

4-H Volunteer
Leaders' Conference

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<http://forestry.ces.ncsu.edu/4h>



**What is
WHEP?**

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Wildlife

Habitat

Education

Program



WHEP is...

(official program description - BORING)

.....a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to junior and senior level (ages 9-19) youth in the United States.

WHEP is...

(unofficial North Carolina definition)

- A chance to learn about wildlife around you
- An opportunity to explore new places
- A way to work towards a team goal
- Career Exploration
- FUN!



NC WHEP Resources

- Coaches *not* expected to be experts on wildlife management
 - NC WHEP Learning and Activity Guide contains the information you need to know
 - Seek assistance in your community

NC WHEP Resources

- Study Aids & Ideas
 - NC WHEP Learning and Activity Guide
 - Supplemental CD-ROM
 - Form a Wildlife / Natural Resources Club
 - Southeastern Wildlife Projects
 - Projects & Presentations
 - Keep it FUN!!!

NC WHEP Resources

- Environmental Education Centers
www.eenorthcarolina.org/eecenters.htm
- State Parks
<http://www.ncparks.gov>

NC WHEP Resources

- Division of Forest Resources

www.ncforestservice.gov

- Wildlife Resources Commission

www.ncwildlife.org/

NC WHEP Resources

- Extension Forestry Publications

<http://forestry.ces.ncsu.edu>

- Southeastern Wildlife Projects

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NC WHEP

- Two age groups: 9-13 and 14-19
 - Junior Teams/Individuals: ages 9-13
 - Senior Teams/Individuals: ages 14-19
- Age on December 31 of preceding year
- Cloverbuds okay!

NC WHEP

- Teams consist of 3-4 members
- Counties can also put forth individual competitors if not enough 4-Hers to create a team
- Counties can join forces to create a four-member team
- Counties may enter as many JR and SR teams/individuals as they have participants

NC WHEP

- Want to have JR teams continue to the SR level
 - Greater knowledge of material
 - More competitive at state and national level
- Encourage non-members who are interested in wildlife/fisheries management to join 4-H
- Shooting Sports?

NC WHEP

- Advantageous to put forth a four member team
- Lowest score for each activity is dropped – team score for activity is the average of top three scores for the activity
- But three member teams are alright!

NC State WHEP Contest

- Again, teams work together to learn information
- Activities completed individually
- Team score = average of individual scores
- All individual scores are tabulated
 - Individual competitors are competing against everyone
 - Can be awarded team & individual award

North Carolina State Contest

- Four Activities
 - Wildlife Identification & Wildlife Knowledge
 - Identifying Wildlife Foods
 - Aerial Photos
 - On-site Wildlife Management Practices



Wildlife ID

- Do you know what this animal is?



Wildlife ID

- How about me? What am I?



Wildlife General Knowledge

- The average annual precipitation in the Eastern deciduous forest region is:
 - A) less than 10 inches
 - B) 10 – 20 inches
 - C) 35 – 70 inches
 - D) More than 100 inches

CORRECT ANSWER:

C) 35 – 70 inches

Wildlife General Knowledge

- Brown thrashers forage for food in:
 - A) the ground layer
 - B) the shrub layer
 - C) the mid-story
 - D) the canopy

CORRECT ANSWER:

A) ground layer

Wildlife Foods

- What am I?



BARK

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Wildlife Foods

- What am I?

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Wildlife Foods

- What might like to eat me?



Traffic More... Map Satellite Earth



On-Site Management Practices

- Looks at everything you have learned and make recommendations on how the land should be managed for specific species



State Contest

- A day full of fun contest activities
- Time to meet and hang out with other 4-H members from across the state
- Contest rotates across the state – visit new places!
- All the info you need is in the Guide
- Scoring is based on worksheets that you will practice with your club

State Contest

- AWARDS!!!
 - Top 3 JR and SR teams receive awards
 - Awards for top scoring individuals in each age group
 - Participant ribbons



State Contest

- Top Scoring Senior Team has the opportunity to represent NC at NATIONAL WHEP INVITATIONAL, held in a different state every year



