

# Indiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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## Items of note:

- ICTWS dues are \$12 in 2018. Dues can be paid online at [www.intws.org](http://www.intws.org)
- Upcoming event? New publication? Cool wildlife picture? We want to know about it! See page 6 for info on how to contact us.

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## TWS continues support of student growth

The Indiana Chapter of the Wildlife Society believes that continued support of youth initiatives is one of its most important missions. As such, the chapter continues to support attendance of a 4H team and a FFA team at the national WHEP contest.

The WHEP (National Wildlife Habitat Education Program) is a hands-on environmental education program. WHEP teaches high school aged students wildlife terms and concepts, wildlife identification, how to judge the quality of wildlife habitat, and wildlife damage management.

This year, Franklin High School FFA and Gibson County 4H each won their respective state WHEP contest and were given the opportunity to represent Indiana at the national WHEP contest in Maine. The teams were able to attend the contest in part due to ICTWS's financial support. Both teams traveled to Winter

Harbor, Maine for the contest. Leading up to the contest, they spent a full day conversing with wildlife experts on topics such as managing beaver, researching bog lemmings, monitoring cranes and other migra-

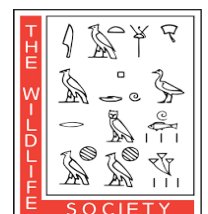
tory shorebirds' flight patterns and migration routes, and deer tranquilization. Competition day had the teams out in the field, getting scored on habitat evaluation and species identification.

Both teams performed very well at the contest. The Franklin High School FFA team did especially well, as they finished first in the FFA division! They also had 2 individuals finish 2nd and 3rd in the nation individually.

Thank you letters were received from both teams acknowledging the chapter for their financial support.



Gibson County 4-H WHEP team at the 2018 national contest in Maine



## Upcoming Activities

ICTWS is excited to announce two important upcoming events for members. The 2018 fall workshop titled **“Communicating Your Message – A workshop for wildlife professionals”** will be held at the Hendricks County 4-H conference center, Danville, IN. on October 30, 2018. Attendees will participate in facilitated discussions about how to work with the media and learn about science communication and messaging. You can register for the workshop by visiting:

<https://intwseducation.eventbrite.com>

The second event is the 50th annual spring meeting to be held in Indianapolis on February 27-28, 2019. This year's meeting will celebrate 50 years of conservation excellence in Indiana. For those members interested in history, The Chapter of the Wildlife

Society was chartered June 7, 1968. The first officers were as follows, President: Charles Scheffe, manager of the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, Vice President: Richard Bartholomew, research biologist, Indiana Division of Fish and Game and Secretary/Treasurer: William Ginn, Chief of Wildlife, Indiana Division of Fish and Game. The Chapter's first official meeting was held in February 1969 in Seymour.

The 2019 annual meeting planning committee is working on selecting a location and securing speakers. More details will be announced as we draw closer, but please mark your calendars now for what is sure to be a conference all wildlife professionals in Indiana will want to attend!

## Don't forget to submit nominations for ITWS awards!

Recognizing excellence in conservation is an important function of the ITWS. Each year at your annual spring meeting we like to recognize people who have made outstanding contributions to the wildlife profession in Indiana.

Please consider nominating someone for an ITWS award this year. Award categories include, Hoosier Wildlife Award, Honorary Member Award and the Champion of Wildlife Award. Each of these awards offers a unique opportunity to recognize professionals and citizens for a job well done.

Award nominations are due January 15 of each year. Nominations can be sent to Zack DeYoung, (219) 992-3019, [zdeyoung@dnr.in.gov](mailto:zdeyoung@dnr.in.gov). For more information about each of the awards, nomination requirements, and to see a list of past winners you can visit [www.intws.org/awards/](http://www.intws.org/awards/)



## Student Chapter Updates



The Wildlife Society at Ball State University has started and we have many plans for the future. We have mist-netting and telemetry workshops planned for members to help them get skills that are important moving forward. We are also offering members opportunities to trap and identify turtles, net for saw-whet owls, and trap small mammals. We have several speakers planned, including the state herpetologist for Indiana. We are also having a CV night and an internship night that we have had every year to help people develop their professional skills. We have also implemented committees to help provide people opportunities to explore their more specific interests.

You can stay connected with the BSU Student Chapter on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/groups/BSUTWS/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BSUTWS/)



The Purdue Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society has had a busy start to the semester. The call-out had a record turnout of 91 students. One of the goals this year was to increase freshman involvement at meetings.

During the first meeting this semester we conducted a radio telemetry workshop for students. Many students got to receive hands on experience using this equipment for the first time. We hope to hold more workshops like this in the future.

Fifteen members of the chapter attended the national conference in Cleveland this year. This is one of the largest turnouts we have had in a long time. The chapter also represented Purdue in quiz bowl again this year.

In the future the chapter plans to host another bison trip to Kankakee Sands where staff will talk about how they are managing bison to manage the grassland there. We plan to participate in some invasive species

work days as a way to generate funding for the club, but also as a way for members to get hands on experience with managing invasive plants. Our goal is to increase experience opportunities for members this year.

“Like” the Purdue Student Chapter on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/pages/Purdue-Student-Chapter-The-Wildlife-Society/402744159863568](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Purdue-Student-Chapter-The-Wildlife-Society/402744159863568)



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The Wildlife Society (TWS), founded in 1937, is an international non-profit scientific and educational association dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. The Indiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society, was founded in 1968, under the parent society, as the professional organization of trained wildlife ecologists, biologists, and managers in the state.

Our mission is to enhance the ability of wildlife professionals to conserve diversity, sustain productivity, and ensure responsible use of wildlife resources for the benefit of society. The Wildlife Society encourages professional growth through certification, peer-reviewed publications, conferences, and working groups.

### **Not a member but interested in joining? We have many ways to join!**

- Visit our website at [www.intws.org](http://www.intws.org) to find the membership form. Send the completed membership form to the address at the top of this page, or via email to [IndianaTWS@gmail.com](mailto:IndianaTWS@gmail.com)
- Send \$12 via check (along with your membership form) to the address at the top of this page, or pay via PayPal using the link on our website.
- You can also join at any of our conferences or workshops.

**Yearly dues are used to support ICTWS conferences and workshops, support student chapters with travel to national conferences and conclaves, support youth wildlife education programs, and much more!**