



Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

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"TRACKS" – December 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 activities.

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

When there is snow on the ground, tracks are one of the most obvious ways to identify creatures. However, there are more ways to discover what has been lurking!

Scratch marks on trees, logs and rocks: Measure the distance between claw marks to get an idea of the size of the animal; for example, raccoon scratch marks are about 2 1/2" wide.

Tree holes: a tree hole with fresh light-colored wood around the opening is probably being used by a mammal. It must gnaw around the opening to keep the tree from healing.

Eyeshine: Many animals have a mirror-like layer inside the backs of their eyes. This reflective layer bounces the light around their eyes and allows them to see better in the dark. Different animals have different colors of eyeshine.

White - fish, spider, Yellow - raccoon, Red - porcupine, owl, Orange - opossum

Greenish white - deer, Pink/Red - rabbit, Green - frog, Green or Gold - fox

Sheds: Skins, antlers, feathers, hairs and more.

Bones: Most mammal bones are rounded. They are hollow with a thick outer wall. Bird bones have sharper edges. They are hollow with a thin outer wall. Fish bones are usually thin and flat.

What's up in the winter sky?

Around December 14-15 you may catch a glimpse of the Geminids meteor shower, considered to be one of the most spectacular showers of the year. The Geminids are not associated with a comet but an asteroid. The asteroid takes about 1.4 years to orbit the sun.

Sources: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

<https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/meteor-shower/>

Anyone interested in Wildlife & Forestry Art? Consider participating in the Wildlife/Forestry Art Contest next spring. It is open to all enrolled Wisconsin 4-H members. Attached is a copy of the registration form. There are eighteen categories in three different age divisions, so you will only compete against youth of your own age. Are you too far away and can't make it to the contest? Just follow the instructions on page 2 of the form. Start taking those pictures.

It is time to set up your wildlife and forestry classes for 2020. We have the topics/ information for you, so just ask and we'll help you. Wildlife/Forestry Activities - Anytime or Anywhere, along with Wildlife WHEP Class Topics and Forestry Class Topics are available. There are topics for every interest and age group in the listings.

Check out <http://fyi.uwex.edu/whewpi4h/> and whew.org to see additional curriculum.

Check out <http://4hforestryinvitational.org/> to see forestry curriculum and www.internationalpaper.com for additional interesting topics. Older youth can qualify for National 4-H Competition by participating in the contests. Wisconsin placed 6th in the 30th annual National 4-H WHEP Contest from Sunday, July 14, through Wednesday, July 17, 2019. The Wisconsin 4-H Team was represented by Caeley Champeau, Taylor Champeau, Phillip Mayer, and Micah Stege. Coaches were Allen Gross and Robin Champeau. Taylor Champeau of the Jackson Explorers received the 3rd high-point individual award. Fourth place high individual award was given to Micah Stege of the St Lawrence Eager Beavers.

We'll train your youth/adult leaders while doing age specific hands-on wildlife & forestry activities in your county.

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry committee members and youth leaders are available. We have a wide range of activities to choose from. Typical sessions are 1 to 2 hours long. Others last about half a day or even more. Contact us anytime and reserve your dates.

Kerri, "TRACKS" Editor

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 17 & 18, 2020
ART CONTEST
Wildlife WHEP WI
4-H & Wisconsin 4-H
Forestry
West Bend, WI

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4-H Wildlife Contest
and Tri-County 4-H
Archery & Air Rifle
Tournament
West Bend, WI

2020 Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest Registration

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

Friday, April 17, 2020 and Saturday, April 18, 2020

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



This 4-H activity 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.

	<u>Junior</u> <u>(8yr-11yr)</u>	<u>Intermediate</u> <u>(12yr-14yr)</u>	<u>Senior</u> <u>(15yr-19yr)</u>
Nesting Structure, Bird, Bee, Butterfly, or Bat House, etc. or Feeders — The structure meets specific requirements for the selected bird, waterfowl, bee, butterfly, bat, etc. - overall size, shape, and hole diameter or opening, etc. Also, include a picture or drawing of the critter along with description of the critter. (Ornamental bird houses, etc. must be entered in crafts.)	_____	_____	_____
Craft — Craft item related to wildlife or forestry that has wildlife habitat connection. Examples: leather craft, stitchery, clothing, sculpture, wildlife folk art, plaster tracks, quiver, etc. Include a brief description of your item. Craft items must be made by exhibitor during the current 4-H year. (Do not use "put together craft kits" or similar items.)	_____	_____	_____
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 brief description.	_____	_____	_____
Invasive Plant or Weed — Poster, display, or dried example of an invasive plant or weed (immature and mature if possible). Include item name, your brief description, and control measures. Also, include date & location where found for each item. This entry may include items from the <u>entire preceding calendar year</u> . Examples: purple loosestrife, ragweed, etc.	_____	_____	_____
Orienteering — Poster or display on Compass, GPS, or Topographic Map Use. Items will be judged on their relationship to wildlife or forestry applications, "story telling ability", neatness, and your brief description.	_____	_____	_____
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 brief description.	_____	_____	_____
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.	_____	_____	_____
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, water color, oil, or similar on any surface. Painting will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness and brief your description.	_____	_____	_____
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.	_____	_____	_____
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 brief description of the critter and of your taxidermy work.	_____	_____	_____
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 <u>after September 1st of the previous year</u> . Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your brief description.	_____	_____	_____
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 <u>after September 1st of the previous year</u> . Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your brief description.	_____	_____	_____
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 brief 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 <u>entire preceding calendar year</u> .	_____	_____	_____
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 brief description. Examples: habitat requirements, stages, food chain, etc.	_____	_____	_____
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 brief description. Examples: aquatic plants, grains, soft mast, hard mast, etc.	_____	_____	_____
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 brief description. Examples: planting trees, fish or wildlife survey, create snags, wildlife damage management, recreational uses, products, etc.	_____	_____	_____
Wildflower — Dried or pressed wildflowers, poster or display of wildflowers or parts of a wildflower. Include name, date, location (county) where found and your brief description. This entry may include items from the <u>entire preceding calendar year</u> .	_____	_____	_____
Wildlife/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. Your item can be a 4-H youth leader activity from the entire preceding year.	_____	_____	_____

WILDLIFE & FORESTRY ART CONTEST ENTRY FEES:

Youth entered in art contest only (Includes t-shirt) \$7.00 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 Wildlife 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 counts 20% toward an award"**
- All items must have a 3" X 5" card attached with your name, club, & county on one side and topic description which includes proper name, or habitat requirements (diet, water & cover), etc. See examples below.
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 in each class and in each division and honorable mention certificates when applicable.**
- 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 Competition:** Friday 4:00-8:00PM and Saturday 7:00AM-1:00PM. **Separate age classes: 8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-19.** Different tests 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 the Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H web site for more details on wildlife contest topics: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/whepwi4h/>

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked Saturday, March 28, 2020.

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: washingtonco4hshootingports@gmail.com

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