

District 9 4-H

District 9 4-H Wildlife Skillathon (*formally Challenge*) (2025)

The 4-H Wildlife Skillathon (formally called Wildlife Challenge) covers material found within five 4-H Natural Resources projects; Wildlife & Fisheries Project, Hunting & Wildlife project, Entomology Project, Forestry Project, and Sportfishing Project. Contestants will have the opportunity to explore all five of these projects while preparing for the 4-H Wildlife Challenge.

This contest is different from the State 4-H Wildlife Challenge Contest. The resource materials may overlap but the contest activities are different. Contestants will compete as individuals in their respective age division (Junior, Intermediate or Senior). The contest consists of three activities as described below. Each activity may cover any of the specified information within the 4-H Natural Resources project area. Resources are listed below. Contestants will need to take a clipboard and several sharpened pencils to use during the contest. No electronic devices of any kind will be allowed to be handled at any time during the contest.

Contest Activities:

Identification: Contestants will identify animals and trees from pictures or actual specimens such as leaves, fruit/ nuts, skulls, skins, wings, specimen mounts, tracks, calls, scat, etc. Contestants will identify equipment and equipment components that may be found within any of the project resources (i.e. – fishing equipment, shooting/ hunting equipment, insect collecting equipment, wildlife habitat management equipment, forestry equipment, etc.). 50 item identification with word bank.

Knowledge Assessment: Contestants will answer multiple choice/yes or no/true or false questions found within the project area resources. The questions may include but are not limited to knowledge needed for fishing, hunting, insect collection and display, firearm handling, forest evaluation, and wildlife habitat evaluation. Contestants could identify wildlife habitat concepts, wildlife habitat components, and wildlife management practices from photos or in field examples. Seniors will answer 50 test questions, intermediate will answer 35 test questions and juniors will answer 20 test questions.

Skills Assessment: Contestants could be asked to demonstrate a task, such as how to tie a square knot. Other examples include gear judging and/or filling out a deer tag hunting license.

Resources:

The D9 Wildlife Skillathon resources document will be posted on the District 9 Wildlife Skillathon website:

<https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/bigtime/wildlife-challenge/>

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