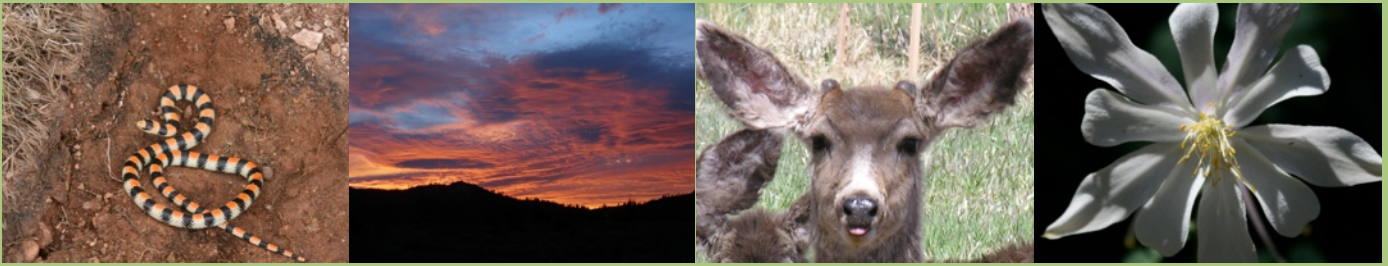


WHEP 2010



Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program

The WHEP is a relatively simple program to teach students the basics of Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management through different tests. Student teams compete with other teams to do the best in each test. Here is brief description of each test.

The Wildlife Management Plan



In the past, and currently at the National contest, Utah WHEP participants created a management plan on-site, during the course of 2 hours. Currently, for Utah

WHEP, the management scenario will be provided to WHEP participants 1 month ahead of the contest, with the Envirothon materials. This information will be posted on both the WHEP and Envirothon websites. Utah WHEP participants will use the WHEP manual activity description and requirements for developing the plan, with the exception of this difference in time allowed. The wildlife management plan activity description and requirements can be found at www.whep.org. WHEP participants will bring their management plan to the contest and will turn it in during registration.

The Oral Presentation

In the past, and currently at the National contest, Utah WHEP participants participated in a question-



answer session with judges. On an individual level, students would enter a room and interact with judges about the management plan that they constructed. This

year, the team will participate in an oral presentation of their **management plan**, according to **Envirothon rules**. Using the scenario provided to them for the Wildlife Management Plan, participants will create a presentation as a group. The specifics of the Oral Presentation can be found on the Utah Envirothon website (<http://www.utahenvirothon.org/registration/compe10.htm>).

The Wildlife Management Practices and Wildlife Principles Quiz

After students register, and the Utah WHEP contest begins, students will be required to complete the Wildlife Management Practices portion of the contest, lasting approximately 1 hour.

Next, students will participate in a 50 question quiz regarding wildlife ID in their region of study and the principles of wildlife management, also lasting 1 hour. The rules and description of this activity can be found at the WHEP website.

Timeline for the Contest

To outline the new contest format, I have provided an abbreviated version of the agenda. As you will see, WHEP will be held a few hours before the Envirothon contest begins. Then, participants will participate in a



the oral presentations on Friday, concurrent with the Envirothon. As you see, we will complete all the components of the WHEP contest on Friday. Those participants interested

in competing in Envirothon will continue on Saturday morning.

New WHEP Training Materials

This past year, we have been working to create a training manual that will assist volunteers leaders in training Utah WHEP participants. Similarly, Envirothon participants will find this training manual a valuable tool as well. The training manual is organized around the 14 Habitat Management Principles outlined in the national WHEP manual, and provides a more in-depth explanation of these principles as well as Project WILD activities designed to train participants in these concepts. These principles, while titled differently, overlap with the Envirothon training sections. To obtain a training manual, please contact Dr. Nicki Frey at nicki.frey@usu.edu.

Additionally, Dr. Frey can coordinate a training session with you. By contacting her, you can organize a time and place where you and your region's new teams and volunteer leaders can

participate in a workshop to explain the content and steps of the WHEP contest.

Information for Either Program can be found at:

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program:

www.whep.org

www.utah4-h.org/htm/featured-programs

Envirothon:

www.envirothon.org

www.utahenvirothon.org

Date/Time	Event
Friday April 30th	
1:00 - 1:30	Arrive at WHEP contest site and check in; turn in Wildlife Management Plan
1:30 - 2:30	Wildlife Management Practices
2:30 - 3:30	Wildlife ID and Quiz
4:00	Register with Envirothon as WHEP participant
4:30	Welcome and Orientation for Envirothon
5:00 - 7:15	Judging the Oral Presentation
5:45 - 7:15	Dinner
7:45	Guest Speakers / Announce Winners of WHEP
8:30	Closing
Saturday May 1st	
8:00 am	Welcome and Beginning of Second Day of Envirothon
3:30 pm	Awards Ceremony and Closing Remarks for Envirothon