

Texas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project State Contest

WHAT is the Wildlife Habitat Education Project (WHEP)?

The Texas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project (WHEP) is an interactive program that teaches youth about wildlife, habitat, habitat management, and natural resources stewardship. In addition, life skills such as team work, critical thinking, public speaking, and observation are underlying objectives in this youth development effort. Creating educated and involved stewards of natural resources is the long term goal.

The Texas 4-H WHEP State Contest is held annually in a different part of the state to provide participants with a different ecological region to explore and study each year. The contest is designed for each age division in 4-H; Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. The contest is held outdoors in wildlife habitat as described in the Rules and Procedures.

WHEN: May 20-21, 2023

LOCATION: Davis Mountains Preserve, Fort Davis, Jeff Davis County

Texas 4-H WHEP Manual (revised 2023):

Texas 4-H Wildlife & Fisheries webpage coming soon

Look for contest procedure revisions in this contest study resource.

Ecoregion of Study in the Manual is Trans Pecos.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any current 4-H member is eligible to register as a team member or an individual. This contest does not require a participant to qualify in any other way. Each youth contestant must register on their personal family profile.

REGISTRATION PROCESS: March 13, 2023-April 17, 2023

Registration is completed through 4-H Online (<https://texas.4honline.com>).

Registration deadline is **April 17, 2023**. Registration fee per individual youth contestant is \$30.

Registration Types:

Youth Participant: This registration is only for youth who will be contestants in this event. Youth can participate as an Individual contestant or as part of a team.

Coach: This registration is only for coaches of WHEP teams/individuals. This registration is designed for coaches to list their teams by age divisions so that registered youth contestants can be arranged in teams on the official scoring template and be provided for in terms of appropriate answer sheets and materials. There is no registration fee for coaches. Only one coach registration is required per county to list teams.

There will be no lodging or meal accommodations arranged for this contest or available on the contest site. All lodging and meals will be the responsibility of the individual county teams. Participating counties and families are encouraged to pack their own picnic lunches, snacks, and water. The contest area will be remote and several miles from any town.

There are hotels, cabins, bed & breakfast inns, and RV spots in Fort Davis. The Davis Mountains State Park is on the way to the contest site from Fort Davis. Camp sites, RV sites, and the historic Indian Lodge are available in this beautiful park.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

Saturday

8:00 a.m. – Team Check-in
8:30 a.m. - Contest Starts
~12:00 – Lunch Break
Following Lunch – Contest Continues
~6:00 p.m. – Contest ends for the day
Scoring and Tabulation by Contest Officials

Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Final Contest Activities
Final Scoring and Tabulation
Awards Presentation
Depart for Home

Any additional details will be sent to each registrant after registration closes.

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