

March 7, 2024

To: 4-H and FFA CDE Coaches

From: Tony Carrell, 4-H Youth Development Extension Specialist

Below is some information to help as you prepare for the 2024 4-H/FFA Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) career development event.

CONTEST DATE: Saturday, April 13, 2024 **ECOREGION:** Eastern Deciduous Forest

LOCATION: North Location – Salamonie Interpretive Center, Andrews, IN

https://www.in.gov/dnr/state-parks/programs/nature-centers/upper-wabash-interpretive-services/

Central Location – Vigo County Fairgrounds, Terre Haute, IN

https://www.vigofair.com/

Southern Location – Southeast Purdue Ag Center, Classroom Bldg, Butlerville, IN

https://ag.purdue.edu/arp/pac/Pages/sepac-home.aspx

REGISTRATION DUE: March 29 — **Make checks payable to Purdue University**.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person

Any registered contestant who is a no-show must still pay the registration fee. Indicate at time of registering which contest location your group will participate.

***NO ON-SITE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Coaches registering a 4-H team/individual must do so using their <u>4-H Online</u> account. Coaches registering a FFA team/individual must do so using their <u>FFA chapter</u> account. Any adult coaching both 4-H and FFA teams/individuals will need to use both online systems.

Once the on-site check-in process has been completed contestants will have one hour to complete the wildlife challenge practicum and another hour to complete the wildlife management practices. All contestants will begin at 10:00 am and will be finished by Noon. Since all three regional qualifying events will be conducted simultaneously, results will be announced the following week.

You may access the following from the 4-H website:

https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/career-development-events/wildlife-habitat-cde.html

- WHEP CDE Rules
- Ag Judging CDE Handbook
- CDE Registration Form
- National WHEP Facebook resource page
- National WHEP resources and manual (**UPDATED 2024 and available soon)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (765) 494-8435 or email tcarrell@purdue.edu

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