2016 State Contest

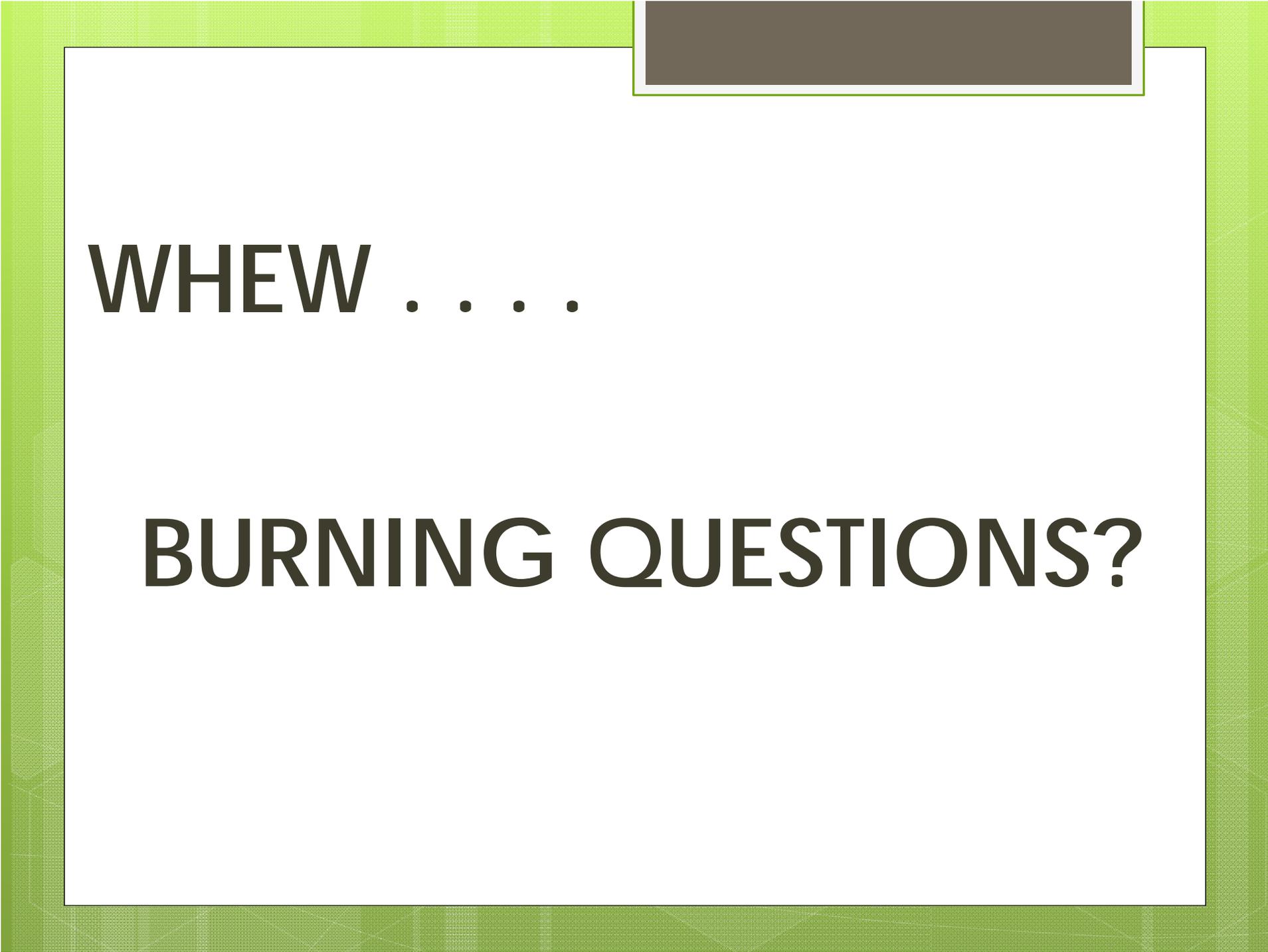
- May 7, 2016 @ Millstone 4-H Center
- General Contest Day Schedule
 - 9:30 am ----- Registration
 - 10:00 am ----- Contest Begins (Activity III then II & IV)
 - 12:00 pm ----- Lunch
 - 12:45 pm ----- Contest Resumes (Activity I)
 - 1:30 pm ----- Scoring and Activities for Contestants
 - 4:30 pm ----- Presentation of Awards
- Need parents/coaches/volunteers to help grade throughout the day
- Can our team come and watch?



WHEP – In closing

“While the competition is important, it is not the sole focus of the program. The kids are exposed to field trips and fun activities. WHEP events help participants develop critical thinking skills and they learn how to work as a team. The kids are given real world situations and work together to provide solutions to natural resource problems that managers face.”

- Summer Eaton, former National WHEP co-chair and WHEP national champion



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BURNING QUESTIONS?