

National 4-H Shooting Sports Newsletter

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NWTF Reports Due

The reports for the NWTF Grants from 2005-2006 are due to Jim Simms by November 1. This report will cover the expenditures of the funds that your state received in July of 2005. A copy of your report should be sent to your state NWTF chapter president. If possible someone that represents your state 4-H Shooting Sports committee should attend their state NWTF banquet to thank your state for the funds that you received.

Ambassador Applications

If you have youth who would like to apply to be a National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador then have them to download the application from the National website. The revised application is available now and the due date for new applications is February 1 2007. We hope you will actively recruit youth from your state to come to the Ambassador training in Rapid City, South Dakota June 24-28, 2007.

2007 National Invitational

The eighth annual National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will be held June 25-28, 2007 in Rapid City, South Dakota. A revised list of motels and hotels is now listed on the national

website. Updated registration material will be available in the near future on the website.

Shooting Sports Trailers Special Prices

Special prices for shooting trailers have been worked out with Haulmark and Featherlite trailers so states can purchase trailers for portable shooting ranges and storage. To get these deals you need to check out the website for pricing and then go through the Foundation Executive Director, John Kvasnicka. Payment must be made through the Foundation and John K will help you make arrangements for pickup of the trailer at a factory outlet.

Beretta Shotguns for purchase

Very shortly we will be announcing an instructor-purchasing program for shotguns through Beretta. If you are interested in this program, watch for it being announced on the website.

Savage Rifles for Instructor Purchase

Our Foundation Executive Director has worked out a rifle purchase with Savage Sports Corp. for .22 cal rifles. If you are interested in these rifles for your program you need to contact John Kvasnicka at our Foundation headquarters.

Daisy Scholarship

Daisy Outdoor products announced the winner of their second annual 4-H scholarship winner at the National Invitational in June. The winner was Melissa Stevens of Maryland. The scholarship application is available on the National website and can be downloaded from the website.

Applications for 2007 scholarship cycle are due on February 1 of 2007. This scholarship is open for high school juniors and seniors to make application. All the guidelines are on the website.

New Ambassadors Selected

During the National Invitational, the National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador program training took place in Rapid City, South Dakota. Eight new ambassadors were trained and selected.

The new ambassadors are:

Kate Jewett – California

Kyanne Kausi – Utah

Rachel Gaeddert – Kansas

Larissa Wimbs – Kansas

Robert Hecox – Nebraska

Matthew Gresley – Indiana

Justin Bruedigan – Texas

Matthew Pender – Maryland

These eight new ambassadors join the five ambassadors that were selected in 2005.

Ashley Tiede – Indiana

Nicholas Ferise – Indiana

Elise Schlueter – Minnesota

Tyler Cleveland – Texas

Zach Hale - Virginia

In 2007, these ambassadors will be traveling to the following events to represent National 4-H Shooting Sports: Shot Show, Archery Trade Association, Safari Club, Pheasants Forever, National

Wild Turkey Federation, Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation, NRA, Outdoor Writers Association, National Invitational, National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesalers and the American Wilderness Leadership School.

Revised Policies

The National Committee has updated the Paintball policy. Soon it can be found on the National website and on the USDA 4-H website. Another new policy that deals with modifications to firearms and air guns will be posted and circulated to the state coordinators. The national 4-H program leader, Cathann Kress, approved these policies. We will also post a copy of the national mission statement and program goals. These items would be a good addition to your state 4-H Shooting Sports plan and your risk management plans.

Fund Raising Opportunities

During the National Workshop in Kansas, our Foundation Executive Director introduced some new fund raising opportunities to the participants. These fund raising materials are available only through John Kvasnicka at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation. John has worked with NASCAR driver Ward Burton to get these signature series fund raising items ready for you.

*Savage, Model Mark II-BV, 22LR; laser engraved with Ward Burton's signature (NASCAR driver and winner of the 2002 Daytona 500) on the stock; inlaid a 4-H Shooting

Sports gold medallion in the pistol stock; included is a Leupold & Stevens 2-7X28mm, RF Matte, Fine Duplex Scope with rings. There were only 100 of these commissioned from Savage and Ward Burton and are only available through your State 4-H Shooting Sports program for a fund raiser. Contact the National office to find out how your state can acquire get your one of a kind firearm.

