

# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 18, 2021 – REVISED March 26 (increased limits, allowing JR Teams)  
**TO:** All County 4-H Agents, 4-H Program Assistants, and Volunteer Leaders  
**FROM:** Renee Strnad, Environmental Educator, Extension Forestry  
**RE:** 2010 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 **APRIL 17, 2021**, at Schenck Memorial Forest in Raleigh. The first place senior team will have the opportunity to represent North Carolina at the National WHEP Invitational held virtually at the end of July (more details to come).

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

~~\*\*Due to COVID protocols, we will need to limit the number of participants at the contest this year. We will only be registering counties that are bringing Senior Level teams or individuals. These counties may also bring JR level teams, however, if we begin to approach the Governor's threshold for outside events (50 people), we may need to retract your Junior Level team. Neighboring counties (no more than two) may combine 4-Hers to create a team.~~

\*\*Revised, March 26. Registration for the WHEP contest is open to all levels of teams and individuals, Junior and Senior. Counties may bring as many teams/individuals as they would like. Historically, this event has not approached the current Governor's threshold for outside events (100 people). Please see additional COVID protocols below for all youth, adult volunteers, parents, and agents that will be onsite.

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 *Eastern Deciduous Forest*. Please make sure you are aware of the program updates!! A new manual (January 2017, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition) has been uploaded to the NC WHEP web site, as well as the new [Forestry and WHEP Google Site](#) (email Renee [renee\\_strnad@ncsu.edu](mailto:renee_strnad@ncsu.edu) if you need access). Contest will take place rain or shine. Counties are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

Additional COVID Protocols:

- *Teams will need to provide their own clipboards and pencils for each team member, as well as water.*
- Hand sanitizer will be available onsite.
- Everyone on-site (contest participants, 4-H Volunteers/Agents, parents) will need to wear a mask, fully covering their mouth and nose, all times while on-site, except while actively eating or drinking. If you require a waiver for this requirement, please contact Renee. Those not complying will be asked to leave.
- Social distancing will be maintained when possible.
- If you, any of your team members, parents, or volunteers are not feeling well, or have had a possible exposure to someone who is being tested for COVID/has tested positive for COVID, please stay home.

Following is the registration form for this year's WHEP contest. Please return the completed form by **April 5, 2021**. All registered teams will receive a confirmation and any needed additional information by April 9.

*Due to recent changes in youth participating in events, all 4-H Agents (or county directors if no 4-H Agent) will be required to sign off on registration forms, which demonstrates that the team coach has been properly vetted and background checked at the county level.*

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

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

Forestry and Web Training Site <https://sites.google.com/ncsu.edu/nc4h-forestry-wildlife/home>

Email Renee ([renee\\_strnad@ncsu.edu](mailto:renee_strnad@ncsu.edu)) if you need access

Good luck and I look forward to seeing you and your 4-Hers Schenck Memorial Forest!



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# 2021 REGISTRATION FORM Wildlife Habitat Education Program

April 17, 2021

Schenck Memorial Forest

County \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make copies of this form as needed. **Registration deadline is April 05, 2021.**

<b>Names of Senior Team Members/Individuals</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Gender</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

<b>Names of Junior Team Members/Individuals</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Gender</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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## Name and Contact Information for Team Coaches Attending Contest

_____	_____
(phone) _____	(phone) _____
(Email) _____	(Email) _____

## County 4-H Agent Approval (Or County Director if no 4-H Agent)

*I verify that the team coach(es) has been properly vetted and background checked at the county level, and that all team members listed are valid 4-H club members who meet the official eligibility requirements.*

_____	_____
(Name)	(Signature)

**As we need to keep our total group number below 100 total, please let me know how many additional adults may be on-site (extra drivers, chaperones, etc). \_\_\_\_\_ additional adults**

**RETURN FORM TO: [renee\\_strnad@ncsu.edu](mailto:renee_strnad@ncsu.edu)**

***Please return form via email attachment (picture is okay) as I am not in my campus office to receive mail or faxes***