To: State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators  
From: Susan Holder, Chair of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee

NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONAL, SAN ANTONIO, TX

Thank-you to Texas 4-H for hosting the 2011 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational June 19-24, 2011 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, Texas. We are looking forward to seeing you and your teams at this important event. We anticipate over 1,300 participants, parents and coaches at the event that really showcases the precision young people with precision shooting skills.

There have been a few updates on the Invitational Rules (Synopsis).

ATTENTION..ATTENTION..ATTENTION: RULES CLARIFICATION AND CHANGES FOR 2011 NATIONAL 4-H INVITATIONAL (ANNOUNCED 5/12/11)

Due to the ranges which will be used – we have had to make a change in the event distances.

SMALLBORE RIFLE – SILHOUETTE: Course of fire – 10 chickens at 40 yards, 10 pigs at 60 yards, 10 turkeys at 77 yards and 10 rams at 100 yards. (All in yards not meters) Rule change 5/12/11

SMALLBORE RIFLE – 3 P: Will be at 50 yards (not meters) Rule change 5/12/11 / Target will be the A51 (rule change 5/18/11)


All information pertaining to the 2011 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational is posted on both the National website [www.4-hshootingsports.org](http://www.4-hshootingsports.org) and the Texas website [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/shootingsports/index.php#NationalInvitational](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/shootingsports/index.php#NationalInvitational)

NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – 4-H AMBASSADOR TRAINING

We are thrilled to announce that twenty-one young people from twelve states will be participating in the National Training on June 17-19, 2011 in San Antonio at the Courtyard Marriott – Sea World. A big thank-you to Safari International for supporting this valuable training and to John Paul Murphy from Utah State University and Dr. Chris Boleman with Texas A&M for agreeing to provide quality leadership training that will provide the participants skills they can take home to support local and state programs.
2012-2013 NATIONAL 4-H INVITATIONAL HOST STATE
The National Committee is reviewing host state bids from states wishing to host the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in 2012 & 2013. The site of the 2012-2013 National Invitational will be announced at this year’s event in June.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COORDINATORS
Mark your calendar now!! For September 26-30th, 2011. Location is Columbia, Missouri. Yes, that is the home of Midway USA.
We sincerely appreciate everyone’s reply to the survey about the conference and now the committee is going to work to make sure this is a good investment of time for you to network, learn new information and provide future direction for 4-H Shooting Sports Programming.

DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY
Thanks to those of you who completed the shooting sports demographics survey for your state for 2010. You have no idea how valuable this data can be as we reach out to gain support for 4-H shooting sports, not only Nationally, but State by State. As our data improves, so will our support. Please be preparing now to collect similar data for the 2011 year in hopes that we can improve on the data collection process so that we can provide a clear snapshot of this great program.

STATE TRAINING DATES
Please be sure to email information about your state instructor training to Conrad Arnold, so that your dates and contact information can be added to the calendar of training dates on the website. carnold@umd.edu

NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CURRICULUM ON THE WEB
The most current edition of the 4-H Shooting Sports Curriculum can be found on the National website (Access is limited to State Coordinators Section, bottom of page). A number of edits were made in the last year, so you will want to use the most up to date version for your state trainings.

STATES TO PILOT NEW HUNTING CURRICULUM
Thanks to Jim Knight, Extension Wildlife Specialist, Montana, for taking on the task of writing a new Hunting Curriculum for 4-H. New Curriculum was introduced at the 2011 National Instructor Training Workshop in Iowa. States volunteering to pilot these materials include: MS, NM, NY, PA, SD & VT.

NATIONAL 4-H INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP 2011
A special thank-you to Iowa and Minnesota 4-H for hosting the 2011 workshop. Twenty-eight states participated in the annual workshop. Over 90 volunteers, National Instructors and extension staff attended.

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