



# Join the Fun at the 2010 Nebraska Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest

**April 23-25, 2010 Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford, NE**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 31 - Intent to participate requested <sup>a</sup>
- April 15 - Last Day to Register by mail <sup>b</sup>  
\$17.50 / participants <sup>c</sup>  
\$42.50 / non-participants <sup>d</sup>
- April 23-25 - WHEP Contest Dates
  - <sup>a</sup> - registration fee not required at this time
  - <sup>b</sup> - must receive registration by 4/17/2010 to insure t-shirts for team & individuals
  - <sup>c</sup> - participants includes all youth & team coaches
  - <sup>d</sup> - non-participants includes accompanying adults

## **Divisions: {all ages as of 1/1/2010}**

- Novice - 8-11 years old
- Juniors - 12-13 years old <sup>e</sup>
- Seniors - 14-18 years old

The Novice division is a non-competitive activity for younger members. All exercises will be for individuals so any number of individuals may participate. The activities and games will relate to wildlife identification and management. The Junior and Senior divisions will be competitive events and include individual and team activities. A team can have three or four members. We will attempt to group together any individuals not on a team to form a team at the state contest.

<sup>e</sup> - If any member is 14 or older on 1/1/2010, the whole team must compete as a senior team.

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: {all times mountain}**

### **Friday**

02:00 - Register & Check-In  
03:30 – Scheduled Park Activities  
06:30 - Catered Evening Meal  
08:00 - Contest Overview and Orientation Meeting  
09:00 - Campfire session  
10:30 - In cabins/dorms, lights out @ 11:00

### **Saturday**

07:15 - Catered Breakfast  
08:00 - Contest begins, schedule varies  
11:30 - Catered Lunch  
12:30 - Contest continues, schedule varies  
05:00 - Finish Contest, Free time for Park Activities  
07:00 - Catered Evening Meal & Awards Banquet  
09:00 - Campfire session  
11:00 - In cabins/dorms, lights out @ 11:30

### **Sunday**

09:00 - Cabin Checkout, Depart Home

## **CONTEST COMPONENTS: (for Juniors & Seniors)**

### **Identifying Wildlife Foods:**

In this activity, each participant identifies and categorizes types of food used by wildlife and indicates which groups of wildlife use these various foods. {6% of total contest score}

### **Identifying Wildlife Photos:**

In this activity, each participant identifies the name of various species of wildlife using high-resolution images. Correct spelling and punctuation required. {11% of total contest score}

### **Basic Wildlife Habitat Knowledge:**

In this activity, each participant completes a written test of 30 multiple-choice questions. Questions are taken directly from the Participant's Manual of the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Handbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. {11% of total contest score}

### **Interpreting Wildlife Habitat:**

In this activity, each participant will rank four aerial photos by their suitability for habitat for specific species of wildlife and give a written defense and reasons for their ranking. {11% of total contest score}

### **On-Site Habitat Management Recommendations:**

In this activity, each participant identify various practices that will enhance and increase habitat for specific species in an actual field setting. {11% of total contest score}

### **Wildlife Management Plan:**

In this team activity, participants are given a specific area to manage for one or more species of wildlife. They develop a plan to increase the desired species of wildlife, while taking into consideration the land-owners objectives, financial or other restrictions. Will portray plan in an oral presentation to the judges. Senior Division participants develop a rural plan; Junior Division participants develop an urban plan. {50% of total contest score}

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HANDBOOKS:**

Additional Contest Resources and Participant/Leader Manuals of the WHEP Handbook are available online at the Nebraska State 4-H website.

**[4h.unl.edu/whep](http://4h.unl.edu/whep)**



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