# Wildlife Habitat Education Program JUNIOR COMPETITION

## DESCRIPTION

The Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) is designed to teach youth the fundamentals of wildlife and fisheries science and management. WHEP is a hands-on environmental education program that provides youth the opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge in a friendly wildlife competition.

## RULES FOR JUNIOR PARTICIPANTS

#### Teams of 3-4

Teams of 3-4 individuals can form a 4-H team or FFA Team to compete in the state contest. If individuals are unable to form a team, they may compete as an individual in the Wildlife Challenge

#### Age Divisions | Junior (9-13 years)

Age is calculated as of January 1, 2019. \*Only Senior Teams are eligible to compete in the National WHEP Competition.

#### **CONTEST SPECIFICATIONS**

The South Carolina Wildlife Habitat Education State Contest for JUNIORS will consist of:

- Wildlife Challenge (50 Points)
- Written Wildlife Management Plan (125 Points)

#### JUDGING

<u>Wildlife Challenge:</u> Spelling errors will NOT be deducted <u>Written Wildlife Management Plan</u>: Junior Teams will have 1 hour to write a management plan for 1 species of wildlife. Juniors will write their plan using a template that will be provided.

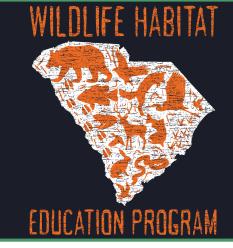
On competition day, all contestants must provide their own pencil and clipboard.

## OBJECTIVES

• Demonstrate their knowledge of wildlife identification and wildlife management concepts, and the biology and ecology of wildlife species

 Demonstrate the knowledge to identify the best wildlife management practices wildlife

• Youth gain essential life-skills, such as decision-making, leadership, written and oral communication



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