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To: Idaho 4-H Contestants, Coaches & Parents

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Re: 2019 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests

Great news - interest in our Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports is growing rapidly. As we prepare for the 2019 State Shoot on June 14 & 15 in the Jerome/Twin Falls area, I'm pleased to announce that we will be hosting competitions in Archery (compound & recurve), Air Rifle (.177 cal.), Hunting, Smallbore Rifle (.22 cal.) and Shotgun. As interest and enrollments continue to grow, we look forward to adding events for air and/or smallbore pistol plus eventually muzzleloader.

Copies of the Youth and Volunteer Registration Forms, Equipment Check-in Forms and current State 4-H Shooting Sports Rules can be found at: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/shooting-sports/events>. Please take time to review these materials and rules, especially as they apply to your specific discipline(s).

Youth Registration & Equipment

To assist with the planning process, youth registering with an entry postmark no later than May 17th can take advantage of a discounted registration fee, plus they will be eligible to order a 2019 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest T-shirt. Late registration, entries postmarked May 18th to May 31st, have a higher registration fee; however these entries will not be able to order T-shirts. No youth registrations postmarked after May 31st will be accepted. *Note that all youth entry forms require verification by both the participant's coach and local Extension personnel. Therefore, please plan to register promptly.*

On the Youth Registration Form, there are various options regarding equipment check-in. If possible, it is encouraged doing equipment checks the evening prior – so if an adjustment needs to be made, you have additional time to insure compliance. Please download and complete the designated sections on the applicable equipment check-in sheet at home, then bring it with you to the actual check-in station. This will save you and fellow competitors substantial waiting time at check-in.

Please review the equipment specifications listed within the rules for each of your specified events, along with the NGB rules listed at the end of each event to insure your equipment is in compliance. If you have questions (especially with regard to draw weight, arrow weight, rifle weight, trigger pull, or other permitted accessories) consult your coach or local gunsmith/archery dealer for assistance.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are also opportunities for other youth and adult attendees to assist the Central District planning committee in fulfilling various contest roles. Please complete the Volunteer Registration Form found on the website listed above and return it to Jerome County Extension prior to May 24th; mailing and e-mail addresses are on the form. Even if you don't have youth competing, come and assist. It is a great way to learn more about the various discipline events. Thanks in advance for offering to help.

Course of fire

Senior division contestants will shoot the full course of fire as set forth within each event listing. In considering the physical and age-appropriate expectations of Junior and Intermediate division youth, those within Archery, Rifle and Shotgun disciplines will shoot the modified courses of fire as set forth on pages 7, 11, 19 and 20 respectively of the ***Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Rules*** (effective October 1, 2018). As competitions are strictly within age divisions, these provisions do not create a competitive advantage.

Venues & Locations

Jerome County Fairgrounds	600 2 nd Avenue West	Jerome, ID 83338
Jerome Gun Club	Milepost 64, Hwy 93	Jerome, ID 83338
Twin Falls Gun Club	230 Federation Road	Twin Falls, ID 83301

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, June 13th

5:00 – 7:00 PM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> (Archery, Hunting & Smallbore Rifle)	Jerome County Fairgrounds
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Friday, June 14th

6:00 – 7:30 AM	Equipment Check-in (Archery & Hunting) – <i>bring form</i> (Smallbore Rifle) – <i>bring form</i>	Jerome County Fairgrounds Jerome Gun Club
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8:00 AM	Contestants Assemble (at Venues) Archery Hunting Smallbore Rifle	Jerome County Fairgrounds Jerome County Fairgrounds Jerome Gun Club
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8:15 AM	Contestant Orientation	
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8:45 AM	Competitions / Rotations begins Archery – ½ FITA and 3-D Hunting – Decision Making/Wildlife ID & Mgmt. and Hunter Skills Smallbore Rifle – 3P and Silhouette	
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{Lunch breaks – *as determined by Venue coordinator and CRO; lunch available on-site*}

