

not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1 of the contest year.

- 5) The senior team with the highest overall score will have the opportunity to represent North Carolina at the National 4-H WHEP Invitational.

Videos, textbooks, and other teaching materials may be used to further learning. State Cooperative Extension Wildlife Specialists, County Agents, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Biologists, and University Faculty and Students also may help provide information and training.

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North Carolina 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program



What is WHEP ?

The **Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program** (WHEP) is a national 4-H program that:

- teaches 4-Hers about the fundamentals of wildlife management
- brings 4-Hers together to develop team skills
- promotes and develops leadership skills among 4-Hers
- provides an opportunity for 4-Hers to work with wildlife professionals

Purpose and Activities

Although WHEP is a competitive event, its primary purpose is to increase participant's knowledge of wildlife management while promoting leadership development and skills necessary to be a productive team member.

The NC WHEP Learning and Activity Guide, available through Extension Forestry at NC State University, covers wildlife habitat management concepts in both urban and rural settings and is designed to help participants prepare for the annual state contest.

State contest activities include:

- 1) Identifying wildlife foods and what animals eat the foods
- 2) Interpreting wildlife habitat from aerial photographs
- 3) Identifying wildlife species
- 4) Prescribing wildlife management practices

General Guidelines

- 1) All participants must be 4-H Club members in North Carolina.
- 2) A county may enter as many Junior and Senior teams (consisting of 3-4 members) as they have participants.
- 3) Counties may enter Individual participants if a team cannot be formed.
- 4) JR division is for ages 9-13 and SR division is for ages 14-19.
- 5) All senior contestants must have passed their 14th birthday on or before December 31 of the preceding year and must

