



MEMORANDUM

TO: 4-H and FFA Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) Coaches, State Coordinators, and National WHEP Committee Members

FROM: Jarred Brooke, National WHEP Committee

SUBJECT: 2022 National WHEP Contest

DATE: May 2nd, 2022

This is the official announcement for the 2022 National 4-H WHEP Invitational, which will be held at the **J. M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp in London, KY, July 31st – Aug 3rd, 2022.**

CONTEST REGION

The region in which the 2022 contest will be held is **Eastern Deciduous Forest**. We will be using the revised 2020 WHEP manual. The manual can be accessed at www.whep.org.

LOCATION

The national event will take place in London, Kentucky. Lodging, registration, meals, and various activities will take place at the J. M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp. Information regarding the location and its amenities may be found at <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/feltner-camp>. You may not check in to Feltner 4-H Camp prior to July 31.

DATE

The 2022 National 4-H & FFA Wildlife Habitat Education Program Invitational will be held Sunday, July 31st through Wednesday, August 3rd. All participants should plan to arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31st. Participants should plan to depart after breakfast on Wednesday, August 3rd.

COST

\$200 per person (including chaperones and coaches)

Food and lodging will be provided during the Invitational. Each team is responsible for transportation expenses, liability coverage, etc. to and from the Invitational.

DEADLINES

June 1, 2022 – State’s intention to participate

July 1, 2022 – Online Registration

July 8, 2022 – Paperwork and payment due (Checks should list **Kentucky 4-H Foundation** as the payee and list **WHEP** on the memo line)

INTENTION

Each state WHEP coordinator should notify us of your intention to attend by **June 1** by completing an online form on the WHEP website (www.whep.org). A confirmation email will be sent from (whep.org@gmail.com).

REGISTRATION

Online Registration is due on or before **July 1**. A state team consists of either 3 or 4 senior 4-H members or FFA contestants and 1 or 2 adult coaches/chaperones who are certified 4-H/FFA leaders from that state. Only one 4-H team per state and one FFA team per state may attend. Register online at www.whep.org by completing the appropriate forms. Print the forms using your browser before you submit.

Health and Permission forms will be available when you register. Each youth and adult must complete all forms. Completed forms can be submitted electronically during registration.

Mail checks (\$200/person) made payable to **Kentucky 4-H Foundation** at the address below. The forms and payment must arrive **by July 8**.

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Incomplete forms and/or lack of payment by deadline may result in an individual or team being disqualified from the Invitational. In addition, **bring a copy of all forms with you to the competition.**

COACH SCREENING

Kentucky 4-H rules requires all adult chaperones be screened prior to participating in a 4-H event. This screening process could include those associated with being a 4-H volunteer, FFA advisor, and/or a High School Ag. Teacher. You will be required to provide proof of screening (e.g., letter from University 4-H office or school corporation) with registration.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have any special needs or require special accommodations, please notify Cassie Young (whep.org@gmail.com) no later than **July 1**. Special needs include, but are not limited to, diet, mobility, education, and lodging requirements. Please list and describe any special needs as best you can. You will be contacted by the contest committee for any clarifications.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

Teams flying to the event have a few different options for nearby airports including Lexington, KY (82 miles), Knoxville, TN (115 miles), or Louisville, KY (152 miles).

Registration and room check-in will start at 3:00 p.m. (EDT) at the Feltner 4-H Camp in London, KY. Specific information will be sent to the coordinating coach after registration. Plan on arriving between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on July 31. Those arriving after 6:00 p.m. cannot be guaranteed supper on July 31. Participants depart after breakfast on Wednesday, August 3.

LODGING

Lodging on site will be in cabins with bunk beds. The cabins are equipped with air-conditioning. Lodging will be assigned by gender. Teams from multiple states will have to share cabins.

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

We cannot accommodate non-participants at this event. **Families and individuals other than the 2 coaches/chaperones are not allowed to participate in any of the Invitational events other than the Banquet and Awards Ceremony.** Any family members who wish to attend the banquet and awards ceremony on Tuesday August 2nd, can purchase tickets (\$25 each) in advance of the event. Ticket ordering information is available on the website (www.whep.org).

There are numerous hotels in London for non-participant family members.

COACHES TOUR

The coaches' tour will take place on Tuesday, August 2nd. Coaches/chaperones will spend the day visiting nearby attractions. All coaches/chaperones are required to participate in the tour to ensure that in the event of an emergency, coaches/chaperones can be located quickly.

EDUCATIONAL/FUN DAY

The Education and Fun Days will be combined this year. There will be Education Day activities on Monday morning and many Fun Day activities on Monday afternoon.

THINGS TO BRING

Your state flag

Share Fair items (foods, pins, stickers, mementos, unique items from your state, etc.)

Field clothes and shoes/boots (***This is important! Shorts and open shoes will not be allowed on the educational day or the contest day. Long-sleeved shirts and leather footwear are strongly recommended. This is your responsibility. We will not wait for individuals to go back to their rooms to change clothes.***)

Clothing for the awards banquet will be informal (**no formal dress**)

Swimsuit and beach towel

Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat

Insect repellent

Raincoat

Clipboard and pencils

Camera (optional)

Binocular (optional)
Medications

RESPONSIBILITIES

Adult coaches and chaperones are responsible for the actions of their youth and are expected to supervise them at all times except during the contest on Tuesday, August 1st. Coaches/chaperones will need to have their team members at the appropriate places on time.

SURROUNDING ATTRACTIONS

There are a number of attractions and sites worth visiting while in Kentucky. If you plan to stay longer or arrive before the event, visit Alabama.travel for site-seeing and tourism opportunities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding registration & contest material: Jarred Brooke (jimbrooke@purdue.edu; 765-494-8459)

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