

NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS  
STATE COORDINATORS NEWS BLAST  
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**NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Conrad Arnold continues to serve in a part time position as National 4-H Shooting Sports Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinator works collaboratively with the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and serves as a key contact with State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators, State 4-H Program Leaders, program donors, National 4-H Council and National 4-H Headquarters. Contact information: Conrad Arnold, Program Coordinator National 4-H Shooting Sports, Phone: 410-330-5967; Email: [carnold@umd.edu](mailto:carnold@umd.edu)

**National 4-H Instructor Workshops Conducted in 2014/2015/2016**

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee in cooperation with host states has conducted a number of National Instructor Workshops in the past 3 years. The intent of the National Instructor Workshop is to train Level II Instructors to return to their respective states to join the state training team. State Teams then conduct state instructor workshops to train Level I instructors who deliver the program at the local & county level with youth participants. We are currently reviewing host state proposals for Spring of 2017 and will share information with State Coordinators as soon as possible. Proposals for Fall of 2017 should be submitted prior to April 1.

**Under Consideration for Spring 2017 (not yet confirmed)**

NRA Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico - May 8-11 -Hosted by Colorado & New Mexico  
Others being considered for Fall of 2017 – North Carolina & Alabama

**Recent Previous Workshops**

**Bryant Pond Maine**                      **June 5-10, 2016**  
Ron Fournier, Maine 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator  
78 Participants from 23 States

**Camp San Luis Obispo, California Sept. 2015**  
John Borba, CA 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator  
78 Participants from 20 States

**Columbia, NC**                              **November 3-7, 2014**  
Lee Scripture, NC 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator  
Jinx Baney, Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator  
56 Participants from 16 States

**Raton, New Mexico**                      **April 27-May 1, 2014**  
Summer Eaton, New Mexico State 4-H Shooting  
Sports Coordinator  
James Hamilton, Colorado State 4-H Shooting  
Sports Coordinator  
85 Participants from 15 States

**Pollock, Louisiana**                      **April 6-11, 2014**  
David Bolt, Louisiana State 4-H Shooting Sports  
Coordinator  
75 Participants from 19 States

**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. Proposals for hosting workshops are welcome and applications & bid packet are on the National 4-H Shooting Sports website under the State Coordinator Section.

Workshop Application Deadlines:

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

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

## State Demographics Reports

On behalf of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, we are requesting 2016 demographic information about your state's 4-H shooting sports program to assist in our fund raising efforts and accountability challenges. It is our goal to provide support for National & State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer training, the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, Teen Ambassador Leadership Training, our network for State Shooting Sports Coordinators and other 4-H shooting sports program goals.

Any information you provide to us is invaluable!! We are requesting this information by December 15th!! We need the best information you can provide about your 2016 state 4-H shooting sports program. It is important to provide your information in all categories, not just as one lump number of youth participants.

***Please submit 2016 data prior to December 15 by either mail or email.*** Please review the instructions as these may help clarify some of your questions. These will be sent to State Coordinators in a separate email

- 1) State Demographics Report Form
- 2) Instructions for completing Form

The total Demographics Report for 2015 is available in the Coordinator Section of the National 4-H Shooting Sports website.

[www.4-hshootingsports.org](http://www.4-hshootingsports.org)<<http://www.4-hshootingsports.org>>



## 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Words can't express our appreciation and gratitude to all of our 140 volunteers for all of their hard work and efforts making the 2016 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships a **BIG SUCCESS! Also a special thanks to Steve Pritchard.** We ended up with 679 participating youth (up 59 from last year and 121 over the past two years) representing 36 states at this year's event. Another new record of participants University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension 4-H, Fonner Park, Heartland Events Center, the Heartland Public Shooting Park, the Grand Island Visitors Bureau and the City of Grand Island have all come together as local partners to host this national event. Participants compete in one of nine discipline areas including small bore rifle, small bore pistol, muzzleloading, shotgun, air pistol, air rifle, hunting skills, recurve archery and compound archery. Dates for 2017 are June 25 to 30 and again will be held in Grand Island, Nebraska. With increased expectations for event enhancement as well as rising costs of conducting this event, we find it necessary to increase the individual participant registration fee for 2017 to \$200. You will want to plan ahead for this as you prepare to send youth from your state.

