

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2019
TO: All County 4-H Agents, 4-H Program Assistants, and Volunteer Leaders
FROM: Renee Strnad, Environmental Educator, Extension Forestry
RE: 2019 WHEP Contest

It is time to begin registering teams for the North Carolina 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP). The contest will be held on **May 18, 2019**, and we are heading back to the Southeast District. This year our host site will be Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, located in Wayne County. The first place senior team will have the opportunity to represent North Carolina at the National WHEP Invitational July 14-17 in Junction City, Kansas.

The tentative schedule for the contest day is as follows:

9:30 am	-----	Registration
10:00 am	-----	Contest Begins
12:30 pm	-----	Lunch
1:15 pm	-----	Contest Resumes
2:30 pm	-----	Scoring and Activities for Contestants
4:45 pm	-----	Presentation of Awards

Counties are encouraged to bring more than one Junior and Senior team, each consisting of three to four members, as well as any individual competitors. Neighboring counties (no more than two) may combine 4-Hers to create a team. Make additional copies of the attached registration form if needed. This year's contest will consist of wildlife identification and general wildlife knowledge, on-site habitat recommendations, habitat evaluation using aerial photos, and identification of wildlife foods. The contest region will be *Southeast Mixed and Outer Coastal Plains Forests*. Please make sure you are aware of the program updates!! A new manual (January 2017, 5th Edition) has been uploaded to the NC WHEP web site, as well as training resources. *Teams will need to provide their own clipboards and pencils for each team member.* Contest will take place rain or shine. Counties are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

Following is the registration form for this year's WHEP contest. Please return the completed form by **April 26, 2019**. Agents and 4-H leaders that are currently not involved in the state WHEP program are encouraged to attend part or all of the days' events to learn more, but must send in the registration form. We do not encourage county teams to come and observe, believing the best way to learn is by participating! All registered teams will receive a confirmation and any needed additional information by May 4.

Lastly, as you begin making plans (but don't have your teams hammered out yet), here are some web sites that might be useful.

The 2019 State Contest will be based on the 2017 NC WHEP Learning and Activity Guide – 5th Edition (<http://forestry.ces.ncsu.edu/4h>).

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park <https://www.ncparks.gov/cliffs-of-the-neuse-state-park>

Area Hotels/Motels

Closest hotels will be along HWY 70 in Goldsboro. These hotels are about 20-25 minutes from the contest venue. Hotels in this area include EconoLodge, Days Inn, County Inn and Suites, Holiday Inn Express, and Best Western Plus (and many others).

Camping

There is limited camping onsite due to campground construction.

National WHEP Page <http://www.whep.org>

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

Camping Update!!

If interested in camping in the on-site group campsite, please contact Autumn Hamm, Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, autumn.hamm@ncparks.gov or 919-778-6234.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing you and your 4-Hers at Cliffs of the Neuse State Park!



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2019 REGISTRATION FORM Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program

May 18, 2019

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park

County _____

Date _____

Make copies of this form as needed. **Registration deadline is April 26, 2018.**

Names of Senior Team Members/Individuals	Age	Race	Gender
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Names of Junior Team Members/Individuals	Age	Race	Gender
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name and addresses of team coaches attending contest

We hereby certify that team members listed above are bonified 4-H club members who meet the official eligibility requirements.

(phone) _____
(Email) _____

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(Email) _____

County 4-H Agent Approval

(Name)

(Signature)

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North Carolina State University
Campus Box 8008
Raleigh, NC 27695-8008

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