

National 4-H Shooting Sports Newsletter Winter 2006 VI –I

2006-07 NWTF GRANTS

It's time to submit the National Wild Turkey grants for the 2006-2007 year. The applications have been sent to the state 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators. The due date is April 1. Please get the grants in on time. If you have not yet sent in your grant report for the 2004-05 grant year, it is past due. I spoke to the state presidents at the leadership forum at the NWTF Convention in late February to promote working the Jakes program with 4-H Shooting Sports.

2006 Workshop

As the second registration deadline arrived, registrations are still coming in for the 2006 event to be held at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Manhattan, Kansas. This year we are offering two different additions to the workshop. First is the Shotgun Coaches Clinic. It is being offered in conjunction with USA Shooting/CMP/NRA and is designed to providing coaching training to the participants. We are trying this venue to see what the response will be to the coaching training. After the workshop the National Committee will evaluate this part of the workshop to see what the future will hold for coaching as a part of future workshops.

The other addition is the Living History training. This segment of the workshop will also be evaluated by the National Committee to see what the future will hold for it. Teaching plans have been developed by a trio of Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports instructors that are very involved in living history.

Have Your Story Featured in the 2008 National 4-H Calendar!

National 4-H Supply Service wants to hear about your favorite 4-H project and why it is meaningful. Your story could be used in the 2008 National 4-H Calendar. Sending in a submission may even get you a free gift certificate towards your next purchase of merchandise from the 4-H Source Book!

The 2008 calendar theme is "My Favorite 4-H Project". It will be up to 4-H members, volunteers, parents, staff and partners to furnish the stories that will be featured. These personal testaments must tell the what, when, where, why, and how; so everyone can understand how 4-H projects are meaningful.

One story for each month will be featured in the calendar and the author will receive one \$10 gift certificate towards a future purchase in the 4-H Source Book. Please limit your entry to 125 words due to the space restrictions of the calendar. Don't forget to include your contact information. Please e-mail, fax or mail your stories to:

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The submission deadline is April 30, 2006.

Foundation Updates

Individuals Donate

Bill and Nila Stevens donated \$500.00 to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation. They are the first individuals to donate cash to the new individual levels of giving program. If others want to match or contribute to the National 4-H SS program at this new level please contact or send check to:

John Kvasnicka, Executive Director
National 4-H Shooting Sports
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State Donates

New York State 4-H Shooting Sports is the first state group to donate to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation within the new levels of giving for the club level. Kenyon Simpson on behalf of the New York State 4-H Shooting Sports program presented a check of \$500.00 to Johnny Kvasnicka at the National Committee meeting in Fort Collins, CO, December of 2005. The other half of there \$1000.00 pledge will be presented to the Foundation at the New York State 4-H Shooting Sports

7th Annual Recognition Banquet and Auction, April 1, 2006 at the Holiday Inn of Saratoga, Saratoga Springs, New York. Maybe just maybe YOUR state or county 4-H Shooting Sports club would like to donate to the success and growth of the National 4-H Shooting Sports program.

New Foundation Member

Jay Scholes, President, Outtech, Inc., was appointed as the newest member of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation Board of Directors. Jay is from Aurora, Ohio with a tremendous background in merchandising and marketing.

2006 Officers of the Nat. 4-H SS Fd. Board of Directors:

John R. Anthon, President (GATCO)
Dave Baron, Vice President
(BaronTechnology, Inc.)
Cyndi Flannigan, Treasurer (Leupold & Stevens)
Bill Stevens, Secretary (Federal Cartridge Co.)
Ron Coburn, Immediate Past President (Savage Sports Corp.)

New Fund Raising Packages Available

In the next few weeks a new fund raising package will be available to your state. Our Foundation Executive Director has come up with a Savage Mark II .22 rifle with a Leupold scope which will have the signature of Ward Burton, a well known NASCAR driver. A similar Daisy 853 air gun will also be made available with the same signature on

it. A press release will be forthcoming. Only 100 of each of these rifles will be produced and outfitted in this manner. Watch for more on this opportunity and see how your state can get in on this deal.

2006 Invitational

The information on this year's Invitational has been posted on the website. The housing information is available. At least fifteen motels have been listed for your convenience and the prices posted are the latest posted in the AAA tour guide.

We are currently checking with the rule books to find out if we have any major changes this year and to find out which is the most current printing of the particular rule book. Keep checking the website for any more updates.

Federal Cartridge is offering their Tom Gun shotgun shells at a price of \$32.00 per case delivered to the invitational. If states are interested, then contact Bill Stevens at bill.stevens@atk.com. He may also be able to provide a good price on .22 cal shells for the Invitational.

