Journal of Extension Article

“4-H Members and Firearms: The Case for 4-H Shooting Sports” (JOE ID 18063COM) was published in the February 2019 issue of JOE, and is posted at joe.org. Thanks to Jeff Goodwin, David White & M’Randa R. Sandlin. GREAT JOB!!

National 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators Conference

Save the Dates Week of September 30-October 4, 2019 to come together in Minneapolis, MN for the 2019 Coordinators Conference. Details will be coming soon.

National Instructor Training Workshop

Unfortunately, there are no National Instructor Training Workshops on the schedule for Spring 2019. We should know more about fall workshop soon after April 1 deadline for submission of proposals to host. For the future, if your state has interest in possibly hosting a national workshop and would like to discuss this, please contact Conrad Arnold, National 4-H Shooting Sports Program Coordinator or any member of the National Committee.

Future National Instructor Workshops

Hosting a National workshop relies on high functioning state programs to provide the equipment and host the workshops with reduced oversight and management from the national committee. The biggest challenge to this approach will be to maintain consistency and continuity of future national workshops. National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee is accepting applications for future workshops. Information and application are currently under revision and will be available in the near future.

Workshop Application Deadlines:
Fall Workshop - April 1st - May 1st - target for committee response
Spring Workshop - October 1st - November 1st target for committee response

National 4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Instructor Training Workshop – May 20-24 – Bozeman, Montana

Details will be coming soon. Logan Range near Manhattan, Montana.

REMINDER THAT S.T.E.M. Lessons Now Available Online

Colorado S.T.E.M Connections and all 12 S.T.E.M. Activity Sheets can now be downloaded from the National 4-H Shooting Sports website on the Instructor Resources Section. http://w3.4-hshootingsports.org/instructor_resources.php

2019 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

June 24 to 29 - Grand Island, Nebraska – 2019 event General Rules and Synopsis should be posted on the web the first week of March.
https://4h.unl.edu/4hshootingsportsnationalchampionships

Registration will be opening in the near future.
2019 National 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Institute
SAVE THE DATE
August 6-10, 2019
Texas A & M University - Kingsville
Registration materials will be sent out to State SS Coordinators by March 15th.
Each state will submit TOP ONE OR TWO candidates by May 15th.
Candidates will be notified by June 1st.
Please direct questions to Nicole Pokorney, National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leader Committee, at pokorney@umn.edu.

This program is designed to promote 4-H and 4-H Shooting Sports. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training that will allow them to return to their homes and advocate for the program at the county, regional, and state level. Some Ambassadors may be asked to support national events as well. Ambassadors provide public relations support at special events such as donor/sponsor functions and also serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, helping to make 4-H and the 4-H Shooting Sports Programs more visible. The Ambassador’s further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

Teens also experience an etiquette class during the workshop, including an etiquette dinner. Each 4-H state shooting sports coordinator is encouraged to send candidates to this once in a lifetime experience.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Federal & Champion Tom Knapp Memorial Scholarship
2019 Scholarship Applications were sent direct to eligible teens who have completed the National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Leadership training.

The shooting sports industry lost a tremendous ambassador, teacher and friend in 2013 with the passing of exhibition shooter Tom Knapp. His combination of shooting skills and stage presence inspired an entire generation of new shooters. To honor his memory and continue his legacy of stewardship, Champion® Traps and Targets and Federal Premium® Ammunition teamed with the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee to create the Tom Knapp Memorial Scholarship. For more than a decade, Knapp represented Champion and Federal around the world at live exhibitions,
on television and at countless consumer and trade shows. With the support of his wife, Colleen, Champion extended Knapp’s licensed products program to fund an endowed scholarship that will award $2,500 each to two National 4-H Ambassadors per year.

The 2018 Tom Knapp Memorial Scholarships were presented to Ryli Jetton (MO) and Nicholas Bohannon (NE), during the 2018 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships.

Ryli Jetton – 10 year 4-H Shooting Sports member Boone County, Missouri. She will continue to study Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) at the State Technical College of Missouri. She was a dual enrolled student as a senior in high school so she will begin her second year in the fall of 2018.

Nicholas Bohannon – 11 years 4-H Shooting Sports member in Burt County, Nebraska. Nick will continue his studies at UNL College of Education and Human Sciences in Nutrition Science. He will begin his junior year at UNL in the fall of 2018.

2019 Daisy / 4-H Scholarships – Daisy will again be providing us with 2 Daisy/4-H Scholarships this year. Value of each scholarship is $500. Each state may submit ONE applicant. Applications due to State Coordinators April 30. Applications due to National Program Coordinator May 15. Application information is included with this newsletter.

2018 Daisy / 4-H Scholarship Winners were:

- Hannah Persell (Missouri) and Zachary League (Oklahoma)

National 4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Conference – July 30-August 1, 2019

Winton, CA  http://www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org/

4-H Shooting Sports National Steering Committee (complete contact information is attached & on the website)

Our National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee meets on a monthly basis to provide leadership to this program.

National Committee:

Co-Chairs: Dr. Todd Kesner, MT  Dr. Courtney Dodd, TX
Northeast Region: John Bowe, NY  Lisa Muzzey, VT
Southern Region: John Long, MS  Larry Perez, TX
North Central Region: Nicole Pokorney, MN  Scott Stuhr, NE
Western Region: Jim Wilson, ID  David White, OR
1890 LGU Institutions: Teki Winston, AR  Nicolette Gordon, LA
National Committee Exhibits at Shot Show

In late January, members of our National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee participated in the 2019 Shot Show in Las Vegas. Our goal is to continue to create awareness of 4-H shooting sports among the many industry exhibitors at the show and to seek their support of our programs.

Are Your Instructors Up To Date?

We hope that you are providing update opportunities for your instructors who received training 6 or more years ago. Lots of changes --- Revised discipline curriculum / Maybe a Refresher on First Shot Fundamentals, Risk Management and Minimum Standards & Best Practices. PLEASE REFER TO MINIMUM STANDARDS & BEST PRACTICES (REVISED JANUARY 2019) SEE MIN STANDARDS ITEM 6 – A.
Revised Minimum Standards & Best Practices
Attached with this newsletter are the most up to date Minimum Standards & Best Practices for 4-H Shooting Sports. Latest Revisions took place January 2019.

Odds and Ends

- Visit our web-site: www.4-hshootingsports.org
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