Award Presentations – at respective venue
(*approximately 90 minutes following completion of last event for that discipline*)

6:00 – 6:30 PM	Equipment Check-in (Air Rifle) – <i>bring form</i>	Jerome County Fairgrounds
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7:00 – 8:30 PM	Contestant/Family Ice Cream Social (<i>tentative</i>)	Jerome County Fairgrounds
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Saturday, June 15th

7:00 – 7:30 AM	Equipment Check-in (Air Rifle) – <i>bring form</i>	Jerome County Fairgrounds
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7:00 – 8:00 AM	Equipment Check-in (Shotgun) – <i>no form needed</i>	Twin Falls Gun Club
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8:00 AM	Contestants Assemble (at Venues) Air Rifle Shotgun	Jerome County Fairgrounds Twin Falls Gun Club
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8:15 AM	Contestant Orientation	
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8:45 AM	Competitions / Rotations begins Air Rifle – National Standard 3P and Silhouette Shotgun – Trap and Skeet	
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{Lunch break – *as determined by Venue coordinator and CRO; lunch available on-site*}

Award Presentations – at respective venue
(*approximately 90 minutes following completion of last event for that discipline*)

Recognition

Ribbons to the top five individuals within each age division, for both of the following discipline events.
Rosettes to the top five juniors, intermediates and seniors overall within each discipline, based on combined event scores.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Event 1</u>	<u>Event 2</u>
Archery (compound)	½ FITA	3-D
Archery (recurve)	½ FITA	3-D
Hunting	Hunter Skills / Wildlife ID & Mgmt.	Hunter Decision Making / Shooting
Rifle (air)	Nat'l Standard 3 Position	Silhouette
Rifle (smallbore)	NRA 3 Position	Silhouette
Shotgun	Trap	Skeet

The top five eligible Senior division contestants within each discipline may qualify to advance and represent Idaho at the 2020 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships (June 21-26) in Grand Island, Nebraska.

New for 2019

As referenced previously, the Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Team suggested adding an Instructor/Coach verification signature to the Youth Registration Form. While we want to encourage more youth to participate in the State Shoot, we also want to insure that it is a safe, enjoyable experience for each participant. In recent years, some youth have arrived with little or no working knowledge of the various events or what to do; this can create embarrassing/frustrating situations for that youth and a potentially unsafe environment for the other contestants. For everyone's well-being, something had to be done.

As most counties are just beginning to develop and conduct local contests that could potentially serve as qualifying events to advance youth to the State Shoot, we understand they are not quite there yet; to insist on a local qualifier for 2019 could unfairly penalize some youth. Instead, for this year we are counting on each instructor/coach to accurately assess the ability of their respective members and only approve entries for those youth who have practiced the events for their respective discipline(s) and are truly prepared to knowledgeable and safely compete at the State Shoot.

In the meantime, we want to encourage all 4-H Shooting Sports instructors to continue working collaboratively with their county Extension personnel toward holding local shoots. These events provide an economical approach for more local youth to develop their skills and gain valuable experience. In time, these may then also serve as state-qualifying events. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Planning Committee

Thank you to the Central District faculty, staff and volunteers for their dedicated efforts in helping plan this event and expand opportunities for Idaho youth to actively engage in our State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests. Special thanks to Tina Miller, Jerome County 4-H Program Coordinator for providing her leadership to this dynamic team effort.

Questions

For specific logistics and venue-related questions, contact Tina Miller at 208-324-7578 or via email at tdickard@uidaho.edu . For general 4-H Shooting Sports questions, contact Jim Wilson at 208-292-1401 or jwilson@uidaho.edu.

In closing, I look forward to seeing many of our Idaho 4-H members at the 2019 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests this summer in Jerome & Twin Falls. This will be a great opportunity for youth to participate, strive to achieve their personal best and have fun meeting new friends. In the meantime – practice, practice, practice.