

Wildlife Habitat Education Program JUNIOR COMPETITION

DESCRIPTION

The Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) is designed to teach youth the fundamentals of wildlife and fisheries science and management. WHEP is a hands-on environmental education program that provides youth the opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge in a friendly wildlife competition.

RULES FOR JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS

Teams of 3-4

Teams of 3-4 individuals can form a 4-H team or FFA Team to compete in the state contest. If individuals are unable to form a team, they may compete as an individual in the Wildlife Challenge

Age Divisions | Junior (9-13 years)

Age is calculated as of January 1, 2020.

**Only Senior Teams are eligible to compete in the National WHEP Competition.*

CONTEST SPECIFICATIONS

The South Carolina Wildlife Habitat Education State Contest for JUNIORS will consist of:

- Wildlife Challenge (50 Points)
- Written Wildlife Management Plan (125 Points)

JUDGING

Wildlife Challenge: Spelling errors will NOT be deducted
Written Wildlife Management Plan: Junior Teams will have 1 hour to write a management plan for 1 species of wildlife. Juniors will write their plan using a template that will be provided.

On competition day, all contestants must provide their own pencil and clipboard.

OBJECTIVES

- Demonstrate their knowledge of wildlife identification and wildlife management concepts, and the biology and ecology of wildlife species
- Demonstrate the knowledge to identify the best wildlife management practices wildlife
- Youth gain essential life-skills, such as decision-making, leadership, written and oral communication

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

Program Information:

https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/wildlife_habitat_education_program/index.html

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