



Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

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“TRACKS” – February 2023

*Participation in wildlife & forestry activities are open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members.
You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 31 & April 1, 2023
4-H Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest
West Bend, WI

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Wildlife WHEP WI 4-H Contest (NQE - WHEP)
West Bend, WI

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Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Contest (NQE - Forestry)
West Bend, WI

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Wildlife Contest & Tri-County Archery & Air Rifle Tournament
West Bend, WI

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

We are well into the long, cold days of winter. While we gain more minutes of daylight per day, the average daily temperature is also creeping up. How do Wisconsin's mammals survive the winter? For critters that don't migrate or hibernate, many make body and behavior adaptations.

Example: deer have developed several practical adaptations that help them survive until spring. In fall, they seek out high calorie food such as fruits and nuts and build fat reserves in their body. As chilly weather approaches, they shed their summer and replace them with thicker undercoats. Their overcoat grows to have darker, longer and hollow hairs called guard hairs that absorb heat from the sun and insulate their body. Deer and moose are the only mammals that share this unique adaptation.

Deer also have glands in their skin that produce oil, making the hairs in their coat hydrophobic and able to repel water from melting snow. In winter, deer reduce their activity and hunker down with other deer in stands of coniferous trees like cedar, spruce and fir, which keep their leaves in winter. These stands are called "deer yards" and help provide valuable shelter from wind and snow. They sustain themselves with a diet of twigs, stems from low-hanging tree branches and saplings, consuming 5-8 pounds per day.

Source: [Masters of Mother Nature | HARDY FLORA AND FAUNA FIND CLEVER WAYS TO ENDURE WISCONSIN'S WINTERS | Wisconsin DNR](#)

Wildlife & Woods Virtual Sessions: The next interactive sessions for your family are on February 22, March 22, April 26, & May 24. Free registration is available in your family 4-H Online account under the Events section, The Zoom link will be emailed after the registration is complete. Questions? Email: wild4hwildlife@wisc.edu

Wildlife & Forestry 4-H Art Contest – It's time for your entries in the art contest. There are 18 categories & four groups: K-5-2nd grade, 3-6th grade, 7-9th grade, & 10th -13th grade. The registration form is attached. Have fun & share your entries.

WHEP & Forestry Contest - Learn how easy it is to participate and it's great for career development opportunities. Dates: March 31st or April 1st. **Study guides and registration forms for the contest are available so email us.** The National WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) Manual www.whep.org/ & the National Forestry Manual www.4hforestryinvitational.org/ are nationally accredited resources. It's also available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/> or email us anytime.

Do you need wildlife & forestry activities to do in your county? Wildlife WHEP WI 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry committee has age specific hands-on activities in your county programs. We'll help train your youth and adult leaders. Parents, youth, and adult leaders are encouraged to participate to find out how easy it is to lead these hands-on activities. Contact us anytime. Free Wildlife & Forestry Skill Level Booklets are available.

Kerri, "TRACKS" Editor

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2023 Wildlife & Forestry 4-H Art Contest Registration

(Wildlife & Forestry contests are on a separate registration form.)

Friday, March 31, 2023 and Saturday, April 1, 2023

Washington County Fair Park, 3000 Hwy. PV, West Bend, WI (Hwy 45 S. of West Bend)



This 4-H activity is open to all Wisconsin 4-H Club members. You may be enrolled in any 4-H project to participate in Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry activities. See additional guidelines and wildlife/forestry art contest rules for all classes.

“Brief Description” – All items must have a 3” X 5” card attached explaining your wildlife item and its wildlife connection on one side and your name, club, and county on the other side. See examples in guidelines on page two. Items must be made in the current 4-H project year and after September 1st of the previous year. No face to face judging. Judges will give SIX awards in each class and in each division. TAKE UP TO FOUR ITEMS.

Check your Grade: K-5 – 2nd grade ___ 3rd – 6th grade ___ 7th – 9th grade ___ 10th – 13th grade _____

