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Attention: Go to www.4-husa.org/ and then go to the inform page. This will link you to the 4-H Shooting Sports and allow you to rate our webpage.

2006 National 4-H Invitational

Rapid City, South Dakota has been selected as the site for the 2006-2007 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. The event will be held the week of June 25-30. Kathy Reeves, Extension Educator from Rapid City will serve as the host contact for the Invitational.

We are currently working with the Rapid City Convention Bureau and the South Dakota Department of Tourism to put together site seeing tour packages and a list of motels, camp grounds and restaurants . As soon as we get these details worked out we will put the information on the Invitational web site for you to access. Since Rapid City is a well known tourist site, we encourage you to start booking motel rooms for your state team as soon as we have the room rates for the Invitational worked out. Check the website on our web page after the 1st of September for up to date information. For those who want to fly to the Invitational, Rapid City has daily flights on Northwest and American Airlines.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator Training

State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators will gather in Edgefield, South Carolina with the National Wild Turkey Federation serving as the host for this two day training event. On September 26 the Coordinators will arrive in Edgefield for the two day training to update them on what is happening with the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program and the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation. The Executive Director of the Foundation will be sharing information on fund raising opportunities for the states and equipment opportunities that have come available for state programs. The information will be very beneficial to the 4-H Shooting Sports leaders in the states . Participants will learn about the new Daisy Manufacturing scholarship program.

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Ambassador Application Information

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee on Ambassadors is currently revising the application for 2006. If you have members interested in the Ambassador program, they will need to check the web page after mid September when we hope to have the minor revisions completed for the coming year. If you have youth that have already downloaded the application, please let them know that they will need the revised copy and can down load it in September. One of the changes will be the earlier due date for the applications.

Our Donor support for the 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program is being provided by the Safari Club International.

Check the National 4-H Shooting Sports web site for the complete results for the 2005 National Invitational.

Invitational Awards Photos are now on the web.

American Wilderness Leadership School

For the first time The Safari Club International offered scholarships to the National 4-H Shooting Sports program for 4-H members to attend. Applicants were solicited from 4-H members across the nation. The National Committee selected six 4-H youth to represent the National 4-H Shooting Sports program at the event which was held the week of June 24-July 1. AWLS as it is called was held near beautiful Jackson Hole, Wyoming where the Safari Club has their educational training center for youth and educators. Don Brown Camp Director and Donna Hutson of the Safari Club were very instrumental in making this venture successful for our 4-H members.

Doug Luger of the Safari Club was the person who initiated the collaboration on this educational experience. We are currently working on continuing this venture for the summer of 2006. We will share more about this working relationship in future communications.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Website

If you have not checked out the National 4-H shooting sports website then you need to explore it a little more**.** There are a variety of resources listed just for instructors. We now have links to many of our major donors' websites**.** This is an effort to get more and better information to you the 4-H Shooting Sports program leaders. The link to the National Invitational will have all the rules and information on the next Invitational and the results of the 2005 Invitational.

Please be advised that on our Instructor Resources pages the Instructor Resource List is currently not available as it is being revised.

Meet the New National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors

During the recent National Invitational which was held in Columbia, Missouri, eight new National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors were selected and trained. The new Ambassadors are:

Brennan Cackett—California

Annette Bruch—Missouri

Tyler Cleveland—Texas

Nicholas Freise—Indiana

Louis Norton—Virginia

Ashley Tiede—Indiana

Elissa Schlueter—Minnesota

Zachary Hale—Virginia

.The existing Ambassadors who will be continuing will be the following:

Cameron Schuster-Texas

Jon Zinnel—Minnesota

Jennifer Purvis—Kansas

These new Ambassadors and the continuing Ambassadors will be representing the National 4-H Shooting Sports program during the next year at events like the Archery Trade Show, Safari Club Convention, Shot Show, National Wild Turkey Federation Convention, NRA Convention, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Convention, Great Outdoor Games and other events. We are using some of the Ambassador at the SCI/Cabela's Youth Education Seminars this summer. These events are being held at selected Cabela's stores around the country.

2006 National Workshop

The 2006 National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop will be held the week of May 7th 2006 in the Manhattan, Kansas area at the Kansas State 4-H Conference Center during the first part of May. The facility will offer a modern conference center with motel type rooms for the participants. We will be putting out our more information about the workshop facility and the workshop in the next newsletter once we have confirmed the costs and signed the contract with the Kansas facility. We expect to offer all the disciplines at the 2006 workshop on the site except for shotgun, which will have to go off site to get to a range they can use.

In the next newsletter we will give you information about the 2007 workshop site.

NMLRA Offers

During the Shot Show, I had the opportunity to Sit Down with Jim Fulmer of the NMLRA (National Muzzleloading Riffle Association). They presented an opportunity for states to raise money. They are offering one family membership to NMLRA as an item for a live auction, silent auction or a raffle. You can go to their website and get in touch with Jim Fulmer for information on the offer (nmlra.org). Another opportunity they presented was for local 4-H Shooting Clubs to get in touch with the NMLRA state representative for a list of Charter Clubs in their state. Jim indicated that the Charter Clubs would welcome the 4-H clubs and 4-H clubs could have use of their ranges if they affiliate at the local level.

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SHOOTING AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our cooperating associations sponsor postal matches or events for the 4-H members in your club or state to get involved with each year. Go to the web sites for National Wild Turkey Federation, Civilian Marksmanship Program, USA Shooting, National Rifle Association, Safari Club International, Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation and National Muzzleloading Rifle Association for more information on postal matches, camps and events they sponsor.

Jim Simms, National 4-H Shooting Sports Program Coordinator with wife, Linda, at the National Invitationals.

Safari Club International

YES Events

The Safari Club is sponsoring the Youth Educational Seminars at seven Cabela's stores this summer and 4-H Shooting Sports is helping with them. We had our Foundation Director and two of our Ambassadors at the YES program in Owatonna, MN in July. Other programs being offered are at the following Cabela's stores:

Wheeling WV—July 30-31

Sidney NE—August 6-7

Prarie du Chein, WI - August 13-14

Hamburg, PA August 20-21

Kansas City , KS—August 27-28

Dundee MI—September 24-25

Let your 4-H Shooting Sports leaders know about these educational events and have them encourage their 4-H members to stop by one in their area.

During the coming years we hope to work more closely with SCI and the YES program events to help recruit members for the 4-H program.

If you would like to help with one of the YES programs , get in touch with your state 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or contact Jim Simms, Program Coordinator for the National 4-H Shooting Sports program.