THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
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College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences & Family and Consumer Sciences

Georgia 4-H Base Programming

Wildlife Judging

Description of Learning Experience:
Wildlife Judging is a 4-H natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to Georgia 4-H'ers at the cloverleaf, junior and senior level. Studying a scientifically-based manual with the assistance of trained coaches, participants learn a variety of wildlife terms and concepts including quality and management of wildlife habitats, potential dangers and damage to habitats, and common wildlife foods. A state contest is held that is open to junior and senior participants. Seniors and earn a trip to a national competition, typically held in the summer, that has been held in states across the nation to provide a chance for competitors to evaluate a variety of different wildlife habitats.

Learning Outcomes:
- To give 4-H'ers an appreciation for wildlife and to challenge them to preserve this natural resource in this country.
- To learn about wildlife habitat and how to manage it.
- To learn about wildlife management practices and their effect on habitat for various wildlife species.
- To be able to interpret wildlife habitat from aerial photographs and learn to communicate reasons from observations.
- To learn common wildlife foods for identification purposes.
- To develop abilities and attributes for better citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

Georgia Performance Standards:
TBD

Essential Elements:
Primary: Mastery, Independence and Belonging; Secondary: Generosity

Mission Mandates:
Science, Engineering and Technology; Citizenship

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