New Jersey Camp Looking for Shooting Sports Coordinator

L.G. Cook 4-H Youth Center for Outdoor Education is looking for a qualified 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator for a co-ed residential

summer camp program. A Coordinator is a staff member who supervises staff in a course area during the day and helps manage programs and staff at night. The Coordinator must be 21 or older and be 4-H Shooting Sports certified in Rifle, Archery and Muzzle Loading. Additional 4-H shooting Sports training is available on a limited basis. NRA RSO certification is also suggested, but not required.

Additional training in ARC First Aid and CPR will be offered before Staff Training if needed.

The camp is nestled on 108 acres in the heart of scenic Stokes State Forest in the shadow of the Appalachian Trail; a mere stones throw from Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains and Southern New York's Catskill Mountain Range.

NRA YES Program available to 4-H members

Applications are now being accepted for the National Rifle Association's 2006 Youth Education Summit, a free summer program for high school sophomores and juniors. Forty students will be hand selected to spend a week with NRA staff in Washington, D.C. All attendees have to pay for is transportation to and from Washington, D.C.

This week-long program is spent learning about the NRA, U.S. Congress, the federal government, and the military. Attendees in past years have had the chance to meet NRA's Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre, visit Capitol

Hill, spend a day at Quantico training on courses used by Marines for basic training, visit the White House, visit the Smithsonian museums, and much, much more...

An Ambassador's Reflection on the SCI Experience

Wow, what a convention. Ashley Tiede and I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Safari Club International Convention and I think I can say for both of us that we were no less than amazed.

Ashley and I are two of the eleven National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors and we represent 4-Hers across the country and promote 4-H shooting sports. As ambassadors, we travel to various conventions to thank our donors and to promote the shooting sports.

The Safari Club International Convention was my first convention and I don't even know how to explain how great it was. The first day I stepped into the convention center and saw the enormous elephant, my eyes grew massively, and remained that way until I was on my flight home. I think one of the best parts of my trip, was the opportunity to meet so many people. I had an amazing time just walking around and meeting new people. Whether they were a president of a company or a representative, if they were a vendor or a show attendee, and if they were Justin McBride or Dick and Mary Cabela, I loved every minute of it.

The banquets were a treat within themselves and I had to snap back to reality when I was home, by getting used to eating normal food again. The auctions amazed me and the speakers really influenced me. My government teacher was almost drooling when I told him the opportunity I had to hear President Bush, Sr. speak.

We also worked with the Sables in their booth and at the luncheon. The luncheon was incredible and their booth was impressive. Working with the Sables really showed me how much these ladies care, not only about conservation, but also about youth and educating them.

I could write a book about all of my experiences in the short week I was at the Safari Club International Convention, but I will spare you all of that. I would like to thank Safari Club International and the Sables for giving me this magnificent opportunity and allowing me to have the time of my life.

- Elise Schlueter, Teen Ambassador

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME

The Independent Sector has posted its calculation of the per hour value of volunteers for 2005 - \$18.04. This is up from the 2004 figure of \$17.55. More information on volunteering in the US may be found: <http://www.independentsector.org> <http://www.independentsector.org/>.

In December, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released its latest

information on volunteering in the US in 2005. Their survey shows that 65.4 million people volunteered, about 28.8% of the population. This was basically unchanged from 2003 and 2004. The full survey results may be found at:
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/volun.toc.htm>.

Promotional DVD Available

New promotional DVD's are available through the Foundation Executive Director. Contact Nancy Peterson, Administrative Assistant to get your newest copy of a promotional and educational DVD that can be shown at club, special events, sportsman clubs, conservation show, meetings, shopping malls, or county fairs. Utilize the DVD for recruitment and retention of 4-H Shooting Sports members and instructors.

"Media Day at the Range"

The first National 4-H Shooting Sports "Media Day at the Range" was held near Boulder City, Nevada, February 8. There were 112 Outdoor Writers and Media personal from all over the United States. They had the opportunity to get hands on experience with new products, gadgets, equipment and supplies from 26 different vendors of firearms, optics, archery, muzzleloaders, ammunition, bullet test tube, eye and ear protection and powder. Many local and national 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers, committee and foundation members were on hand

to provide one on one interview with the outdoor writers. Next year's Second Annual National 4-H Shooting Sports "Media Day at the Range" will be in Orlando, Florida, Wednesday, January 10th. . Professional Outdoor Media Association (POMA) has joined with National 4-H Shooting Sports to make the best better for next year.