



Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

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"TRACKS" – May 2019

Participation in Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry activities are open to all 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 WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

It's May 12th and spring is being very stubborn this year. My daffodils and hyacinths finally emerged, and the grass is greening up. The goldfinches have their yellow feathers and the trees are thinking about budding out. The blooming flowers after months of snow and grey are my favorite signs of spring. What is yours? Get that camera out and take some pictures to share.

How are you preparing for warmer weather? I'm starting to think about planting a garden. We also spent some time "waking up" the pond. We performed a water test and introduced some beneficial bacteria to manage sediment and undesirable plant growth. We've had a lot of visiting geese and ducks at the pond. I even heard some spring peepers the other day!

Migrating songbirds are passing through and they need snacks, so keep those bird feeders full. A lot of those birds are heading north so they will only be around for a short time. You most likely are seeing different birds of the same species every few days. The resident birds will get to know you and remind you to refill the feeders.

Purple Loosestrife Beetle Update: May 4th was planting day for the purple loosestrife roots. We'll be raising over 300 pots of purple loosestrife plants this summer. The roots have sprouted, and each pot is covered with a net. All we have to do now is give the plants water and watch them grow. When the plants get about 3 feet tall, we'll put 10 beetles in in each pot and they will turn into 800 to 1,000 beetles and larvae by mid-July. The kids have the most fun releasing the beetles in designated areas. Let us know and we'll email the info about how easy it is to raise purple loosestrife beetles. It is a long term (Bio-Control) solution for controlling the invasive purple loosestrife plants. Start planning for next year.

Are you looking for wildlife & forestry class topics and activities? Just let us know and we'll email you: Wildlife/Forestry Activities - Anytime or Anywhere, along Wildlife WHEP Class Topics and Forestry Class Topics. There are topics for every interest and age group in the listings and we have more topics if needed.

Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest Update from April 5 & 6, 2019: Participants were from the following counties: Bayfield, Calumet, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, and Waukesha. Art entries are in 3 age divisions and 18 different topics.

2019 National 4-H WHEP Contest - Our Wisconsin 4-H WHEP Team members are Taylor Champeau, Micah Stege, Phillip Mayer, and Caeley Champeau.

Thank you to all the participants in the past Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests. Older youth can qualify for National 4-H Competition by participating in the contests. Participation in 2020 can qualify you for the 2021 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 to see wildlife curriculum. **Need more information on Forestry?** Check out <http://4hforestryinvitational.org/> to see forestry curriculum and www.internationalpaper.com for interesting topics on forestry.

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry committee members and youth leaders can do age specific hands-on activities in your county. We'll train your youth and adult leaders at the same time. 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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 17 & 18, 2020
ART CONTEST
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Archery & Air Rifle
Tournament
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