



## 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Contest

### Arkansas WHEP

**Goal/Purpose:** The National and Arkansas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program is designed to teach youth the fundamentals of wildlife management. Although these are competitive events, their primary function is education. Wildlife management is learned through participation in statewide activities and county clubs through field trips, practice sessions, and demonstrations. Additional benefits come from developing leadership capabilities and interacting with youth and wildlife professionals from across the state and nation.

**Program Overview:** The Arkansas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program conducts a contest and practice session each year. Contests are held at various locations throughout the state. Awards are given to junior and senior competitors in individual and team events. All contestants compete as individuals. Teams are comprised of three or four members from one county. Juniors and seniors who don't have enough county members to form a team can still compete. They will be grouped with individuals from other counties to form teams the day of the contest.



WHEP Activity	Activity Type	Level
I. Wildlife Identification	Independent Independent Independent	Cloverbud Junior Senior
II. General Wildlife Knowledge		
IIa. Wildlife Foods & Concepts	Independent	Junior
IIb. Aerial Photo Interpretation	Independent	Senior
III. Wildlife Management Practices	Team Independent	Junior (chart only) Senior (land judging)
IV. Written Wildlife Management Plan	Team	Senior
V. Oral Defense of Wildlife Management Plan	Independent	Senior

**Related 4-H Events & Activities:** Shooting Sports (Wildlife ID), Forestry Contest, Wildlife O-Rama (Wildlife ID, Foods & Concepts), 4-H Forestry & Wildlife Camp, Envirothon

**Training Resources:** 4-H Wildlife project books, WHEP Leader project book, local nature centers, Audubon chapters, U.S. Forest Service wildlife biologists, Project Learning Tree (Arkansas Forestry Association), Project WILD & Regional Education Coordinators (Arkansas Game & Fish Commission)

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