

NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
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The New Vision for 4-H Shooting Sports

2013 was a busy and landmark year for 4-H shooting sports. As communicated at the State Coordinator meeting held in Missouri in November, the following major points and implications for state level 4-H Shooting Sports programs are highlighted below.

- A major change for future national workshops is the concept of conducting **2-3 national workshops per year**. This should make it easier and more affordable for states to get participants from their state to a national workshop. This plan will rely 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. For this reason the concepts and tools outlined below were developed.
- In May 2013, the national committee conducted a national instructor workshop in Arkansas. Only 6-7 participants per discipline, who were previously trained at the national level were selected to attend. This workshop involved more brainstorming and review of the curriculum than a typical national workshop. Major items accomplished at this workshop included:
 - Development of **"First Shot Fundamentals"** for each discipline. First Shot Fundamentals are based on a written plan to get state and national workshop participants up and shooting safely within one hour. This is not only a skill that must be developed in 4-H shooting sports instructors, but it is also a key behavior that we wish to model in state and local level 4-H shooting sports programs.
 - State workshop and national workshop **Teaching Outlines** – These are step-by-step teaching outlines (by discipline) to be used in conjunction with the 4-H curriculum. The purpose of these teaching outlines is to promote consistency of future state and national workshops.
 - Increased emphasis on **Positive Youth Development (PYD)** – At the workshop in Arkansas and the subsequent pilot workshop in Oregon in September, the concepts of 1) Life Skill Development, 2) Experiential Learning, and 3) Essential Elements are emphasized not only in the general sessions but in the discipline instruction as well.
 - Increased emphasis on **STEM** – Incorporation of STEM concepts and activities enhances the 4-H Shooting Sports program by 1) expanding the educational opportunities of the program, and 2) strengthens the acceptance of the program by state level administrators who do not have a background or interest in the shooting sports.
 - Increased emphasis on **evaluation** – An evaluation committee has been established to help the program demonstrate the relevance of the 4-H Shooting Sports program. The committee is being chaired by Dr. David White, Oregon State University Extension.
 - The national committee also plans to strengthen the **Environmental Education** connection of the 4-H Shooting Sports.
- Oregon Pilot Workshop – In September the concepts and tools that were put together earlier in the year were tested and evaluated at a national workshop in Redmond, Oregon.
- All 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum has been updated and is on the national website. Make sure that you are using the most up to date curriculum for your state workshops in 2014.

How do the changes made in 2013 affect your state 4-H Shooting Sports Program?

Most states are planning to address these changes in the following ways:

1. Communicate these changes to the state training team.
2. Make sure your state workshops are:
 - a. Using the **new curriculum**.
 - b. Following the state workshop **Teaching Outlines**.
 - c. Implementing the **First Shot Fundamentals** in each discipline.
 - d. Incorporating **PYD** based instruction in discipline instruction as well as in general sessions.
 - e. Incorporating **STEM** concepts in discipline instruction as well as in general sessions.
 - f. Follow Best Practices as outlined by the national committee.

Be aware that the implementation of the **First Shot Fundamentals** at your state workshops might be a challenge based on your available training facilities. It will take some creative thought and ingenuity to operationalize this concept at the state level workshop (especially for shotgun and muzzle loading disciplines). While some states might see the need to re-train all the state level instructors in these new concepts and practices, the national committee believes that following the above mentioned outline will suffice in getting us all on the same page with this new vision for 4-H Shooting Sports.

National 4-H Instructor Workshops for 2014

As a key part of the plan to offer multiple national 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshops across the country each year, three national workshops have been approved for 2014.

Pollock, Louisiana

April 6-11, 2014

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Raton, New Mexico

April 27-May 1, 2014

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Applications for other potential workshops for fall 2014 are welcome and being considered at this time. Workshop applications are on the website.

Thank Our Sponsors

As you have opportunities to thank the national sponsors of 4-H Shooting Sports please take the time and effort to do so. In particular, Larry and Brenda Potterfield with Midway USA need to be acknowledged as sponsoring the 2013 Arkansas Workshop and the 2013 Coordinators meeting in Missouri this in October. Other major sponsors like Federal and NSSF need to hear from state programs as well. Please help the national committee in expressing our appreciation to these and all of our national sponsors. We cannot conduct a national 4-H Shooting Sports program at the level we do without this type of support.

