

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Texas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project Contest

WHAT is the Wildlife Habitat Education Project (WHEP)?

The Texas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project (WHEP) is an interactive program that teaches youth about wildlife, habitat, habitat management, and natural resources stewardship. In addition, life skills such as team work, critical thinking, public speaking, and observation are underlying objectives in this youth development effort. Creating educated and involved stewards of natural resources is the long term goal.

The Texas 4-H WHEP Contest is held annually in a different part of the state to provide participants with a different ecological region to be explored and studied each year. The contest is designed for each age division in 4-H; Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. The contest is held outdoors in wildlife habitat as described in the Rules and Procedures.

WHEN: May 8-9, 2021

LOCATION: Cross Plains, Texas (specific location will be sent to each registrant and county)

Texas 4-H WHEP Manual: Texas 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Webpage,
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/>
Ecoregion of Study in the Manual is Woodland

ELIGIBILITY:

Any current 4-H member is eligible to register as a team member or an individual. This contest does not require a participant to qualify in any other way. Each youth contestant must register on their personal family profile.

REGISTRATION PROCESS: March 9, 2021-April 9, 2021

Registration is completed online through 4-H Connect (<https://texas.4honline.com>).

Registration deadline is **April 9, 2021**. Registration fee per individual youth contestant is \$25.

Registration Types:

Youth Participant: This registration is only for youth who will be contestants in this event. Youth can participate as an Individual contestant or as part of a team.

Coach: This registration is only for coaches of WHEP teams/individuals. This registration is designed for coaches to list their teams by age divisions so that registered youth contestants can be arranged in teams on the official scoring template and be provided for in terms of appropriate answer sheets and materials. There is no registration fee for coaches. Only one coach registration is required per county to list teams.

There will be no lodging or meal accommodations arranged for this contest or available on the contest site. All lodging and meals will be the responsibility of the individual county teams. Lodging will be available at the Texas 4-H Center which is 20 miles south of the contest location. Use the website <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/contact/> and select 'Register Now' then select '2020-2021 Trainings/Retreats' and 'Texas 4-H WHEP State Contest'. The next closest hotel

accommodation is another 20 miles to Brownwood. Camping and RV sites are available at the Lake Brownwood State Park (<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-brownwood>).

Participating counties and families are encouraged to pack their own picnic lunches, snacks, and water. The contest area is located in a remote area several miles from any town.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Saturday

9:30 a.m. – Team Check-in
10:00 a.m. – Contest Begins
Noonish – Lunch Break
Following Lunch – Contest Continues
~4:00 p.m. – Contest ends for the day
Scoring and Tabulation by Contest Officials

Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Contest Activities Continue
Early Afternoon following Final Scoring and Tabulation – Awards Presentation
Depart for Home

Any additional details will be sent to each registrant after registration closes.

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