Check the box with your choice of entries – 4 ENTRIES TOTAL

- 1-Nesting Structure or Feeder for Bird, Bee, Butterfly, or Bat House, etc.** – The structure meets specific requirements for the named critter. Include - overall size, shape, and hole diameter or opening, etc. (Ornamental bird houses, etc. must be entered in crafts.) Include your story telling description.
- 2-Craft** – Craft item has wildlife or forestry connection. Examples: leather craft, stitchery, clothing, sculpture, wildlife folk art, plaster tracks, quiver, etc. Craft items must be made by exhibitor during the current 4-H year. (Do not use “put together craft kits” or similar items.)
- 3-Drawing** – Drawing can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife, forestry, or wildlife habitat connection. Drawing can be pencil, ink, charcoal, chalk, pastel, colored pencil or similar on any surface. Drawing will be judged on “story telling ability”, neatness, and your description.
- 4-Invasive Plant or Weed** – Poster, display, or dried example of an invasive plant or weed (immature and mature if possible). Include item name, your description, and control measures. Also, include date & location where found for each item for actual collections. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year. Examples: purple loosestrife, ragweed, etc. Include your story telling description.
- 5-Orienteering & Geocaching** – Poster or display on Compass, GPS, or Topographic Map Use. Items will be judged on their relationship to wildlife or forestry applications. Poster or display related to geocaching. Include your story telling description.
- 6-Painting** – Your painting can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Painting can be acrylic, watercolor, oil, or similar on any surface. Painting will be judged on “story telling ability”, neatness and your description.
- 7-Photo Black & White** – Your black & white photo or silhouette photo (one photo only) can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Photo will be judged on “story telling ability”, neatness, and your description. No people allowed.
- 8-Photo Color** – Your color photo (one only), any size, and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Photo will be judged on “story telling ability”, neatness, and your brief description. No people allowed.
- 9-Recycle** – Any item related to wildlife, forestry, or for wildlife use. Example – bird nesting material. Item will be judged on “story telling ability”, practical usefulness, neatness, and your brief description.
- 10-Taxidermy** – Item or display made 4-H member during the current 4-H year. Include date, location, and county where critter was obtained. Also, include a description of the critter and of your taxidermy work.
- 11-Trail Camera Photo – Large / Small Mammal** – Photo from a trail camera can be any size and does not need to be mounted. Include animal name, date, location (county), and brief description of the picture. Also include the relationship of the camera’s owner. Picture must have been taken with your immediate family or grandparents trail camera after September 1st of the previous year. Photos will be judged on “story telling ability”, neatness, and your description.
- 12-Trail Camera Photo – Upland Bird, Backyard Bird, Waterfowl, or Raptor** – Photo from a trail camera can be any size and does not need to be mounted. Include animal name, date, location (county), and brief description of the picture. Also include the relationship of the camera’s owner. Picture must have been taken with your immediate family or grandparents trail camera after September 1st of the previous year. Photos will be judged on “story telling ability”, neatness, and your description.
- 13-Tree or Shrub** – Item, poster or display of a tree or shrub, parts, measurements, related insects or diseases, etc. Include the tree/shrub name and description. Also, can be with an animal, insect, bird, or critter that makes their home in, on, or near a particular tree or shrub species. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year.
- 14-WHEP or Forestry Concept** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP or forestry Concept (or part of a concept) from the current national manuals. Include the concept name and a description. Examples: habitat requirements, stages, food chain, etc.
- 15-WHEP Foods** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP foods (or part of a food group) from the current national WHEP manual. Include the food group name and a description. Examples: aquatic plants, grains, soft mast, hard mast, etc.
- 16-WHEP or Forestry Management Practice** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP Management Practice (or part of a management practice) from the current national WHEP Manual. Include management practice name and your description Examples: planting trees, fish or wildlife survey, create snags, wildlife damage management, recreational uses, products, tools used, etc.
- 17-Wildflower** – Dried or pressed wildflowers, poster or display of wildflowers or parts of a wildflower. Include name, date, location (county) where found and your description. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year.
- 18-Wildlife or Forestry Game** – Individual or group game or learning activity related to wildlife or forestry. Include name of game, supplies, rules, and ages for participation. Also, briefly describe what will be learned by the participants. Include a picture of the game being used if possible. Your item can be a 4-H youth leader activity from the entire preceding year

WILDLIFE & FORESTRY ART CONTEST ENTRY FEES:

Youth entered in wildlife/forestry art contest only (Includes t-shirt)

___\$10.00 First item; ___ \$2.00 second item; ___ \$2.00 third item ___ \$2.00 fourth item

Youth entered in Tri County Tournament and Art Contest ___ \$2.00 First item; ___ \$2.00 second item; ___ \$2.00 third item ___ \$2.00 fourth item

Can't Attend the Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest. Please make arrangements with a friend to bring your item and take it along home after the event. If that is not possible, please mail/ship your entry in an "acceptable, returnable, and reusable packaging". Your item will be return shipped after the contest. We are not responsible for lost or damaged shipments. Please include the proper applicable shipping cost for the return shipment (nearest dollar value) with your registration fee. See your local Post Office or UPS Store for applicable shipping rates. Your General Club Leader or Extension Youth Development Educator or Project Leader must acknowledge that your entry is your work and that it was made during the current 4-H project year. Contact us with questions.