New instructor resources available on the website

The following instructor resources are now available on the National 4-H Shooting Sports website in the State Coordinators section.

1. Revised curriculum
2. First Shot Fundamentals – found in the front of each of the revised discipline curriculum.
3. Teaching Outlines by Discipline

Teaching Resources

Kids and Guns - 10/10/13 (Powerpoint)

Elements of A Risk Management Plan (Powerpoint)

Art of Teaching Kids - 2013

Risky Business

Lethal Impact Video

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New process in place for revision of curriculum and support materials

The national committee has established a new process for review and revision of national curriculum, discipline teaching outlines, and other support material. That annual process will be as follows:

1. **October 1 through November 1** – Suggested changes to curriculum and other support material (e.g. Curriculum, Teaching Outlines, or First Shot Fundamentals) submitted to the Co-Chairs of the National Committee. These suggested changes will be forwarded to the Lead Instructor Resource Contact in each specific discipline.
2. **December 1** – Lead Instructor submits exact wording of proposed revisions to the national committee.
3. **January 1** – National committee posts revised curriculum and support materials to the national website. Notice will be sent to all state coordinators as the revised materials are posted to the website.

New Western Heritage discipline to be pilot-tested in 2014

A new Western Heritage discipline will be offered at national workshop in April at Raton, New Mexico. The purpose of the discipline is to encourage an interest in history among young people. This discipline links a historical foundation of firearms, clothing, and customs with a specific course of fire at which 4-H members can excel. There is also a national level competitive event for this discipline being held July 30-August 2, 2014, in Virginia City, Montana Territory. More information can be found on the attached flyer and at the following web link, or contact Todd Kesner at (406) 994-3501 or tkesner@montana.edu

4-H Western Heritage Project Website: <http://www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org/index.html>

4-H Shooting Sports National Committee Member Needed from the Southern Region

Applications are being sought for a 4-H Shooting National Committee member to represent the Southern Region. The application can be found on the National 4-H Shooting Sports website. Application deadline is February 20, 2014. According to the operating guidelines for the national committee, regional representatives to the national committee must be Extension professionals.

Volunteers Needed for a 4-H Shooting Sports STEM Sub-Committee

Todd Wiliver from Oregon has agreed to chair a STEM sub-committee for the 4-H Shooting Sports National Committee. Contact Todd directly if you are interested in serving on this sub-committee. His contact info is: PH (541) 574-6534, e-mail: todd.wiliver@oregonstate.edu Some of the items to be addressed by the sub-committee include:

- Development of standardized format for 4-H Shooting Sports STEM related materials and activities.
- Develop methods/systems to publish and access STEM materials related to shooting sports.
- Promote use of STEM activities at state level 4-H Shooting Sports events and activities.

Lead Instructor Resource Contacts

To provide a point person on issues such as curriculum revision and competitive event questions/rule changes, the national committee is recognizing the following people as lead instructor contacts for each discipline. Those Lead Instructor Resource Contacts for 2014 are as follows:

- Archery – Jim Sappington, Missouri
- Rifle – John Borba, California
- Shotgun – R.L. Harris, Virginia
- Pistol – Freddie Kiefer, Colorado
- Muzzle Loader – David Brooks, Missouri
- Coordinator – Gerry Snapp, Missouri
- Hunting – Rick Willey, South Carolina
- Western Heritage – Todd Kesner, Montana

Odds and Ends

- Visit our web-site: www.4-hshootingsports.org
- Be a Fan of National 4-H Shooting Sports on FaceBook!
- Check us out at the 4-H Mall for 4-H shooting sports gear:
 - <http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/SearchResults.aspx?page=1&SearchQuery=shooting>
- We have not yet received state demographic reports from all states. This is important information that we use with our donors. If you have not yet submitted demographic data from your state, please do so.
- 2014 National Invitational – June 24-29, 2014, Grand Island, Nebraska. Registration info coming soon.
- Daisy Scholarship applications due April 1. Application on the National 4-H Shooting Sports Website. Two applications per state.

4-H Shooting Sports National Steering Committee

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