

Wildlife Management Plan

Field Condition Sheet

April 26, 2013

Your team of wildlife consultants is competing for a substantial contract. The winning team will be selected to write a detailed wildlife management plan for the entire Camp Robinson Special Use Area. The Camp Robinson Special Use Area is 4,029 acres and is open to hunting and fishing. The Tanglefoot Retriever Club conducts dog trials on the area, and has a long-term agreement with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to manage the area for Northern bobwhites.

The wildlife manager for the Camp Robinson Special Use Area is interested in proposing a radical idea for this area's management. Historical records show that elk inhabited Arkansas prior to 1840, and a small elk herd has been successfully re-introduced along the Buffalo River in northwest Arkansas. The wildlife manager proposes re-introducing elk to the Camp Robinson Special Use Area.

The plan must also include bobwhites since the Camp Robinson Special Use Area is designated for their management. To please surrounding neighbors and a nearby community, the wildlife manager wants these additional species in your plan:

- Eastern bluebirds around the home site for viewing opportunities.
- White-tailed deer for hunting recreation.

A pond survey found only rough (undesirable) fish present. The wildlife manager wants to improve the pond for recreational fishing. Your plan should address what needs to be done, including what fish species to manage. (Hint: select fish species that are in the WHEP handbook.) Note that the pond is NOT spring fed.

Each team of wildlife consultants will write a wildlife management plan using the demonstration area outlined on the map (attached). The wildlife manager will compare these smaller plans to decide which team to hire for preparing a wildlife management plan for the entire Camp Robinson Special Use Area.

INSTRUCTIONS: The 80-acre land area to be judged is outlined on the aerial photo (attached). The property boundary of the demonstration area is the same as described for the Wildlife Practices event. (However, the field condition sheet used for Wildlife Practices does not apply.) If you have questions about the boundary, ask the station monitor.

- **You have 1 ½ hours to complete this team activity.** Write your management plan on one side of each of two pieces of paper (two pages maximum). Draw a map on a third piece of paper and show your proposed wildlife habitat practices. Write the names of team members and ID codes on the back of each answer page. You can use the extra paper to draft your plan or map.
- Use any remaining time to prepare for **oral reasons**. A notecard has been provided for each person on the team for taking notes. You can take the notecard with you to oral reasons. Turn in your management plan and remaining papers to the station monitor. Keep your notecard, pencil and clipboard.
- Once finished, wait quietly with your team until all contestants are dismissed as a group. Please be **VERY CAREFUL** when crossing the road. Vehicle traffic travels at a high rate of speed. Pay attention and be alert. If you suspect a vehicle is coming, **WAIT** and do not cross.
- Lunch is served at the pavilion. You must stay with other Seniors and eat together as a group in a designated area. No talking to Juniors, adults or any non-contestants, as this could be considered cheating and grounds for dismissal from the contest.

Camp Robinson Special Use Area

Management Area for Wildlife Consultant Teams

LEGEND

- Property Boundary ———
- Trail - - - - -
- Stream - · - - - - >

