: April – see Quick Reference Guide.

Where: Varies depending on habitat selected for the contest – see Quick Reference Guide.

Cost: \$10 per contestant (\$20 for late applications)

Application Information:

County registration is due April 1 in the Little Rock State Office – 4-H Youth Development.

Health cards (Health Statement and Parent's Release) must be completed as part of the application. Code of Conduct and Media Release forms should be on file in the county Extension office.

A bill will be issued to the county after the event.

The 4-H refund policy is in effect. One check per county will be due upon receipt, payable to the "Arkansas 4-H Foundation."

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Arkansas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation State Contest Registration Form

Directions: Complete this form for everyone, including coaches and parents, attending the state contest. If more space is needed for additional teams or non-contestants, submit additional copies of this form. Send original to the 4-H state office along with health cards. Individuals or teams of three or four are encouraged to participate.

County _____

Name	Junior or Senior	Birth Date	T-shirt size (Optional)*
Team 1 (if applicable, or list individuals)			
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Team 2			
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Team 3			
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Team 4

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Name of Non-contestants	Agent, Adult, or Child (must be supervised)
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Registration Fee: *Unless posted otherwise, cost is \$10 per contestant by the announced deadline, or \$20 after deadline. Original form must be received by deadline to qualify for the \$10 registration fee. No switching of team members 14 days prior to contest. County Extension offices will be charged registration fees.*

Registration Fee

Number of contestants _____ X \$10 = _____

*Number of t-shirts _____ X \$8 = _____

County Extension Agent (Signature)	Date
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4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program *Practice Session*

This Practice Session for the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program is an educational opportunity for youth and leaders to learn about key concepts of wildlife ecology and management. The practice session helps contestants prepare for the state contest. Qualified instructors and contest judges will be on hand to review the contest sections, provide background information, and answer questions from participants and leaders.

Who: Open to all 4-H'ers ages 9-19 and their adult leaders

When: February – see the Quick Reference Guide

Where: To be announced, usually in Central Arkansas – see Quick Reference Guide

Cost: \$6 per person, including adult leaders and other non-contestants (\$10 for late registration)

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Registration Fee: *Unless posted otherwise, registration fee is \$6 per participant (including coaches and other non-contestants) by the deadline, or \$10 after deadline. Original form must be received by deadline to qualify for the \$6 registration fee. County Extension offices will be charged registration fees.*

Number attending (youth and adults) _____ X \$6 = _____

*Number of t-shirts _____ X \$8 = _____

_____ County Extension Agent (Signature) _____ Date

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