

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
4-H STATE SHOOT
September 16-17, 2017

This information stated in this document is very important! Please give your highest priority to reading, and understanding, ALL of this information about the State Shooting Sports Contest.

The State Shoot is the largest competitive 4-H event in Missouri. We put forth our best efforts to conduct the greatest event possible, but we need each 4-H member, leader, and parent, to do their best also. First, closely read the following information. It is critical that you understand how the contest will run...especially for those who are competing for the first time...it is also critical that you follow the guidelines provided. Scheduling is a time-consuming and difficult task so there may be some problems – hopefully not many.

- No pre-event county packets. **Name tags will NO LONGER be issued/used at this event.**
- Sporting Clays on Sunday will be held at River Hills Sporting Clays located east of Boonville.
- Air Pistol will use Orion Scoring system. Targets will be a single bull – B40, not the 4 bull target (B 4/40)
- 22 ammo – If your ammo came in bulk rather than 50 pack, you may bring your ammo in a small container that is labeled with brand name and details of the ammo and should be taped shut.

REMINDER: No ammo is provided and no ammo will be available for purchase at the Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports Range. Please read the rules and bring the correct kind of ammo. If ammo is incorrect, you will not be allowed to shoot.

All Events (except Sporting Clays) will be held at
Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports
1420 County Rd 276, Columbia

Directions: 9 miles east of Columbia. Take exit 137 (Millersburg) and go north 1 ¼ mile. Turn left – go ¼ mile to club.

River Hills Sporting Clays (Sporting Clays)
22701 Rocheport Road, Boonville

Directions: From Columbia Exit 111 is first exit west of the Missouri River Bridge. Take I-70 Exit 111 north onto MO-179; Turn left onto MO-98 W; travel 2.2 mi to Rocheport Road. Continue 8/10 mile on Rocheport Rd to the gun club on your right.

Gates at Prairie Grove will open at 6:45 a.m. Only range officers/helpers will be given access prior to 6:45 a.m. If you arrive early, please join the line of vehicles waiting on the side of the road.

Scheduled times are the anticipated ‘Shooting Begins’ Time. Please note that this start time does not include the registration/check-in/get ready time. **We ask that you be at your range at**

least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time to check in, get targets, be assigned firing point, prepare your equipment, etc.- so that we can start shooting at the scheduled times.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR .22 RIFLE PARTICIPANTS: The rifle range is a LONG walk from the parking lot. Plan at least 30 minutes after you park, to get to the rifle range.

Saturday events

- **Archery – American 600.** PLEASE READ THE RULES! Reminder: Quivers are required. Recurve bows are to be brought unstrung.
- **Air Rifle** – Pellet and BB Gun - are your pellets wad-cutters?
- **Air Pistol** – Intermediate age: Did you notice the rule change this year?? Juniors: are you bringing your own rest materials?
- **Smallbore Pistol**
- **Smallbore Rifle**
- **Hunting Skills**

Sunday events

- **Archery 3-D**
- **Muzzleloading**
- **Sporting Clays** (at River Hills, Boonville)

Basic rules of the match to keep in mind are:

- **Safety is to be your Number ONE concern at all times.** Violations will result in disqualification.
- **All firearms & bows (including BB/pellet guns) must be in a case until on the firing line!**
- **Never cross barrier tape or string. Never leave the established trail.** Please explain this to everyone that will be accompanying you to the match. Every year we have violation of safety protocols by younger siblings.
- **Never go down range-** even after the event. We have had youth go onto the trap ranges in order to pick up unbroken clay targets. This is not proper range etiquette and breaks a basic safety rule.
- **Use of OBI and CBI required.** 22 rifle and pistol shooters are to use open bolt indicators (OBI). Some will be available at the state match for purchase at \$1 each. Pellet Rifle and air pistols are to be used with a clear barrel indicator (CBI) – which commonly is a weed-eater line (.060) inserted from the breech and extending 6-8 inches from the breech and from the muzzle.

IMPORTANT!!! READ the State Shoot RULES! You are responsible for knowing and understanding the rules of the match. Rules have been published and available on the web since March 1. Rules can & do change from year to year.

PROCEDURE:

- 1) **PARKING – ON SATURDAY-** ALL PARKING IS TO BE IN THE “FIELD”. PLEASE FOLLOW THE ARROW AND THE DIRECTIONS OF THE PARKING ATTENDANTS. DO NOT TRY TO PARK IN THE SMALL GRAVELED PARKING LOT NEAR THE CLUBHOUSE- THIS LOT IS FOR HELPERS ONLY.

There is no room even for handicap tags. Elderly and handicapped may be dropped off at clubhouse, but cars are expected to be parked in the field.

