



Wildlife Judging Competition

Objectives:

- To give 4-H'ers an appreciation for wildlife and to challenge them to preserve this natural resource in this country.
- To learn about wildlife habitat and how to manage it.
- To learn about wildlife management practices and their effect on habitat for various wildlife species.
- To be able to interpret wildlife habitat from aerial photographs and learn to communicate reasons from observations.
- To learn common wildlife foods for identification purposes.
- To give 4-H members leadership training. To develop abilities and attributes for better citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

Competition Guidelines:

- Participate in a community and/or county 4-H Wildlife Judging Contest.
- At the state contest, each county may have a maximum of twenty Junior (Cloverleaf and Junior age groups) and/or twenty Senior contestants. The total score of the high three separate teams must designate them before the contest. Contestants from a county with less than three entries may participate as individuals.
- The area winner will be the individual who has the largest sum score. The winning area team will be the county team with the largest sum score.

Awards & Recognition:

- Each participant will receive an award card and a judging pin.
- **District** winning team and the 2nd place team will receive a certificate
- The high individual at the district contest will also receive a certificate
- **State Winning senior team (four members)** will participate in the National 4-H Forestry Invitational or a forestry educational tour. Some expenses will be covered for the national trip.
- Additionally, the state winning team and the high senior individual in the state contest will be eligible for Master 4-H'er status and participate in the recognition of Special Events Winners at State 4-H Congress. The banquet meal and lodging expenses will be paid for the team and coach; however, travel costs are not covered.