

What ecoregion will be used for the 2021 National Contest?

The Urban ecoregion will be used for the Wildlife Management Practices and Wildlife Management Plan. The Urban and Wetland Ecoregions will be used for the Wildlife Challenge.

Will there be a cost for the 2021 National Contest?

There will NOT be a registration fee for the 2021 National Contest. However, coaches and participants will be able to purchase 2021 Contest t-shirts at their own cost.

How will the virtual contest be conducted?

We will be using an online learning management system to host all aspects of the contest. We will also be utilizing Zoom for some portions of the contest. The virtual contest will require access to the internet. Visit whep.org for more information about how the 2021 WHEP contest will be conducted. If you expect students will have issues with internet connectivity, please make accommodations ahead of time or reach out to the national committee (whep.org@gmail.com)

If I attend the 2021 WHEP Virtual National Contest, can I still attend the 2022 In-person National Contest?

Typically, once a student attends a national WHEP contest they are not eligible for future WHEP contests. However, with this being a virtual contest, the national committee made the decision that students who participate in the 2021 national contest could potentially still attend the 2022 national contest. **However, the students must still meet all the other eligibility requirements outlined on page 8 of the National WHEP Manual and must be certified as the official state entry by their state Extension Service or FFA.**

NOTE: This will be a one-time change to contest rules.

Are there specific times for each contest event?

Some contest events will have specific times, whereas others will be open for a period of time. For example, the opening ceremony and share fair will be from 6-8 PM EDT on Friday, July 16th.

The Wildlife Management Plan, Practices, and Wildlife Challenge will be open from 8 am to 8 pm EDT on Saturday, July 17th, which allows for students to participate in those events at any time during that window. The tentative agenda for the 2021 WHEP National Contest is available on the whep.org website.

NOTE: Keep in mind that each contest event has a time limit specified in the whep manual (e.g., Wildlife Challenge = 1hr). Once you begin a particular activity you will only have the specified time limit to complete that activity. For example, if you start the Wildlife Challenge at 9:00 am EDT, you will only have until 10:00 am EDT to complete this activity.