

NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS  
STATE COORDINATORS NEWS BLAST  
MARCH, 2018



**National Instructor Training Workshop-May 6-11, Madrid Iowa**

The 2018 workshop will be held at the Clover Woods Camp, Madrid, Iowa, May 6-11, 2018. The workshop registration/check in is from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday, May 6 with the program beginning at 6:00 pm. Participants are expected to arrive on time to participate in all parts of the program. The registration fee listed on the workshop application/registration includes the cost of meals, dormitory lodging, program and insurance. Our Workshop is being supported by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Federal Ammunition and other donor supporters. (Details and Registration information emailed to Coordinators on Feb. 12.)

We would encourage you to review the eligibility criteria for participants attending the National Instructor Workshop and to recruit folks from your state who will support your state training team.

Registration fees and deadlines as follows:

March 31, 2018: \$360 per person

April 1 – April 15, 2018: \$400 per person

Checks payable to:

Iowa State University Extension

Pay via credit card at: <http://bit.ly/4HNationalSESS>

No Registrations Accepted After April 15, 2018

State Coordinators are to return completed applications and payment.

Contact: Jackie Luckstead [luckstea@iastate.edu](mailto:luckstea@iastate.edu) Telephone: 319-480-4343

Note: Participants will need to bring – blanket/sleeping bag, pillow, bathroom supplies (soap, towels, toothbrush, etc.) All lodging is Camp style lodging in bunkhouses.

Please send one check/money order per state made payable to: Iowa State University Extension or by credit card with link provided.

Registration fee is based on when complete application and payment are postmarked.

If your organization needs an invoice, please contact Jacki Luckstead: [luckstea@iastate.edu](mailto:luckstea@iastate.edu).

Cancellation/Refund Policy

If you need to cancel your registration for any reason the following policy applies. A \$100 cancellation fee will apply or the registration may be transferred to another suitable person if notification is at least one week in advance of the training and the individual registers for the same discipline. The new person will need to fill out all forms.

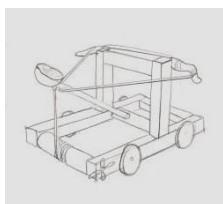
**Future National Instructor Workshops**

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 to host can be found on the State Coordinator section of the national 4-H shooting sports website. [www.4-hshootingsports.org](http://www.4-hshootingsports.org)

Workshop Application Deadlines:

*Fall Workshop - April 1st - May 1st - target for committee response*

*Spring Workshop - October 1st - November 1st target for committee response*



**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](http://w3.4-hshootingsports.org/instructor_resources.php)

### State Demographics Reports

On behalf of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, thank you for submitting your 2017 state 4-H shooting sports demographics data. Demographics data for 2017 is available on the national website in Coordinator section: <http://w3.4-hshootingssports.org/coordinator.cfm>

### 2018 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

June 24 to 29 - Grand Island, Nebraska – 2018 event General Rules and Synopsis are now posted on the web. <https://4h.unl.edu/4hshootingssportsnationalchampionships>

Registration will be opening in the near future.

### National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute –

**2018 National 4-H  
Shooting Sports  
Youth Leadership  
Institute  
SAVE THE DATE  
July 24-28, 2018  
Montana State  
University - Bozeman  
Registration materials  
will be sent out to  
State SS Coordinators by March 31st.  
Each state will submit TOP TWO candidates by May 1st.  
Candidates will be notified by May 15th.**



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. States represented in 2017 – AL, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MN, MO, NE, NJ, OK, TN & WI. The next Ambassador Training will be held in Bozeman, Montana during July 2018.



**National 4-H Shooting Sports Federal & Champion Tom Knapp Memorial Scholarship**

**2018 Scholarship Applications will be 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 2017 Tom Knapp Memorial Scholarships were presented to Grace Larson (WI) and Sandra Gaylord (CA), during the 2017 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships.*

*Grace Larson – Spring Valley Wisconsin – 13 years in 4-H plans to attend the University of Wisconsin – Madison to Study – Food Science*

*Sandra Gaylord – Ivanhoe, California - 10 years in 4-H plans to attend Fresno State University – Study – Plant Sciences*

**Photo: Grace Larson receiving Tom Knapp Scholarship from Lisa Muzzey, National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. (not present for photo, Sandra Gaylord)**

**2018 Daisy / 4-H Scholarships – At this point, we do not have any confirmation as to whether or not Daisy will be offering this in 2018. Stay Tuned!**

**National 4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Conference –July 31-August 2, 2018**

**Deer Lodge, Montana. Registration begins April 1. <http://www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org/>**

**4-H Shooting Sports National Steering Committee (complete contact information is 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	Todd Kesner, MT	Kevin Allen, OK
Northeast Region	John Bowe, NY	Rick Willey, SC (interim)
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
4-H National HQ	Amy McCune	

**Are Your Instructors Up To Date?**

We hope that you are providing update opportunities for your instructors who received training 5 or more years ago. Lots of changes --- Revised discipline curriculum / Maybe a Refresher on First Shot Fundamentals, Risk Management and Minimum Standards & Best Practices.

**Talking Points Coming Soon**

We are all aware of recent events in the news and many of us may be receiving questions about 4-H shooting sports programs. We are working with National 4-H Headquarters and National 4-H Council to develop a set of Talking Points for State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators and State 4-H Program Leaders. We do hope to have these available to you in the next week or so.

## **Odds and Ends**

- Visit our web-site: [www.4-hshootingsports.org](http://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>