

Alabama 4-H Team Successes at Nationals

Alabama's representatives at national competitions have had much success this summer. We are extremely proud of the 4-Hers, coaches, and the volunteer leaders who worked with them to achieve their successes. 4-Hers from the following counties competed in national 4-H competitions: Shelby County, 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in Rapid City, South Dakota; Tallapoosa County, 4-H Forestry Invitational in Weston, West Virginia, and Coosa County, 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest in Cedar City, Utah.

Shelby County:

The team consisting of Eric Bears (4th in 3-Position, 7th in Standing), Roy Smith (9th in Silhouette), Caroline Ward, Rachel Ward, Coach-Dan Ward & Volunteer-Roy Smith won 3rd Place in Air Rifle. The team was 4th in 3-Position, 7th in Standing, and 4th in Silhouette.

Tallapoosa County:

Coach Tommy Futral reported that the team (Lydia East, Casey Howard & Kasey Duffie) placed 6th out of 15 teams. Kasey Duffie placed 5th in overall individual scores. Illinois placed first, Tennessee second and Georgia third.

Coosa County:

Anna Vines, Treavor Abrams, Elijah Phillips, Samuel Cordner, Coach Roger Vines and Coach Kristy Abrams won the national championship, followed by the team from Utah in second place, and Texas in third place. Nineteen states were represented. Anna Vines was the overall high scoring individual, Elijah Phillips placed fourth and Samuel Cordner came in at 9th.

The competition was very challenging. Our team members had to study really hard to learn an entirely new habitat that is so different from Alabama. The Utah and Texas teams which placed second and third had the advantage of being on familiar ground. As always the scores were very close, but Alabama won with a 10 point margin over the second place Utah team.

Congratulations to all!