## Western Heritage Project Update

Western Heritage Project is near to a point of having instructional curriculum in the appropriate format for use in National and State level Instructor Workshops. Yes, this is about to become one more available instructional disciplines in our National 4-H Shooting Sports portfolio. We have now conducted 3 National 4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Conferences and the 4<sup>th</sup> is in the planning. Several states have begun to include Western Heritage instructor training at the state level. Keep an eye out, more to come soon. 2017 Western Heritage Conference is set for August 1-3, 2017 in Fort Benton, Montana. For additional information contact Todd Kesner.



**National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute** On August 1-6, 2016 a select group of twenty six teens from 16 states gathered in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Institute (sometimes referred to as the Ambassador Program). 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 were exposed to a panel of industry & association representatives speaking to the youth about the shooting sports industry and how to build relationships and partnerships. The panel included Jon Zinnel- Federal Premium; Mike Kurre, MN DNR, Todd Fairbanks, Minnesota NWTF, and Pat McMullen, Minnesota Chapter, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Teens also experienced 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 2016 – AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, LA, MD, MO, MN, NE, NJ, OH, OK, SC, WA & WI. The next Ambassador Trainings will be held in Florida in late July 2017 and Montana in 2018.

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

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 2016 Tom Knapp Memorial Scholarship goes to Devin Rowland and Matthew Seguin, both of Louisiana.***

### **2016 Daisy / 4-H Scholarships – Congratulations to Morgan Patton, CO & Tia Pawlowski, SD.**

#### **OF SPECIAL NOTE**

The past 4 years have been very busy for National 4-H Shooting Sports. As communicated with State Coordinators, the following major points and implications for state level 4-H Shooting Sports programs are highlighted below.

- 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)** – Since the 2012 workshop in Arkansas and the subsequent workshops, 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. (See note elsewhere in this newsletter a note from our National 4-H shooting Sports sub-committee on STEM.
- 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.
- Development of **Minimum Standards & Best Management Practices for 4-H Shooting Sports Programs**. (This document sent as an **attachment** with Coordinator News Blast October 2016)
- **All 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum was updated as of October 2014 and is on the national website. Make sure that you are using the most up to date curriculum for your state workshops.**

#### **How do the changes made in 2013, 2014 & 2015 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. It may be time for your state to expect instructors to attend an Update.
3. 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 **Minimum Standards & 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. 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.

*All of these changes mentioned above will affect how states operate their State Instructor Training and their 4-H Shooting Sports Programs. We feel these are significant changes and because of that, we will be sharing this information with all State 4-H Program Leaders.*

#### **4-H Shooting Sports National Committee Member Needed from the Northeast & Western Regions**

- Applications are being sought for a 4-H Shooting National Committee member to represent the NE & W Regions. The [application and position description](#) can be found on the National 4-H Shooting Sports website. Application deadline is January 20, 2017. According to the operating guidelines for the national committee, regional representatives to the national committee must be Extension professionals.

#### **4-H Shooting Sports National Steering Committee (*complete contact information is ATTACHED*)**

Our National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee meets on a monthly basis to provide leadership to this program. Some We your Regional Rep or a member of the National Committee.

Co-Chairs	Jeff Goodwin, HI	Kevin Allen, OK	Mark Tassin, LA
Northeast Region	John Bowe, NY	Lisa Muzzey, VT	(Opening 2017)
Southern Region	John Long, MS	Tycee Prevatt, FL	
North Central Region	Nicole Pokorney, MN	Scott Stuhr, NE	
Western Region	Todd Kesner, MT	David White, OR	(Opening 2017)
4-H National HQ	Amy McCune		
Extension Director Liaison	Jeff Bader, MT		

#### **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>
- Please collect your state 4-H shooting sports DEMOGRAPHICS DATA and submit to National.
- Results of Survey on State Competitive Events is **ATTACHED**.
- 2017 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – June 25-30, 2017, Grand Island, Nebraska. Registration info coming in early 2017. Participant Registration fee increases to \$200.
- Daisy Scholarship applications due April 1. Application on the National 4-H Shooting Sports Website. Two applications per state. (We are yet to learn if Daisy will continue these scholarships following the purchase of Daisy by Gamo)