Wildlife Habitat Education Program

SENIOR 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.

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

RULES FOR SENIOR 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 Division | Senior (14-18 years)

Age is calculated as of January 1, 2019.

CONTEST SPECIFICATIONS

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

- **Activity I:** Wildlife Challenge (50 points)
- **Activity II:** On-Site Recommendations of Wildlife Management Practices (50 points)
- **Activity III-A:** Written Wildlife Management Plan (125 points)
- **Activity III-B:** Oral Reasons for Wildlife Management Plan (75 points)

JUDGING

Scoring will be based off of the WHEP manual recommendations for the National Competition.

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

Registration Information:

[https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/wildlife_habitat_education_program/index.html](https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/wildlife_habitat_education_program/index.html)