

Wildlife O-Rama Study Materials

Wildlife O-Rama focuses on Junior or Senior contestants' abilities to (1) identify wildlife species found in Arkansas ecoregions, (2) match wildlife species with foods they commonly consume, and (3) demonstrate an understanding of wildlife management concepts and terms.

Study materials and the announced ecoregions are posted annually on the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) website. Search "WHEP handbook" on the Arkansas 4-H website (4h.uada.edu) to locate resource materials for the Wildlife O-Rama district and state contests.

The Wildlife O-Rama contest covers three learning areas:

- 1. Wildlife Identification** (30 points). Contestants identify wildlife from pictures, artifacts, replicas, or other representations as found in a natural outdoor condition. This includes identifying pelts, skulls, tracks, vocalizations, scat, or other evidence used to identify wildlife. Identification can include adults, juveniles, and males or females of selected species. Contestants match a numbered item on a table with a list of eligible species. Resources including sample scorecards are available online in the "WHEP handbook."
- 2. Wildlife Foods** (15 points). Contestants answer multiple-choice questions about which foods a selected wildlife species eats. Species are limited to those listed in the announced region (typically 15 - 18 species). A sample, picture, replica, or other representation of a food or food category is displayed. The contestant is asked to either identify (1) which wildlife species commonly consumes the displayed food, or (2) which one of several displayed foods is commonly consumed by a wildlife species. The primary source for determining diet is the food listed for each species in the *Species Descriptions* available online in the "WHEP handbook" (4h.uada.edu).
- 3. Wildlife Management Concepts and Terms** (15 points). Junior and Senior contestants answer multiple choice, true/false, and/or matching questions about ecology and habitat concepts from *Wildlife Management Concepts & Terms* and *Glossary of Terms* in the "WHEP handbook." Seniors are also questioned about *Wildlife Management Practices* and ecoregion characteristics as presented in the "WHEP handbook."

Tie-breaker Questions. Additional questions may be asked as part of the contest or before the awards ceremony to determine the winner if a tied score should occur for first through fifth places. These questions may be multiple choice, true/false, essay, fill-in-the-blank, or a combination question. An example of a combination question is when the contestant is asked to both identify the species and select which food it consumes, such as a photo of a black bear in which the contestant is asked which foods this animal eats. Tiebreaker questions are scored only in the event of a tie.