

14. WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION

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- A. PURPOSE – To stimulate interest in Wildlife Management as part of environmental conservation. Members will develop skills common to basic wildlife management in the areas of identification and habitat awareness. Baseline animal and equipment lists can be found in the National FFA Environmental Science CDE guidelines. This can be found here: https://www.ffa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/cde_enr.pdf Animals common to New York will be added to the list. Refer to “Critters of New York Pocket Guide” found at www.adventurepublications.net for wildlife specific to New York.
- B. OBJECTIVES – Members should have knowledge of: wildlife specimen identification, animal habitat characteristic, basic wildlife management principles, track and sound identification, equipment used for trapping and tracking. Basic hunter safety and trapping education questions may be asked. Information about hunter education can be found here: <https://www.hunter-ed.com/newyork/manual/>.
- C. ELIGIBILITY
- 1) A team is composed of two students.
 - 2) Junior FFA Competition is available in this event. Junior members will only complete the identification portion of the contest.
 - Junior Level- 6-8
 - Senior Level- 7-12
- D. EVENT RULES
- 1) Each individual will work independently and separated from their team member.
 - 2) Clipboards are recommended as space is limited and specimens are not to be handled.
 - 3) The contest will consist of two parts
 - A written exam of 35 questions based on wildlife conservation, wildlife management, habitats, hunter education and trapping. Some questions may be specific to NY wildlife.
 - Identification of wildlife including equipment, pictures of wildlife, scat replicas, furs/mounts, track molds and sounds. Between 45-55 questions will be in this part.
- E. SCORING
- 1) A team may is composed of two students with both scores counting
 - 2) In the event of a tie, the higher written exam score will be used to place individuals and teams.
- F. ATTIRE – FFA jacket or FFA t-shirt required for participation
- G. LOCATION – FFA Building, Friday, September 1st, 9:00 a.m.