

Wildlife Management Plan

Objectives

Referring to an identified area, Senior teams make written recommendations based on landowner objectives as stated on a Field Condition Sheet (scenario), which is provided to each team. A satellite image of the identified area may (or may not) be provided.

Overview

From the Field Condition Sheet, each team interprets the landowners objectives, identifies the focal species, recommends wildlife management practices and their intended impact, and states how the plan will be evaluated. The Judges' Scoring Sheet details how plans are judged. All plans must be written using paragraph format. Follow the format outlined in the study guide.

Contest Rules

1. Each Senior contestant needs to bring pencils and a clipboard. The clipboard may be labeled for identification purposes, but no other writing is allowed.
2. This is a team event, so talking with your teammates is allowed.
3. Each team will be provided a Field Condition Sheet (scenario) and possibly a satellite image of the identified area (optional). Each team will also receive three blank sheets of unlined paper for the wildlife management plan, and additional blank pages for the team to use for brainstorming ideas and drafting the plan.
4. Teams may use **one side** each of three pieces of paper provided for writing their management plan.
 - Two sheets are for writing the narrative.
 - One sheet is for a sketch map illustrating where practices are implemented.
5. Only write the plan or sketch map on one side of each sheet of paper. The other side of the paper should be blank. (The blank side is where you will write the names and ID numbers of the team members.) Plans not written in the proper format or correctly identified will be deducted points or not be judged at all, at the discretion of the judges. For example, if a plan is written on two sides of one sheet of paper, only one side may be judged and receive points.
6. Participants are **required** to draw a sketch and locate where recommended practices will be implemented. (Sketch maps are NOT optional.)
7. The name and id of each team member **must** be written on the blank back side of each sheet.
8. Teams will have 1 ½ hours to complete this event, including preparation for Oral Reasons.

Scoring

This event is worth 250 points maximum based on an evaluation of the plan by one or more wildlife biologists serving as judges. This score is combined with the top three scores for Oral Defense of the Written Plan (50 points maximum per team member) for a total team score of 400 points maximum. Top scores from individual events (except Oral Reasons) are combined with the team score to determine the overall team score.