



Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

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“TRACKS” – May 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.*

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

Get those rods and reels ready - Wisconsin's general fishing season opens May 6! (All Wisconsin residents over the age of 16 are required to purchase a fishing license.) The extra precipitation we've been getting has caused some flooding throughout Wisconsin. What happens to fish when streams and lakes flood?

Positive: As water flows pools and deeper channels can be carved. Large materials such as trees get moved offering sheltering structures. Isolated bodies of water get boosts in breeding, population connectivity and genetic diversity. A flood is an opportunity for fish to explore new habitats.

Negative: Fish can die due to sediment and organic matter consuming oxygen. The feeding ecology can be impacted as water salinity alters food availability. Harmful contaminants can enter the water.

A team of volunteers, DNR staff and county staff continuously monitor the water quality on Wisconsin's 15,000 lakes and 84,000 miles of rivers and streams.

As anglers head out to their favorite fishing locations, the DNR would like to remind them to:

- Follow all regulations and license requirements.
- Minimize the spread of aquatic invasive species by removing plants and animals from your boat before and after launching, draining all water from compartments and never moving live fish away from any waterbody
- Practice responsible catch and release if you are letting your catch go.
- Follow safe boating procedures and always wear a life jacket.



2023 Wildlife & Forestry 4-H Art Contest West Bend, Wisconsin

Pictures of some of the more than 100 entries (K-5 through Grade 13).

Wildlife & Woods Virtual Sessions: The next interactive session for your family is on May 24. Free registration is available for your family 4-H Online account under the Events section. The Zoom link will be emailed after the registration is complete. Questions? Email: wi4hwildlife forestry@gmail.com

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. Contact us anytime. Free Wildlife & Forestry Skill Level Booklets are available.

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