



# Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

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## “Tracks” –September 2018

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

### Wildlife & Forestry 4-H Friends,

**Do you want to help the Monarch butterflies?** Do you know the 4 other common names it has depending on the region you are in? Why not collect milkweed seeds for planting in the spring? Remember, when collecting milkweed seeds take 1/3 and leave 2/3 of the ripe brown milkweed pods on the plants. Take your camera along for interesting photo opportunities. On a cold winter day, you can remove the seeds from the white fluff indoors.

**Congratulations to the 2018 Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Team.** The national 4-H contest was held at Jackson Mill, Weston, West Virginia. Wisconsin 4-H team members were Taylor Champeau (Washington Co.), Lyta Nicoll (Waukesha Co.), Micah Stege (Washington Co.) & Philip Mayer (Washington Co.). Next year, we plan to send a team of four youth to the National 4-H Forestry Contest and four youth to the National 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program Contest. Youth may participate in the national contests only one time in their 4-H career. Al Gross and Robin Champeau are the Wisconsin 4-H Forestry state team coaches.

**Wildlife WHEP and FORESTRY Contests - April 5 & 6, 2019** - Participation is open to all enrolled Wisconsin 4-H club members. Let us know and we'll show you how easy it is to prepare for the contests. This contest is an opportunity for you to become familiar with the wildlife habitat education program competition and the forestry program competition. Request registration forms by email. The ecoregion for the wildlife contest will be announced later. The forestry contest is on Forestry Basic Information and Management. The contest questions will be multiple choices. It's a great way to test your knowledge against others in your age group. **Wildlife WHEP - (5 topics):** Wildlife Management Practices; Concepts & Terms; Wildlife ID; Foods ID; & Management Plan. **Forestry - (5 topics):** Compass & Topo Maps; Tree Identification; Tree Health - Insects/Diseases; Tree Measurement; & Forest Evaluation. The registration deadline is March 16th.

**Older youth can qualify for National 4-H Competition by participating in the contests.** Participation in 2019 can qualify you for the 2020 team. Wisconsin plans to send a team of four 4-H youth to the National 4-H WHEP Contest in late July. Another 4-H team will be going to the National 4-H FORESTRY Contest at the same time. **Need more information on Wildlife?** Check out <http://fyi.uwex.edu/whepwi4h/> and [whep.org](http://whep.org) to see wildlife curriculum.

**Need more information on Forestry?** Check out <http://4hforestryinvitational.org/> to see forestry curriculum and [forestinfor.org](http://forestinfor.org) for interesting topics on forestry.

**Wildlife WHEP and Forestry Art Contest - April 5 & 6, 2019** - Participation is open to all enrolled Wisconsin 4-H club members. There are 18 different categories in 3 age divisions. Registration deadline is March 16st. Request registration forms by email.

### **Wildlife & Forestry Activities about your “Backyard & Back 40”**

Why not try these topics? 1.) Purple Loosetrife Beetle Growing Program, 2.) Building Bat Houses, 3.) Improving Habitat for Pollinators, 4.) Building Butterfly/Rain Gardens & Project Milkweed, 5.) Improving Habitat for Migrating Land Birds, 6.) Improving Upland Bird Habitats, 7.) Water & Riparian Areas Improvements, 8.) Forestry Fundamentals & Management Practices. Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry committee members and youth leaders can do an age specific hands-on presentation in your county and 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 and reserve your dates.

**Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry** encourages youth leadership participation and career exploration through many 4-H projects and related activities. Check out the Wildlife WHEP and Forestry activities at the 2018 Fall Leaders Forum on November 2nd & 3rd at Green Lake.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 5 & 6, 2019  
Wildlife WHEP WI  
4-H & Wisconsin 4-H  
Forestry Art Contest  
West Bend, WI

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20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
4-H Wildlife Contest  
and Tri-County  
Archery & Air Rifle  
Tournament  
West Bend, WI