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Art Contest Rules

- Only North American wildlife (including migratory critters), plants, etc., especially those in found in Wisconsin can be used.
- Items must be made in the current 4-H project year and after September 1st of the previous year. (See listed exceptions.)
- All 4-H wildlife artwork must be done by the participant and not previously exhibited at a Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Art Contest.
- Mountings or frames on photos, drawings, and paintings are not required. Items will be judged on their "story telling ability", neatness, and your brief description.
- Diorama, displays, pictures, and posters can be any reasonable size as long as it is easy to handle and display.
- **"Brief Description" – All items must have a 3" X 5" card attached with your name, club, & county on one side and description which includes proper name, habitat requirements (diet, water & cover). See examples below.**
- **Your Wildlife or Forestry Description is Required and counts 30% toward an award" - 75 words maximum.**
Your description includes the correct critter name or names. You can include habitat information (diet, water & cover), and other interesting comments that tells the story about your item.
Brief example for "Photo, Drawing, or Painting": (Your picture of deer) so your description is as follows:
"White-tailed Deer - This is a large mammal. Habitat: forest & prairie areas, Foods sources: grass, acorns, browse"
Brief example for "Wildlife WHEP Concept" poster: (Your concept is a food web) so your description is as follows:
"Food Web - A food web is a network of interconnected food chains. A food chain starts with primary producer (example), and next is primary consumer (example). Next is secondary consumer (example) and tertiary consumer (example) follows next".
- Youth are limited to **one entry in a class for your age and four entries total.**
- **Your division is determined by your birthday as the first day of the event.**
- Make sure your project will withstand being handled. Projects will be on display for others to view and to examine.
- **No face to face judging. Judges will give SIX awards (and honorable mention as determined) in each class and in each division.**
- Any entry not meeting all contest rules will not be eligible for an award.
- Items are entered on Friday evening or Saturday morning. **Items must be registered and on display by 10:00 A.M. Saturday. Late items will not be judged. Items are on display until 1:00 P.M. Please make arrangements for pick-up of your entries if you leave early.**
- +++ An incomplete registration form will not be accepted. +++

I acknowledge that this youth is currently enrolled in 4-H and is entered in the correct classes.

General Club Leader or Extension Youth Development Educator or Adult 4-H Project Leader (project _____) acknowledgment.

Signature _____ Ph# _____ Project Leader for _____

Tri-County **Wildlife Habitat Competition:** Friday night and Saturday to 1:00PM. Separate age classes: **K-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-19.** Different tests will be used in various age divisions. There are 40 multiple choice questions. No fee required and you are automatically entered. See the wildlife team entry form for details. **(This contest is not the Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Statewide Competition. See the separate registration form.)**

I'm entered on a tournament wildlife team. Team Name: _____

See Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H website for details on wildlife contest topics: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education>.

See 4-H Shooting Sports website for more details on wildlife contest topics: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/>.

Each PARTICIPANT receives only one Tournament T-Shirt. Adult sizes: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X Large ___ XX L ___

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked Saturday, March 11, 2023. Faxed entry forms must be received before midnight that day with payment and original registration received here by March 15, 2023. No late entries accepted.

Name _____ Birth Date _____ Age ___ Phone _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

4-H Club _____ **County** _____ **E-mail** _____

Program support is provided by Wisconsin Wild Turkey Federation Chapters, Northern Kettle Moraine Whitetails Unlimited, Friends of Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H, and Friends of Wisconsin 4-H Forestry. THANK YOU.

Permission Statement: I grant permission for my child to participate in the Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wildlife & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Art Contest and related activities. **I release** the hosting facility, their employees, UW Extension employees, volunteers, and donors from any financial responsibility while participating or in attendance. **I agree** to pay all expenses not covered by insurance. **I authorize** the use of photographs of our family at this event for educational or media purposes. **I have read and understand the contest rules regarding participation.**

Signature: Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____ Participant's Signature: _____

Total fees: _____ Check Number _____ Make checks payable to: Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports

Mail to: Barb/Norb Yogerst, 2401 Western Avenue, Jackson, WI 53037 PH: 262-677-2379

EM: washingtonco4hshootingsports@gmail.com

Please return this form with payment. Keep a copy for your records. Copy as needed.