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The latest information
for 4-H shooting sports
in Kansas.

On Target will now be used to communicate important information from the shooting sports match committee and action team to all people involved in the shooting sports project. This is not a full listing of everything discussed nor is it to be used as a rule book. This is to be used as a quick reference point.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR UPDATE

We recently provided the Coordinator Update Training at Salina this past fall. A scheduled make up session for those units that were not able to have their coordinator (or alternate attendee) at the training is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at Rock Spring 4-H Center. The session will start at 12:30 PM and finish by 6:30 PM with the new weekend Coordinator class assisting as part of their practicum. For the Extension Units that did not have someone at the fall update training but are sending a new person to Coordinator training you are not required to send a second person to the coordinator update training.

As a reminder to all units to report to Ray Bartholomew, State Volunteer Coordinator, and your efforts to update the certified instructors with the curriculum updates received at the fall training. The intent is to provide each active instructor with a new chapter 2, which is the discipline specific information. If instructors were trained more than 3 or 4 years ago, it would be best just to provide them with an entirely new notebook.

The Match committee and PAT discussed at length concerns over local unit state qualifier matches needing to follow current match rules, provide a safe environment for the youth and families, and report full match results to the State 4-H Office in a timely manner. The Action Team and Match Committee will have two representatives present at multiple matches in "Official Capacity" to assist the host extension unit in fulfilling the requirements of holding a qualifier match. Everyone should be watching to assure that the matches are equitably conducted and that the youth are not adversely affected by matches were the results could be called into question.

Extension units are to review your enrollment and look for opportunities to recruit and send more adults to certification training in disciplines that your enrollment indicates an additional need. We hope to offer all disciplines. Training will start at 1:00 PM on Friday and finish up between 3 and 4 PM on Sunday. Dates are April 24-26, 2015 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch. Look for the online enrollment in the next month or so. We hope to be able to give 4-H Shooting Sports specific guidance for the new 4-H Online enrollment process.

If your unit has not done 2014-15 renewals please do so. This includes the certified Jr. Apprentices as well as adults. Look for a new revised instructor renewal form for next fall.

Any youth certified in the fall of 2010 or before are grandfathered in as certified adults once they turn 21, provided they meet the "active" definition in the State Plan. Those that were certified as Jr. Apprentices since that training and continue to meet the "active" definition would fall under the policy of coming back to training after their 21st birthday but only pay 50% of the adult registration fee.

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Important Dates

April 11, 2015
Spring State Match

April 24-26, 2015
Instructor Training

September 19, 2015
State Archery Match

September 26, 2015
State Shotgun and
Hunting Skills Match

October 3, 2015
State Muzzleloading
Smallbore Rifle
Smallbore Pistol Match

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Deadline for enrolling for Spring Training is April 14.
- Deadline for Spring State Match is March 24.
- All volunteers need go through Volunteer Screening
- Click here for the complete State Match Rule book:
<http://www.kansas4-h.org/doc16694.ashx>

STATE QUALIFIER INFORMATION

- All state qualifying match rules must be followed.
- Results must be turned in **with in seven days** of the match in order for it to be considered a state qualifying match.
- Air Rifle Clarification - Sighting shots are permitted on either of the sighting bulls when two targets are hung in a position. Rule 7.12.1.
- Air Rifle Clarification - Shoes must be matching and ON during the entire match. Rule 4.3.2.

KANSAS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out the official Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports facebook page! Please be kind and courteous when using this page. The idea behind this page is to be another form of communication to provide the state with important information. Check it out at www.facebook.com/Kansas4HShootingSports

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports is excited to start a Shooting Sports Ambassador program. Applications are now available and due March 18. Acceptance letters will be sent out before the State Match to those getting State Ambassador spots. The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors will be announced April 11 at the Spring State Match. These ambassadors will be required to attend Spring Training April 24-26. Applications can be found on the Kansas 4-H website. Questions? Contact Briana Jacobus at briana0@ksu.edu or Lisa Cronkhite at ksracingchic@yahoo.com.

STATE MATCH AND SPRING TRAINING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration will continue to be done using the online system called CVent. Coordinators and agents will register all participants online using the link provided. Paper forms will no longer be accepted. Registration for both of these events will open in early March.

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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING

National Invitational Name Change & Much More **4-H Shooting Sports National Championships – June 21-26, 2015**

Our National 4-H Shooting Sports program has successfully reached a level of participation where we feel the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational needed to be recognized as a true National 4-H Event as well as an appropriate name change. It has been decided to change the name of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational to 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships.

