

National Wild Turkey Federation Dream Hunt Conservation Project Packet

Instructions

1. Carefully read the project guidelines before beginning your project.
2. Include your full name on the upper left corner of all pages, including attachments.
3. Make sure all portions of the project packet are complete and include all requested enclosures.
Incomplete project packets will not be considered.
4. Project ideas must be approved by an NWTF Regional Biologist prior to starting. To find the contact information for your local Regional Biologist visit the in your State section of www.nwtf.org. For questions about this contest contact 1-800-THE-NWTF
5. Project work must be completed and project packet submitted no later than **September 1st**:

NWTF JAKES Program
PO Box 530
Edgefield, SC 29824



PART I: PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Please type or print

Today's Date: _____/_____/_____

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone No.(_____) _____ - _____ E-mail address _____

Date of Birth ____/____/_____

Name of Parent/Guardian with whom you reside: _____

Current NWTF Membership Number _____ (See part III if you are not a current member)

How did you learn about the NWTF dream hunt conservation project contest?

NWTF magazine Web site Other: _____

PART II: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project name: _____

Project location: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Write a brief essay describing your project. Essay should be **typed** and **double spaced**. Your essay should include the following:

- 1) Describe your project and why you chose it.
- 2) Describe the steps you took to develop the project and the sustainability of it.
- 3) Describe the environmental impact of your project and what you learned.
- 4) Include a list of the people involved in your project and the roles they played

PART III: REQUIRED ENCLOSURES

Complete project packets must include:

- Project planning sheet and report sheet
- Project description essay
- Copy of current hunting license
- Copy of current National Wild Turkey Federation Membership Card. If you are not a current member of NWTF visit our Web site www.nwtf.org or call 1-800-THE-NWTF to join. JAKES membership is for youth 12 and under and Xtreme JAKES membership is for youth 13- 17. Membership is \$10. Include a copy of your online receipt or ask our membership department for an ID number to include with your project packet for membership verification purposes.
- Photo of yourself suitable for publication
- Up to 10 photos of your project (photos should be printed, please do not send discs with photos)

PART IV: SIGNATURE

By signing this form, I hereby grant the National Wild Turkey Federation, Flies and Fletching and Outdoor Pursuits Worldwide the unconditional right to use my name, photograph and essay in connection with press releases and/or publications. I also certify that I have read and meet the eligibility requirements for the NWTF.

Signature of Participant

_____/_____/_____
Date

Stop!

Before mailing this project packet please check for the following:

- I have completed the PARTICIPANT INFORMATION section
- I have enclosed my ESSAY
- I have enclosed a copy of my CURRENT HUNTING LICENSE
- I have enclosed a copy of my current NWTF MEMBERSHIP CARD
- I have enclosed a PHOTO of myself suitable for publication and photos of my project
- I have SIGNED MY PROJECT PACKET
- Return this project packet no later than **September 1st**.

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION
DREAM HUNT/CONSERVATION PROJECT GUIDELINES

Eligibility:

1. Participants should be between the ages of 10 and 17 and a current member of the NWTF. If you are not a current member of NWTF visit our Web site www.nwtf.org or call 1-800-THE-NWTF to join. JAKES membership is for youth 12 and under. Xtreme JAKES membership is for youth 13- 17. Membership is \$10. Include a copy of your online receipt or ask our membership department for an ID number to include with your project packet for membership verification purposes.
2. Students must support the preservation of the hunting tradition and actively participate in hunting sports. A copy of current hunting license is required.
3. Prior to beginning conservation project students should gain approval and feedback from their NWTF Regional Biologists. To find the contact information for your local Regional Biologist visit the In Your State section of www.nwtf.org. For questions about this contest contact 1-800-THE-NWTF
4. Students must submit a complete project packet. Incomplete project packets will not be considered.
5. Project packets must be received by September 1.
6. Employees and board members of the NWTF, Outdoor Pursuits Worldwide and Flies and Fletching and their family members are not eligible to participate in the program.
7. Previous winners of this contest are not eligible.

