

2005 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE

April 1, 2005

STATE COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS...

Hello Everyone and welcome to our 2005 4-H Shooting Sports Update. We are hoping to do spring and fall issues containing articles to keep you informed about what's happening in 4-H Shooting Sports. Your state committee has been busy with many activities including the State Instructor Trainings, State 4-H Air Rifle Competition, WV Hunting and Fishing Days at Stonewall Jackson, National 4-H Shooting Sports, Cabela's opening event, and much more. We are at an exciting time in 4-H Shooting Sports in West Virginia.

We want to thank ALL instructors for without your commitment and dedication to the 4-H program and your interest in 4-H youth development, shooting sports and conservation this type of programming could not be offered to our youth. Our numbers are growing – we currently have 211 4-H certified instructors with 263 certifications (some instructors have multiple certifications) and 16 state instructors providing the leadership in 45 counties.

We need your help in making our 2005 updates viable. Please submit articles sharing your program stories or tips for all our 4-H shooting sports instructors. Please submit any items to Jean Woloshuk by Aug. 15, 2005.

Please note that our state 4-H shooting sports instructors are available to answer any questions you have once you get home from training and stand ready to assist. Members of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee are:

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- Bill Grafton, WVU, 293-2941 ext. 2493
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2005 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS DIRECTORY & INSTRUCTOR REPORTS...

Please find enclosed a directory of all current 4-H certified instructors in the state. This list of WV 4-H Shooting Sports will be revised annually to reflect only those instructors with current and up-to-date instructor reports. We hope this will be useful in coordinating multi-county programming and improving communication among our 4-H shooting sports community. **PLEASE NOTE: If your last teaching date is 2003* your certification will be null and void on January 1, 2006. You will need to teach or assist in teaching a class in your respective discipline and turning in an Instructor Report on or before 1/1/06.**

We know that a number of our 4-H certified instructors are spending many hours reaching a large number of 4-H youth in this program. Please be sure to include all shooting sports instruction in clubs, camps, fairs, field days, etc. We need the information to report to program donors, National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, etc. Enclosed is a report form; in addition, report forms can be accessed on the web at <http://www.wvu.edu/~agexten/youth/ssinstform.pdf>

REVISED 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS POLICY...

Enclosed is a copy of the new 4-H Shooting Sports Policy dated 4/1/05 (this replaces the last revision dated 7/27/01). Changes have been made to update the state program and provide for an effective 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Please review and if you have questions, contact Jean Woloshuk.

WEST VIRGINIA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WEB PAGES...

We are currently constructing a WV 4-H Shooting Sports Website under the Youth Agriculture section of the WVUES website. Check it out at <http://www.wvu.edu/~agexten/youth/ssports.htm>

NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WEB SITE...

For those of you with computers and internet access, you may want to visit the National 4-H Shooting Sports Web Site <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org>

TRAINING DATES...

2005 Maryland-Delaware State 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

April 22-24, 2005, Patuxent River 4-H Center, 18405 Queen Anne Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland in Prince George's County. For information contact Conrad Arnold, Extension Educator, 4-H and MD 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator at (410) 228-8800.

2005 WV State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors' Training Weekend

July 29-31, 2005, at WVU Jackson's Mill in conjunction with VLW. Details for the weekend are in the Event Packet for 2004-05; in addition, registration packets will be available by May 1 in your county Extension office.

2005 STATE 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITION...

The State 4-H Air Rifle event will be conducted on April 16, 2005 at the WVU Shell/Natorium Building in Morgantown, WV. The event is being sponsored by the WVU Rifle Club and in cooperation with Marsha Beasley, WVU Rifle Coach. All counties should have received information packets to register teams, etc. Call Jean Woloshuk if you need more specific information.

4-H INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS...

Questions have arisen on American Income Life Insurance accident and illness insurance for 4-H shooting sports programming. All instructors are encouraged to discuss coverage with their respective Extension Agent to determine if there is a club or county-wide annual policy for 4-H youth and leaders in your county, or if you need to use the coverage of the Special Activities Policy (ask about the red, white, and blue brochure).

Under the Annual Policy, which is available to individual clubs or on a county-wide basis, benefits are provided in the amount of \$2500 medical for accident; \$5000 loss of life; and \$500 for injury to sound, natural teeth. The premium for this coverage is \$1. per year person for one full year of coverage (\$2. for horse clubs). This is primary coverage. Benefits are provided for each person while participating in group, adult supervised activities of the club, and while traveling directly between his or her home and the meeting or activity site. Coverage for travel is interpreted as direct, uninterrupted travel. If an injury would occur while a person is running an errand or visiting a friend, benefits would not be provided under the policy. Group travel to and from an event must be accompanied by an adult leader who has been approved and recognized by the WVUES.

If you choose to use the coverage of the Special Activities (red, white, and blue brochure) coverage is available depending upon the plan of protection you choose and the premium is calculated accordingly. Premium is calculated on a calendar day basis, and an overnight event would require two days premium.

Benefits under both policies are provided up to the limits indicated in the policy schedule for accidents that occur during the time that the youth were your responsibility and while traveling directly between their home and the meeting or activity site. The policies do not provide benefits for eyeglass replacement or repair; suicide; hernia in any form; air travel; pre-existing conditions; any claims arising from the use of intoxicants or non-prescribed drugs; losses covered under Medicare or any plan of Workman's Compensation; injuries sustained while tobogganing, skiing, sledding or tubing. However, under the Special Activities Policy limited coverage is available for the winter sports of skiing, tobogganing, sledding, and tubing.

Again, if you have specific questions consult with your Extension Agent or contact Jean Woloshuk at 293-6131 ext. 4238.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LIABILITY CONCERNS...

There have also been questions regarding liability coverage for 4-H shooting sports programming. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is an educational program supported by the 4-H Youth Development Program Unit of the West Virginia University Extension Service. This university sponsored program through the WVU Extension Service has 4-H trained/certified volunteer instructors implementing the program in the counties. Therefore when implementing the program as a 4-H sponsored activity adhering to the safety and appropriate educational environments for conducting the programs, instructors are covered under the state volunteer provision for conducting university-sponsored event. If there are questions, please consult with your Extension agent or contact Jean Woloshuk at 293-6131 ext. 4238.

4-H POLICY ON PAINTBALL...

The purpose of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to promote youth development through the safe and responsible use of Archery equipment and firearms. Pointing any type of firearm including air guns, laser guns or laser sighting devices at any person or any humanoid or tombstone target is inappropriate and dangerous. Therefore the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee is unequivocally opposed to such use in the 4-H program. This policy had also been adopted by the West Virginia 4-H Program.

AIR RIFLE INSTRUCTORS—WE NEED YOUR HELP???

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program exhibits and operates the 4-H mobile air rifle trailer at the WV Hunting and Fishing Days at Stonewall Jackson. This years event will be held on September 24-25, 2005. We usually run two shifts of workers for Saturday and Sunday (8:00 am-12:30 pm and 12:30 pm-6:00 pm). If any air rifle instructors are interested in assisting members of the state committee, please contact Jean Woloshuk at 293-6131 ext. 4238.

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