4-H Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest: Registration

(4-H Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests are on a separate registration form. Please request copies.)

Friday, April 2, 2027 and Saturday, April 3, 2027

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

This 4-H activity is open to all Wisconsin 4-H Club members. You may be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry activities. **See additional guidelines and wildlife/forestry art contest rules on page 2.**

"Brief Description" – All items must have a 3" X 5" card attached explaining your wildlife item and its wildlife/forestry 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 TEN awards in each age group and in each class.

Grade as of Jan.1st: ___ *K-5-2nd grade;* ___ *3rd-4th grade;* ___ *5th-6th grade;* ___ *7th-9th grade;* ___ *10th-13th grade*

Check the box with your choice for your entries – 6 ENTRIES TOTAL (One entry per class.)

☐ **1-Nesting Structure or Feeder for Bird, Bee, Butterfly, or Bat House, etc. –** The structure meets specific requirements for the named critter. Include - overall size, shape, and hole diameter or opening, etc. (Ornamental bird houses, etc. must be entered in crafts.) Include your story telling description.

☐ **2-Craft –** Craft item has wildlife or forestry connection. Examples: leather craft, stitchery, clothing, sculpture, wildlife folk art, plaster tracks, quiver, etc. Craft items must be made by exhibitor during the current 4-H year. (Do not use "put together craft kits" or similar items.)

☐ **3-Drawing –** Drawing can be any size,(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 description.

☐ **4-Invasive Plant or Weed –** Poster, display, or dried example of an invasive plant or weed (immature and mature if possible). Include item name, your description, and control measures. Also, include date & location where found for each item for actual collections. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year. Examples: purple loosestrife, ragweed, etc. Include your story telling description.

☐ **5-Orienteering & Geocaching –** Poster or display on Compass, GPS, or Topographic Map Use. Items will be judged on their relationship to wildlife or forestry applications. Poster or display related to geocaching. Include your story telling description.

☐ **6-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, watercolor, oil, or similar on any surface. Painting will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness and your description.

☐ **7-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 description. No people allowed.

☐ **8-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. No people allowed.

☐ **9-Recycle –** Any item related to wildlife, forestry, or for wildlife use. Example – Items that birds use to make nests: bird feeders, etc.. Item will be judged on "story telling ability", practical usefulness, neatness, and your brief description.

☐ **10-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 description of the critter and of your taxidermy work.

☐ **11-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/grandparents trail camera after September 1st of the previous year. Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.

☐ **12-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 after September 1st of the previous year. Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.

☐ **13-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 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 entire preceding calendar year.

☐ **14-WHEP Wildlife 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 description. Examples: habitat requirements, stages, food chain, etc. E-mail us with your questions.

☐ **15-WHEP Wildlife 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 description. Examples: aquatic plants, grains, soft mast, hard mast, etc. E-mail us with your questions.

☐ **16-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 description Examples: planting trees, fish or wildlife survey, creating snags, wildlife damage management, recreational uses, products, tools used, etc. E-mail us with your questions.

☐ **17-Wildflower –** Dried or pressed wildflowers, poster or display of wildflowers or parts of a wildflower. Include name, date, location (county) where found and your description. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year.

☐ **18-Wildlife or 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 if possible.
Your item can be a 4-H youth leader activity from the entire preceding year.

4-H WILDLIFE & FORESTRY ART CONTEST ENTRY FEES: (Reminder: 1 entry per class.)

Youth entered in 4-H Wildlife/Forestry Art Contest ONLY (Includes a Tri County T-shirt)

___$10.00 First item; ___ $3.00 second item; ___ $3.00 third item; ___ $3.00 fourth item; ___ $3.00 fifth item; ___ $3.00 sixth item

Youth entered in the Tri County Tournament and in the 4-H Wildlife/Forestry Art Contest:

___3:00 First item; ___ $3.00 second item; ___ $3.00 third item; ___ $3.00 fourth item; ___ $3.00 fifth item; ___$3.00 sixth item

Can't Attend the Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest. Please make arrangements with a friend to bring your items and take them along home after the event. If that is not possible, please mail/ship your entry in an "acceptable, returnable, and reusable packaging". Your items 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 will be ranked higher.**
- 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-Forestry 4-H 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- Required" – All items must have a 3" X 5" card attached with your name, club, & county on one**
- **side and description See examples below.**
- **Your Wildlife or Forestry Description is Required and counts 30% toward an award" - 75 words maximum.**
  Your description includes the correct critter name or names. You can include habitat information (diet, water & cover), and other interesting comments that tells the story about your item.
  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 six entries in total.**
- 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 TEN awards (and honorable mention as determined) in each age group and each class.**
- 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 and projects are from the current year.
General Club Leader, Shooting Sports Leader, 4-H Project Leader, or Extension Educator

- Signature_____ PH#_____ Project Leader for_____

Tri-County Tournament *Wildlife Contest:* Friday night & Saturday to 1:00PM. **Separate age classes: (K-5, Ages 6-7 for fun ONLY) 8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-19.** Different tests will be used in various age divisions. There are 40 each (K-5 & 6-7 = 15) multiple choice questions. No parents can help. Reading assistance provided. 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.) No registration required for K-5 -ages 6-7. Just come to the contest table. I'm entered on a tournament wildlife team, (K-5 ages 6-7 not eligible.) Team Name:** _____

See Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H website for details on wildlife contest topics: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education.
See 4-H Shooting Sports website for more details on wildlife contest topics: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/.
Each PARTICIPANT receives only one Tournament T-Shirt. Adult sizes: ___ Small; ___ Medium; ___ Large; ___ XL; ___ XXL

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE:* Postmarked Saturday, March 13, 2027. No late entries accepted.**

Name_____ **Birth Date** _____ **Grade** ____**Phone** _____
Address_____ **City, State, Zip**_____
4-H Club _____**County** _____**E-mail** _____

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***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 me & 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_____ NO REFUNDS. Make checks payable to: **Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports**

Mail to: Barb/Norb Yogerst, 2401 Western Avenue, Jackson, WI 53037 **Keep a copy of this form.**
EM: washingtonco4hshootingsports@gmail.com **Please return this form with payment. Keep a copy for your records.**