Selection Process:

1. Projects will be judged by a committee comprised of conservation professionals, including NWTF, Outdoor Pursuits World Wide and Flies and Fletching employees. National winner will be selected by October 1.
2. **Grand prize-** The national winner will receive an all expense paid hunt to Namibia, Africa from Outdoor Pursuits Worldwide and Flies and Fletching. Prize includes travel, trophy fees, guides, meals, and lodging for JAKES member and adult chaperone.
3. **Second and Third prize** winners will receive incredible outdoor gear prize packages from NWTF, Outdoor Pursuits Worldwide and Flies and Fletching filled with outdoor gear including new compound bows, apparel, boots and more.

Conservation project examples are: soil conservation, wildlife habitat, water quality, management practices that benefit the wild turkey, seedling or seed planting projects for wildlife habitat enhancement, educational projects, etc... A successful project does not have to be expensive or even terribly time-consuming. However, it does require some planning and careful thought. Projects become frustrating when they are left to the last minute and thus don't have the chance to be as good as they possibly can. Start early. For ideas on projects see additional resources below.

Probably the most difficult part will be coming up with a good project. When deciding what your conservation project will be:

- 1) Chose something that interests you. If you are doing a project about something that interests you, you will likely enjoy it.
- 2) Is your project appropriate for your region?
- 3) Does it fall within the NWTF guidelines?
- 4) Is your project ethical?

BEFORE you begin your project you must gain approval from you NWTF Regional Biologist (RB). For instructions on contacting your RB see #3 eligibility. Some situations will require clarification from your RB. You may also check with your state agency (ex: South Carolina Department of Natural Resources) to make sure your project is within their regulations. Proper permission should be granted from anyone involved with your project (ex: landowners).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Follow the links below to find some great on-line resources for your project. You may also want to search for funding for your project.

General environmental science & conservation

NRCS www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/education/

EEK! (Environmental Education for Kids, from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources):
www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/index.htm

Forestry

USFS www.fs.fed.us/emphasis/kids.shtml

National 4-H Forestry Invitational Web Site: www.aces.edu/N4HFI/index.html

Teaching Youth about Trees (from the National Arbor Day Foundation):
www.arborday.org/kids/teachingYouth.cfm

Exploring the Secret Life of Trees: www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/trees2/index.html

National Learning Center for Private Forest and Range Landowners: www.forestandrange.org

Wildlife

National Wild Turkey Federation www.nwtf.org

Fact sheets on wildlife (from Clemson University):
www.clemson.edu/psapublishing/PAGES/4H/4hwildlf.htm

Conservation

National Wild Turkey Federation www.nwtf.org

National Association of Conservation Districts www.nacdnet.org

Cool conservation info (from Iowa 4-H):

www.extension.iastate.edu/naturalresources/Conservation.htm

Dr. E's Energy Lab: www.eere.energy.gov/kids/

Energy Kids Page: www.eia.doe.gov/kids/

PowerSmart: Easy Tips to Save Money and the Planet: www.ase.org/uploaded_files/powersmart

Contact your state department of wildlife or natural resources for local project ideas.

PROJECT PLANNING SHEET
COMPLETE BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR PROJECT

Your name: _____

Project name: _____

Project location: _____

City _____ **State** _____

Describe your project and what you want to learn from it:

What are your goals and how will you reach them? _____

What resources will you use? _____

How will your project impact wildlife? _____

Name of Regional Biologist: _____

Date you contacted your Regional Biologist: _____

Did your project change once you spoke to your Regional Biologist? _____

If so, describe how your project changed. _____

Signed _____

JAKES member

*You may retype these questions on a separate piece of paper if you need more room.

PROJECT REPORT
COMPLETE AFTER YOUR PROJECT

Your name: _____

Project name: _____

Project location: _____

City _____ **State** _____

What did you learn from your project? _____

Did you meet your goals? Why or why not? _____

What resources did you use? _____

What was the outcome of your project and what is the sustainability?

Signed _____

JAKES member

Signed: _____

Parent or guardian

*You may retype these questions on a separate piece of paper if you need more room.