- Daisy Model 853, laser engraved with Ward Burton's signature on the stock and also laser engraved (colored) with the new 4-H Shooting Sports winged logo on the forearm. There were only 100 of these air rifles commissioned from Daisy Outdoor Products and Ward Burton. There are available by contacting the National 4-H Shooting Sports office. For State 4-H Shooting Sports programs as fund raisers they are available for \$200.00 plus \$15.00 shipping and handling; to individuals \$400.00 plus \$15.00 shipping and handling. Again only 100 hundred commissioned!
- Daisy "Grizzly" single pump air rifle, personally signed by Ward Burton with permanent gold ink. There is the new National 4-H Shooting Sports winged logo is stenciled on the receiver. There were 600 of this models commissioned from Daisy Outdoor Products and Ward

Burton. There are available to State and County fund raisers for \$24.00 plus \$10.00 Shipping and handling; for individual purchase \$45.00 plus \$10.00 shipping and handling. Call or email the National 4-H SS office. This is truly a collectors item

- Crosman, Model 1077W, Semi-Automatic, .17caliber, laser engraved with the new National 4-H Shooting Sports logo in the stock. Only 50 commissioned for this year. Only available to state 4-H Shooting Sports programs for fund raising. Contact National 4-H SS office to make arrangement for this unique air rifle.
- Antique gold planter and stand. The planter is inlayed with the new 4-H Shooting Sports winged logo on both sides. Only 100 made and available to state and county 4-H Shooting Sports programs for fundraising. Contact the National 4-H SS office for pricing, shipping and handling.

ISE Fund Raiser for Clubs

Interactive Sports Entertainment (ISE) has entered into an agreement with the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation on using their videos to do fund raising with 4-H Shooting Sports programs. Al Melillo who is head of the company is based in the Dallas,

Texas area and wants to help your club raise funds to run your program. He was at the National Invitational and the National Workshop to give instructors and youth the opportunity to experience his video shooting skills games. Get in touch with Al to get your fund raising information.

Essay Contest

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Daisy Outdoor Products would appreciate any extra promotion of our 5th Annual “**Take Aim at Safety- Youth Essay Contest.**” (websites, publications, networking, other mediums, etc)

The Elk Foundation, Daisy and Realtree promote the contest via our websites, through our event system and in *Bugle Magazine*. If you could forward this ad on to any of your coordinators for their promotion that would be great. The Grand Prize is a trip to our National Convention and the four previous winners- and their families, have had educational and wonderful experiences because of this worthwhile contest promotion.

I have included the following address that promotes the contest on the RMEF website.
<http://www.rmef.org/pages/takeaim2006.html>

NRA Wildlife Contest

The NRA is now accepting entries for its 2006 Youth Wildlife Art Contest. The contest, the 19th in the annual series, is open to students

in grades 1 through 12 (including home-schooled children). NRA membership is not required. The deadline to enter is October 3, 2006. Winners in each grade category will receive \$500. Second-place finishers will receive \$250, and the third-place award will be \$100.

Entries may be submitted in one of four categories, based on school grade. Category I includes grades 1 through 3. Category II is for grades 4 through 6. Category III covers grades 7 through 9, and Category IV includes grades 10 through 12. Entries may portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species and non-game animals, such as eagles and snakes, are not eligible subjects. Call (703) 267-1531 if you need to confirm whether a certain animal or bird is eligible.

Contestants are limited to one entry each. Entries may be in a medium of the artist's choice (oil, water color, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, etc.). Submissions should be on good quality bond or drawing paper, or illustration board. Preferred sizes for the image are 8-1/2"x11" or 11"x14"; matting is optional. Entries need not be framed. Composition must be original. Photographs may be used for reference, but artwork determined to have been traced or copied from an existing

photograph or work of art will be disqualified.

Entries must arrive at NRA by October 3, 2006, and must be accompanied by a brief statement signed by the student's parent, guardian, or teacher attesting to the originality of the work and verifying the artist's grade level as of October 3, 2006. In addition, the artist's name, age, home address, phone number, and grade must be printed on the back of the entry or on a note attached to the back of the entry. Entries will be judged on effort, creativity, anatomical accuracy, and composition.

Send entries to: NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Entries will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. NRA assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged artwork, and reserves all rights to reproduce entries. The immediate families of NRA staff members are not eligible to enter. Questions regarding the contest may be directed to (703) 267-1531.

See <http://www.nrahq.org/youth/wildlife.asp> for information about the NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest, or to view a gallery of last year's winning entries.