

Nebraska Wildlife Jeopardy

Suggested Number of Volunteers: 1

Materials in Activity Tub:

- Nebraska Wildlife Jeopardy board including questions and answers.

Materials Provided by the Group:

- prizes (optional)

Objectives

Students will:

1. Learn about Nebraska's wildlife - mammals, birds, reptiles, plants, fish.

Background:

Nebraska is home to over 400 species of birds, 80 species of fish, 1,470 different species of plants, 95 mammal species, 60 different species of reptiles and amphibians, and more than 10,000 species of insects. That's over 12,000 different species that can be found right here in Nebraska!

Knowing about these animals, their habitats, and survival needs is an important part of wildlife management. Additionally, knowing about Nebraska's wildlife is a great way to become engaged in our natural history and natural resources.

Although this game is filled with simple, fun facts, these are some of the basics of wildlife management. For example, it is vitally important that wildlife biologists and managers know that Nebraska has seven threatened and endangered plant species. Or, biologists need to know that amphibians need two habitats to complete their life cycle - water and land.

Procedure:

Before the Activity

Set-up the Nebraska Wildlife Jeopardy game board. Sections titles are pre-paced on the board. Answers, questions, and point values will be layered. Answers should go on the bottom, the questions, then point values.

The Activity

1. Invite participants to play "Nebraska Wildlife Jeopardy." Allow participants to choose a subject (Nebraska Plants, Nebraska Reptiles, etc.) and a dollar amount (100, 200, 300, 400, or 500).

Once they have chosen a subject and dollar amount, carefully pull off the dollar amount to reveal the question (answer in Jeopardy terms). Read the answer out loud. Allow the participant to guess. When participants have given their "final answer," carefully pull off the answer to reveal the answer (question in Jeopardy terms).

Allow participants to continue playing. If there are others at the station, you can turn it into a competition between participants or teams/groups of participants.

Once participants leave, replace the questions and answers in the correct place for new participants to play.