PARTICIPANT INFORMATION
4-H STATE SHOOT
September 19-20

September 9, 2015

To: State Shoot Participants

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This packet of information is very important! Please give your highest priority to reading and understanding ALL of the enclosed material and information about the State Shooting Sports Contest, September 19 & 20.

The State Shoot is the largest competitive 4-H event in Missouri. The weekend of September 19 & 20 we have nearly 600 4-H members shooting in multiple events. We try hard to conduct the best contest 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 first-timers...and critical that you follow the guidelines provided. Scheduling is a time-consuming and difficult task so there may be some problems – but hopefully not many.

Saturday, September 19 – Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports –
Directions: 9 miles east of Columbia. Take exit 137 (Millersburg) and go north 1 ¾ mile. Turn left – go ¼ mile to club.

Gates will open at 6:45 a.m. Only range helpers will be given access prior to 6:45. If early, please join the line of vehicles waiting on the side of the road. Given times are shooting times – not check-in and get ready time. So...be at your range at least 30 minutes earlier than 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!

September 19:

- **Archery** – Both the American 600. **READ THE RULES. ARE YOU READY TO SHOOT AT THESE DISTANCES?** 2 relays during the day – scheduled for 8:00 and 12:30 (all shooters are pre-scheduled–see schedule). Again: Arrive EARLY. Scheduled time is time that shooting begins.
- **Trap & Skeet** – **See schedule.** (be early-see schedule)
- Air Rifle begins shooting at 8:00; BB Gun begins shooting at 8:30 (see schedule)
- Air Pistol – begins shooting at 8:00 (see schedule)
- Smallbore Pistol begins at 8:15 – (see schedule)
- Smallbore Rifle – begins shooting at 8:00 **See Schedule** (all relays are scheduled this year.
- Hunting Skills – begins at 8:00. (see schedule)

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.

Procedures:

1) **NAME TAGS REQUIRED for Saturday event – but NOT on Sunday.** The adhesive tag has your name, county, and events for which you are registered. Name tags are especially important on the .22 range – for check-in purposes. **Please contact your Youth Program Assistant, Youth Specialist or SS Coordinator to find out how the distribution of the nametags will be conducted by your county.** You need your name tag to participate in the contest– it is your registration. **It is your proof of registration. NO NAME TAG – NO SHOOT!**

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 prior to the scheduled time. The times are only approximate. It is your responsibility to be there when your squad or 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…then follow the schedule.

4) Here are some general procedural guidelines about the different events.

**ARCHERY - The location is same as previous years. Archery events will be conducted at the field** in the southeast corner of the property - south of the gravel parking lot. (south of parking field). There is an entrance way to the archery field on the south end of the parking field. If you exit the parking “field” near the clubhouse gravel parking lot – then take a hard left and follow the trail to the south. **Reminder: Quivers are required. Recurve bows are to be brought unstrung.**

**SKEET** – All squads should report to their field at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time. Squads and approximate shooting times have been pre-scheduled. Be EARLY and Check in upon arrival at skeet field. **DO NOT MISS YOUR SCHEDULED TIME!!**

**Shoot-off:** Shoot-off will be held to bring ties for the first 3 places only. If you have a good score, keep in touch with the range-let the officials know if you will be shooting another event. **Remember: participants are to have a shell pouch to hold their shells.** No shell boxes on the ground. **Shotgun participants provide their own shells.** The gun club will have shells available to purchase.

**.22 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, lawns chairs are all appropriate on the rifle range. You do not want to have to make multiple trips to/from rifle range.

**MUZZLE LOADING – on Sunday - Location: field at the west end of the trap fields.**

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

**AIR RIFLE (pellet) and BB range is** in the open field in front of the club house.

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. **NOTE:** Special targets this year. Slightly reduced size overall but same size bulls-eyes. Experimenting with electronic scanning/scoring of targets.

**HUNTING SKILLS – is scheduled this year.** See the schedule. 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”.

6) **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. The 5 placing awards, ribbons, plaques, etc…all awards will be sent to your county extension office. Counties choose how they will present the ribbons locally.
The first year 3 inch round patch and the rectangular year bar/rocker will be sent to the extension office. **Ribbon standards have been or will be established for each event.** A list of the standards for each event can be found online or from your extension office.

8) **T-shirts** - if you pre-ordered a t-shirt you may pick it up at the central desk in the club house on Saturday, Sept 19 or Sunday, Sept 20. 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.

9) **Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports** will again host this State 4-H event. We must continue to take good care of the facilities. In previous years there has been lots of trash left on the ground and even some vandalism. This must never happen again. 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!** Explain expectations to all who will be in attendance. 4-Hers participating may be asked to clean up the trash following each event. Everyone is expected to do his or her fair share. Remember, the less trash thrown on the ground the less time it will take to clean it up. Let's all of us do our best to represent 4-H. **Remember, We Are Guests!** Cedar Creek will be running a concession at the contest. But feel free to bring your own coolers of soft drinks and lunch supplies.

10) **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! With this additional parking, **there is to be no parking on the public road leading to the Cedar Creek entrance and No Parking along the side of the driveway.**

11) **Directions to Prairie Grove Shooting Sports:** 9 miles east of Columbia on I-70 to Exit 137 (Millersburg exit). North 1.6 miles to Community Center (of Stephens); turn left; ¼ mile to club.

12) **Thank you notes.** We should never take sponsors 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
- Brenda Potterfield
- Midway USA
- 5875 W. Van Horn Tavern Rd
- Columbia, MO 65303
- Starline Brass
- c/o Barbara Hayden
- 1300 West Henry
- Sedalia, MO 65301
- Outreach & Education Division Chief
- Missouri Dept. of Conservation
- P.O. Box 180
- Jefferson City, MO 65102
- Bob Adelsberger
- Big Game Hunters Foundation
- 5112 Paradise Lane
- High Ridge, MO 63049
- 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. Umbrellas for shade (or rain) may be appropriate. Rifle participants may bring a wagon or cart to transport equipment. It's a long walk to the range. **Rain will not cancel this event.** Be prepared.
**Sunday - September 20**

**3-D Archery**  
Scheduled by county. See schedule.  
   Flight 1: check-in at 7:30 a.m.  
   Flight 2: check-in at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports (same place as Saturday events)

**Sporting Clays**  
At Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports. Will be broken into flights according to county. You will be assigned a squad at check-in. 5 people per squad. 1st flight is to check-in at 8:00 a.m.  
(See schedule for details.)

**Muzzleloading**  
At Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports – 3 Relays (see schedule) 1st relay starts shooting at 8:00 a.m. Be early! If shooting 3D OR Sporting Clays, you will shoot those events first and then promptly report to the Muzzleloading range to shoot on the 3rd relay. SEE SCHEDULE.

**Web Site** for Missouri 4-H State Shoot info:  [http://4h.missouri.edu/shooting-sports-events/state-shoot](http://4h.missouri.edu/shooting-sports-events/state-shoot)

Please check the web site for updates and last minute news & information regarding the State Shoot. IF changes or modifications have to be made the only way to keep people informed is via the web site. Check it periodically.

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Enclosures:  
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Archery schedule  
BB Gun/Air Rifle schedule  
Air Pistol Schedule  
Trap/skeet schedule  
.22 Rifle Schedule  
Smallbore pistol schedule  
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