- 2) There is **no central registration** at the contest. Participants are to report directly to the range for each event they are participating in. **Report to your range 30 minutes prior to the published scheduled time.** The times are only approximate. It is your responsibility to be there when your relay begins.
- 3) **Everyone does not have to be present at 8:00.** One of the reasons we “schedule” is so everyone doesn’t have to show up at 8:00 and then wait. If you are not scheduled to shoot until noon – no need to show up at 7:30 or 8:00. Be early...but follow the schedule.

RANGE LOCATIONS

ARCHERY - Same location as previous years. Archery events will be conducted at the field in the southeast corner of the property - south of the gravel parking lot. There is an entrance on the south end of the parking field. You may/should park at the south end of that field, to have a more convenient entrance to the archery range.

SMALLBORE RIFLE -. The .22 rifle range is on the FAR backside, SW corner of the grounds. Participants and spectators will not be allowed to drive back to the range (order of the owner). So be prepared to walk and **it is a long walk!** The easiest way to get there is to go west of the Clubhouse nearly to the end of the trap ranges. Take the gravel path through the trees back to the rifle range. Rifle shooters may want to use a wagon or cart to tote gear to the range. Ice coolers, umbrellas, lawn chairs are all appropriate on the rifle range. You do not want to have to make multiple trips to/from rifle range. **You cannot access the Rifle Range via the archery range.** You must go by the clubhouse and the shotgun fields.

MUZZLE LOADING – on Sunday - open field at the west end of the trap fields.

SMALLBORE PISTOL & Air Pistol: field at the end (west end) of the shotgun range.

AIR RIFLE (pellet) and BB range has moved this year. Go past the clubhouse and to the end of the shotgun fields. Air Rifle is set up on the last 2 shotgun fields.

Air Rifle/BB:

- **Junior** participants must have a “spotter” - a coach, parent, or older youth on the line with them. If you do not have a “spotter” you will not be allowed to sign up.
- **Intermediate** may have a spotter.
- **Senior** –no spotter. This is a sporter air rifle match – not precision air rifle. Equipment used must meet the specs listed in the rules. Unacceptable models: Anschutz, Walther, Feinwerkbau, most RWS, etc.

HUNTING SKILLS – is scheduled again this year. This schedule is somewhat flexible. If the schedule is not working for you, go visit with the Hunting Skills range officers. Hunting Skills is an “extra” event. Other events you are scheduled for, may make Hunting Skills impractical or even impossible. The Hunting Skills event will be located against the east fence – in the grassy open area to the left of the driveway....near the entrance to the parking “field”.

Awards & patches – No awards will be presented at the event this year. Awards will be sent to the county extension office – after the conclusion of the State Shoot.

T-shirts - if you pre-ordered a t-shirt you may pick it up Saturday or Sunday at the Prairie Grove clubhouse. No shirts will be available for pickup at River Hills. There will be no extra t-shirts for sale. Shirts must have been pre-ordered. Someone else may pick up shirts for others – but must sign for them. Please pick up Saturday if possible and don't wait until Sunday. If you don't pick up your shirt(s) they will be sent to your county extension office and you may pick it up there.

****We are guests!** Please remind every family member that he or she is representing the Missouri 4-H program. **Parents must supervise their children-** not only for the sake of trash/vandalism but also because of **SAFETY!** Let's do our best to represent 4-H. Keep facilities clean. No trash! Pick up others trash! Respect property and others!

- **PARKING:** Because of the large numbers, parking will be in a 20 acre field contiguous to the gun club. It is a grassy field. Mizzou 4-H (collegiate 4-H club) members will be assisting in parking. It is essential that each driver follow the directions of these helpers. WE MUST have orderly, systematic parking at this event!
- **Thank you notes.** We should never take sponsors, or volunteers, of 4-H events or activities for granted. A written thank you is the least we can do. **Each county is to designate at least one person (the more the better) to write a thank you to our sponsors, on behalf of his/her county- with as many signatures as possible.** All First Place teams and top 5 individuals are expected to write thank you notes, every county is encouraged to. Please address your thank you letters to:

Please write thank you notes to: (as a group or individual)

R.L. Bennett, President
George Clark Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation
P.O. Box 11866
Nixa,, MO 65714

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c/o Barbara Hayden
1300 West Henry
Sedalia, MO 65301

Big Game Hunters Foundation
c/o Eric Reinhard
5112 Paradise Lane
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P.O. Box 180
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Sierra Bullets
c/o Matt Reams
1400 West Henry
Sedalia, MO 65301

Other details: Seating at the events will be very limited, so parents and coaches are advised to bring lawn chairs. I high encourage you to bring an umbrella for either rain or shine. Rifle participants may bring a wagon or cart to transport equipment due to the long walk to the range.

Rain will not cancel this event.