In addition to the event name change, the decision has been made to continue to hold the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island Nebraska annually through 2020. This event has been held in Grand Island in 2008, 2009 and 2012-2014. The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee is very appreciative of UNL to serve as the host Land Grant University for this event.

Last year, this growing event drew 750 participants and coaches along with their families from 34 states across the country. University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension 4-H, Fonner Park, Heartland Events Center and the Heartland Public Shooting Park have all come together as local partners to host this national event. Participants compete in one of nine discipline areas including small bore rifle, small bore pistol, muzzleloading, shotgun, air pistol, air rifle, hunting skills, recurve archery and compound archery.

“This will be a great opportunity for the Grand Island community to partner with 4-H in helping to continue to grow this national event in scope. It has been an outstanding relationship in working with members of the Grand Island community to host the National Invitational,” said Steve Pritchard, UNL Extension Educator and Match Director for the Invitational.

As the official destination marketing organization for Hall County, Nebraska, the Grand Island Convention & Visitors Bureau works to grow the tourism economy and identify Grand Island as a destination. For more information, visit <http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingssportsinvitational> or call the visitors bureau at 308-382-4400.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute

On August 6 - 8, 2014 a select group of twenty seven teens from sixteen different states met at Montana State University in Bozeman. Their purpose for gathering was to strengthen themselves as national and state ambassadors of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. During their training, the teens sharpened their skills in public speaking and leadership. These teens traveled across the country with the sole purpose of bettering their state shooting sports programs, and to take back what they learned to their home states where they look forward to educating other youth. Each 4-H state shooting sports coordinator is encouraged to send candidates to this once in a lifetime experience. Information for the 2015 National 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Institute will be announced and forwarded to all coordinators in early 2015.

All 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum has been updated as of October 2014 and is on the national website. Make sure that you are using the most up to date curriculum for your state workshops.

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Check us out at the 4-H Mall for 4-H shooting sports gear:

<http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/SearchResults.aspx?page=1&SearchQuery=shooting>

Daisy Scholarship applications due April 1. Application on the National 4-H Shooting Sports Website. Two applications per state.

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Western Heritage Project Update

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a combination of Western Action Shooting and a study of the American frontier from 1860 – 1900. Main objectives of the project are two provide a safe and exciting shooting program while utilizing an experiential, participatory living history approach to learning Old West history. Participants dress in Old West garb and compete against the clock by engaging in steel or cardboard targets at various distances with period firearms such as single action revolvers, lever action rifles, and double barreled, pump, or lever action shotguns. Competitive firearm use is dependent on age and only takes place after training. Scoring is based on accuracy and the time that lapses between the initial buzzer and last shot. Each missed target is penalized by the addition of five seconds to a competitor's time. During a shoot, participants travel through a series of stages in a posse (group of shooters) along with an adult range officer. Stages consist of a series of targets set up at distances appropriate for sidearms, rifles, and shotguns. The shooting location of the stage may be as elaborate as a façade of a building, like the front door of the sheriff's office, the window of the church, or just outside the door of the jailhouse, or as simple as engaging targets over a table.

The first National 4-H Shooting Sports Training in Western Heritage was conducted as pilot at the New Mexico training in April of 2014. To date Montana, Missouri, Oregon, Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, Oklahoma, and Alabama have certified leaders. Some programs are currently active while others are just beginning. National training consists of safe and proper use of the firearms in the project, 8-10 hours of range and shooting instruction, and the basics of period history.

With the growth of the project, Montana hosted the First Annual National 4-H Western Heritage Conference and Invitational Shoot July 30 through August 2, 2014 in Virginia City, MT. Over 150 members, parents, and leaders took part in two and half days of historically oriented workshops and tours followed by a shooting competition with 52 youth competing. The 2nd Annual event will take place in Springfield, Missouri on July 29 through August 1, 2015.

The historical education contained within the 4-H Western Heritage Project is particularly exciting. According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, 88% of high school seniors test below the proficiency level in U.S. history. Educational research indicates history is one of the least liked subjects in school and interest in history declines with advancing grade level. Students describe history as boring and irrelevant with little application to the future. Most concerning is that fact that these students will soon be in leadership roles in every community across the country and have very little knowledge of the traditions and requirements of this democracy. While reading a textbook, memorizing material, and listening to lectures appear to disillusion students, participatory living history approaches found with the 4-H Western Heritage Project have been shown to dramatically increase interest in American history among youth and also provide a sense of appreciation for family genealogy and the struggles and success of the past take have shaped our society today.

With sufficient interest, a training team of Montana, Missouri, and Oregon instructors is available for future National 4-H Shooting Sports Training Workshops. For more information, visit www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org.