

# 2026 Student Wildlife Research Symposium

## Call for Proposals

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Proposals Due: Feb 6, 2026

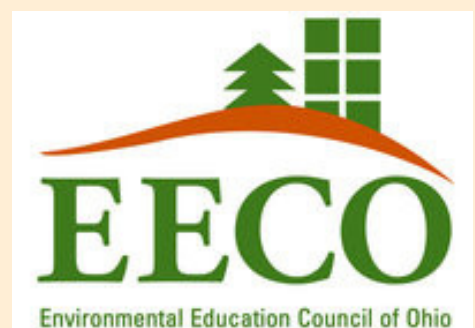
Accepted presenters will  
be notified by  
February 20, 2026

<https://ohiodnr.gov/swrs>

***Date: April 9, 2026***

***Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm***

***Location: Shawnee State  
Park Lodge***





# We Want You!

Are you a teacher conducting wildlife research with middle or high school students?

Are you a student involved in wildlife-related research?

Would you like to present your research to fellow researchers, biologists, and wildlife management professionals?

The 8th Annual Ohio Student Wildlife Research Symposium is your platform to present research in a professional and supportive environment!



## Presentation Options



### Paper Presentation

- 20-minutes
- 5-minutes for Q&A
- PowerPoint or Prezi format
- Completed projects only
- Presentation equipment provided



### Poster Presentation

- In-progress or completed work
- Group Poster Session
- Maximum size: 4ft x 4ft
- Bring your own easel
- Interactive format





**JOIN A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION!**

## ***Research Topics can include:***

**Wildlife Science**

**Wildlife  
Management**

**Wildlife  
Conservation**

**Wildlife  
Education**

**Human-Wildlife  
Interactions**



**Other Fish and  
Wildlife Topics**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Students aged 13-18 or grades 8-12.
- Research must tie to state curriculum, after-school programs, homeschool programs, or informal programs through park districts and natural resources agencies.
- Research must focus on Ohio issues, native wildlife, and local habitats.

### **What's Included?**

- Complimentary registration for all students, presenters, and one accompanying teacher/advisor/parent
- Lunch is included for registered participants
- Access to the EECO Annual Conference
- Professional development opportunity
- Networking with biologists and other wildlife professionals



# Submit Your Proposal To Our Online Form at <https://forms.office.com/g/5jn7EtEkYf>

2026 Ohio Student Wildlife  
Research Symposium Call for  
Proposals Submission Form



Or email to  
[jen.dennison@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:jen.dennison@dnr.ohio.gov)

Or mail to:  
Ohio Division of Wildlife  
Re: 2026 SWRS-Atten: Jen  
Dennison  
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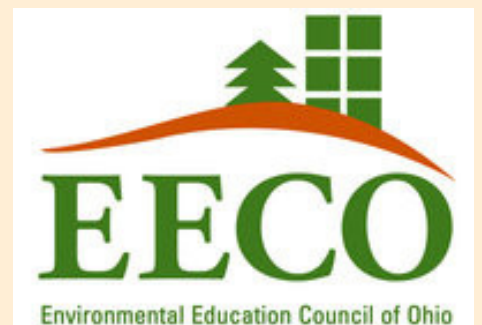
(Electronic submissions  
preferred)

For questions, contact Jen Dennison, Education and Outreach Manager,  
Ohio Division of Wildlife,  
Email: [jen.dennison@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:jen.dennison@dnr.ohio.gov)  
Phone: 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543)

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## Ohio Division of Wildlife and the Environmental Education Council of Ohio



As a presenter, please present factual, scientific, and  
non-biased information-a core mission of EECO.

Want to join the Symposium as a member of the  
audience? Registration will open in January 2026 at  
<https://eeco-online.org>





**The 8th Annual**  
**Student Wildlife Research Symposium**  
**April 9, 2026**  
**Shawnee State Park Lodge**  
**Call for Proposals**



**Deadline is February 6, 2026** Email completed form to: [jen.dennison@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:jen.dennison@dnr.ohio.gov) (electronic copies preferred) or mail to:  
 ODNR--Division of Wildlife  
 Re: 20262026 SWRS-Atten: Jen Dennison, Symposium Coordinator  
 2045 Morse Rd. Bldg. G.  
 Columbus, Ohio 43229  
 Questions? Contact Jen Dennison (614) 265-6316, or 1-800-WILDLIFE

| Student Information  |   |
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| Student Name   |   |
| School   |   |
| Address  |   |
| Email  |   |
| Phone  |   |
| Teacher/Parent/Guardian Information  |   |
| Name and Title   |   |
| Email/Phone  |   |
| School/Organization  |   |
| Proposal Information   |   |
| <b>Title of Paper/Poster</b><br>For Conference Brochure<br>(12 words or less)  |   |
| <b>Type of Presentation</b><br>(Check or highlight one)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Presentation (20 mins, with 5 mins for questions)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Poster   |
| <b>Summary of Presentation for Conference Brochure</b><br>(Please limit description to 50 words)   |   |
| <b>Abstract</b><br>A description of your presentation/poster including statement of objectives, a brief description of research methods, results, and conclusions. This can be attached on a separate sheet. (200 words or less) |   |
| <b>Paper/Poster Topic</b><br>(Check or highlight all that apply)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Science<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Management<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Conservation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Education<br><input type="checkbox"/> Human Dimensions and Wildlife Interactions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |



### Proposal Guidelines

**Proposals must be submitted by February 06, 2026 and will be evaluated and chosen by a 3-person panel. Accepted presenters will be notified by February 20, 2026.**

#### **Eligible Presenters Include:**

- ☐ Any student between the ages of 13-18 and/or grades 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Research projects must be tied to state curriculum, after-school programs, home school programs, or informal programs through park districts and other natural resources agencies and organizations.
- ☐ Research projects must be tied to Ohio issues, native wildlife, and local habitats.
- ☐ Contact the Symposium Coordinator for eligibility details or questions.

#### **Paper Presentation Guidelines:**

- ☐ Presentations should be 20 mins, with 5 minutes for questions.
- ☐ Presentations can be given in electronic format such as PowerPoint or Prezi; please bring your presentation on a thumb drive. Computers, projectors, etc., will be provided. Please contact Symposium Coordinator for other types of presentation needs.
- ☐ If handouts are required, please plan to send them to the Symposium Coordinator ahead of the Symposium for review and distribution.
- ☐ Presentations should present results from completed projects or completed phases of long-term projects. Research in-progress can only be presented as a poster.

#### **Poster Guidelines:**

- ☐ Can be research in-progress or completed projects.
- ☐ Cannot present a Poster and a Presentation on the same project. Separate phases of long-term projects are acceptable.
- ☐ Posters can be no larger than 4ft x 4ft. **Must provide your own easel.**

All presenters and poster session participants and their accompanying teachers, advisor, or parent/guardian will be given complimentary registration costs, including lunch. Any additional teachers, parents, guardians, and fellow students must register to attend. Attire for the day should be business casual. Registration for the symposium and the EECO Annual Conference will open in January, 2026.

**For questions, contact Jen Dennison, Symposium Coordinator, at 614-265-6316 or 1-800-WILDLIFE, or [jen.dennison@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:jen.dennison@dnr.ohio.gov)**

***As a presenter at the Student Wildlife Research Symposium, please only present factual, scientific, and non-biased information through your program, as this is a core mission of EECO.***

