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Donors Recognized

During the recent 2007 Shot Show, which was held in Orlando, Florida, the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation recognized the donors for 2006. 4-H Shooting Sports honored Brownells, Hornady Manufacturing, and National Shooting Sports Foundation. The National Wild Turkey Federation will be recognizes at their convention.
The donor appreciation awards were presented by two of our National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassadors and John Kvasnicka, Foundation Executive Director
Our other donors that were present at the show were recognized that week.

**Living History**

During the 2007 National Workshop Living History will again be offered provided we receive the appropriate funding. We are looking for donors for this training because the National Committee does not have the money in the budget to offset the additional cost. The registration only covers 45%- 50% of the cost of putting on a workshop so we are trying to find donors. If sufficient donations are not found we will not be offering this particular training.

**Teen Ambassadors**

Beside the Shot Show, the Teen Ambassadors have been busy attending the Archery Trade Association in Atlanta, the Safari Club International Convention and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation both in Reno. The Ambassadors are very busy promoting 4-H Shooting Sports at these shows and meeting and greeting people at our booth. At the Shot Show the Ambassadors worked with Jim Burton on the filming of a Shooting Sports safety video.

**National Workshop**

Applications started coming in the first of January with New Jersey being the first state to register participants. We are approaching one hundred participants but we still have room for more. The registration fee increased on April 1 and that is not an April Fools joke. The price is now $365.00.

**Shooting Sports Coordinators Hired**

Mississippi has just hired a new state 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and he started to work on February 1, 2007. Dr. John Long is the new state coordinator. Welcome John to our group when you get a chance.

On April 1 Carrie Stark became the new state 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator in Idaho. Please welcome Carrie to our group. Both of these new coordinators are planning to attend the National Workshop in Virginia.

**Foundation and State Leaders to Meet**

When the State 4-H Leaders meet in April in Denver 4-H Shooting Sports will be on the agenda. Members of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation, Teen Ambassadors and National 4-H Shooting Sports committee members will be giving presentations to the State Leaders and then Federal Cartridge will be hosting a reception for them. We are hopeful that this meeting will help strengthen the 4-H Shooting Sports program and possibly expand the program. We currently have 4-H Shooting Sports programs in forty-six states.

**Help needed at new Cabela's Grand Openings**

In our agreement with Cabela's, they have agreed to provide the state programs that help with the grand openings $250.00 in cash and a $250.00 gift card per event if your state program is involved with the event. They are planning the first opening **April 27, 28 & 29 in St. Louis, Missouri.** The rest of the grand openings will be in the fall in Hammond, Indiana; East Hartford, Conn.; Post Falls, Idaho;
Gonzales, Louisiana; and Lacey, Washington. They would like to have a Shooting Sports air gun range at each of these openings. I will be in touch with the respective state coordinators about these events as I have more information.

They will have two special events at the Sidney, Nebraska store July 27-29 and the Mitchell, South Dakota store on October 20-21, 2007.
The cash and gift card apply for these events as well.

**YES Program at Cabela's**

We are again working with Cabela's and the Safari Club International with their Youth Educational Seminar program (YES program) this year there are seven of these events planned for the following dates.
Dundee, NI – May 26
Fort Worth, TX – June 16
Hamburg, PA - June 30
Omaha, NE – July 14
Rogers, MN – August 25 & 26
Salt Lake City, UT – September 1
Hamburg, PA - September 15 & 16
The cash and gift card apply for these events as well.

**2008-09 National Invitational**

The 2008 and 2009 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational has been awarded to the state of Nebraska. The event will be held in Grand Island at their new city Shooting Park. The exact dates for the event will be announced later in the year.

**State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators Training**

We had asked you to hold the last week in September for our second State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator's training. Our donor for the event has asked us to postpone the event till 2008. Since they were to provide the funds for this event, we are letting you know now so you can clear these dates off your calendar. We will be talking to the donor about a date for September 2008 and then let you know the specifics.

**Workshop Auction Item**

We want to try something different this year for the auction at the National Workshop. We would like each state that is sending participants to consider sending a gift basket full of items unique to your state. We will use these as auction items. We are anticipating some unique packages.