

National 4-H Shooting Sports



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NWTF Reports Due

It is once again time for your NWTF Grant Reports to be submitted. Reports need to be sent to Jim Simms, Program Coordinator for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Reports need to reflect the spending of the money that you received in 2004 and that was expended between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005. If you did not receive grant funds in the summer of 2004 then you do not need to send in a report. Reports should be to Jim Simms by November 30. They can be submitted via email to:

jmsimms4hss@yahoo.com Or
jmsimms@iolinc.net

State Coordinators Workshop

In late September, the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee sponsored a training for the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator from each state. Thirty five states were represented by

the participants that met in Edgefield, SC at the headquarters of the National Wild Turkey Federation. The participants were welcomed by Dick Rosenleib, Vice president for Sales and Marketing and Rob Keck the CEO. State Coordinators had the opportunity to share what is going on in their states and to find out what other states are doing in their Shooting Sports programs.

As a result of the meeting and discussion from the state coordinators, a series of reporting forms was developed and if approved at the December meeting of the National Committee they will be available for states to start using in January of 2006. These forms are for local, county and state level reporting.



2006 National Invitational

The dates for the 2006 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational have been set for June 26 -30. It will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota. There is an opportunity for the participants to see a lot of historical attractions while in the area. Information will be available on the website about the area. You can also contact the Visitors and Convention Bureau for more information on the area. A must see attraction is Mount Rushmore which is only about twenty minutes drive from Rapid City.

We will be having all the same events which we had in Missouri and the rules will likely be very similar. You can go to the National 4-H Shooting Sports website to get more information. Any rule changes will be posted on the website.



2006 National Workshop

As we look to the 2006 National Workshop, it will be held in Kansas at the Rock Springs State 4-H Camp near Manhattan, Kansas. The dates will be May 7-12. States in the invite area will be allowed to send a team of up to 16 persons for the training. We will be following the national policies. These include the policy that says that a person may not attend more than two national workshops in a five year period. Participants coming to the workshop should have already attended a state level training in their discipline and have been teaching at the local level before attending.

We must remember that the purpose of this workshop is to **Train the Trainer to go back to their state to teach other adults to teach youth. It is not our purpose of this workshop to teach the participant to shoot in the respective disciplines.**

Workshop information will be on the website in the near future. All state

applications must go through your state 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator. States in the invite area are North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana and Kansas. Other states can send participants as long as space is available.

Regional Representative

The National 4-H Shooting Sports committee is seeking applications for a Regional Representative for the Western Extension region. That area includes the following states: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. The term will begin after the 2006 workshop in Kansas. Applicants may secure an application on the website or contact Jim Simms, Program Coordinator jmsimms@iolinc.net. Applications should be submitted to Jim Simms by November 25. Reference are required and the approval of the state 4-H Leader and state 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator.

Applications will be reviewed by the nominating committee and then submitted to the National Committee.

Lead Instructor Applications

Applications are being accepted for the Lead Instructor positions for Archery, Rifle and Shotgun. One requirement is that an applicant must be a National Certified Instructor in order to be considered. The terms for Lead Shotgun and Lead Rifle will be open after the 2006 workshop. The Archery position vacancy will be filled at the December meeting. Applications are available on the website and need to be

submitted to Jim Simms, Program Coordinator by November 28. The application will be reviewed by the nominating committee and submitted to the National Committee.

Some applications have already been received for these positions; however, applications will be received until November 28, 2005.

Ambassadors Applications



The National Committee will be receiving applications for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program. The revised information for the Ambassador program will be up on the web in the near future. The application deadline has been moved up to February 1, 2006. Applications will be available on the website. Each state can send up to two applicants to the training which will be held during the National Invitational in Rapid City, SD. Applicants will not be able to participate in both the Invitational and the ambassador training. Accepted participants will be reporting to Rapid City on Saturday, June 24 in preparation for their training.

Packages from Donors

Our National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation Executive Director has been

busy working on deals for clubs and instructors from our donors. You will need to watch the website for what is available to instructors and state coordinators. The process for being able to purchase these packages will need to be followed in order to be able to purchase direct from the donors. Packages may be changed and updated as new donors and new packages become available so visit the website on a regular basis.

Daisy Scholarship

Daisy Air Guns started a College scholarship for 4-H members involved in the Shooting Sports program in 2005. The first year the scholarship went to one of the National Teen Ambassadors. Starting in 2006 this scholarship is open to all 4-H Shooting Sports members who are juniors or seniors in High School. The amount is \$500.00 and the winner will receive the money upon completion of their first semester of college and enrollment into their second semester of school. The details are available on the website. Applications are due February 1. All 4-H members who meet the qualifications are encouraged to apply.

Safari Club YES Program

During 2005, several states had the opportunity to help with the Youth Education Seminars (YES) program sponsored by the Safari Club International and Cabela's. These programs were very successful and in 2006 we will be contacting more states where Cabela's stores are located about working with this program. It involves getting some of your instructors to come to the Cabela's store in your state and spend a Saturday or Sunday helping run

an air gun range and possibly the Laser Shot booth. As soon as we get the list of stores that will be involved, I will be in touch with you about the dates. The Safari Club is one of our National Donors. They are supporting our Teen Ambassadors program and we need your help to make these programs go. It is a great opportunity to recruit youth for your state shooting program. I want to thank the following states for their help in 2005-Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada and West Virginia.

Workshop 2008 and Beyond

Is your state interested in hosting a National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop? If so then I want to talk to you. We are looking to book workshops three to five years ahead and we need your help. If you have a camp facility that you think would work for this event, then contact Jim Simms and talk to him about the possibility of hosting. We currently have a rotational schedule that goes something like this – 2006 North central area (Kansas hosting), 2007 southeast (Virginia hosting), 2008 southwest (open), 2009 Northeast (open but I do have inquiries from a state), 2010 Northwest (open).

We are looking at the possibility of doing two workshops a year starting in 2007 if funding becomes available. Talk to your state committee and let Jim know if you are interested.

Applications are available on the website.

National Invitational 2008-09

We are seeking a state to host the 2008-2009 National 4-H Invitational. The Invitational has some basic requirement minimum requirements for ranges. If you have a site in your state that would be good for this event, then you need to contact Jim Simms. The Invitational form is located on the website. Jim can answer your questions about hosting this event.

News About 4-H Shooting Sports

If you want to find some up to date news on the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in different states then try going to Google and go to Google Alert – 4-H Shooting Sports. There are new articles daily on what is happening in the world of 4-H Shooting Sports.



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