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To: 4-H Contestants, Coaches & Parents

From: Jim Wilson
Regional 4-H Youth Development Educator

Re: 2018 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests

I’m pleased to inform you that interest in our Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports is growing rapidly, and we are moving to expand the number of disciplines/events being held in conjunction with our State Shoot on June 8 & 9 in the Jerome/Twin Falls area. This year, we have added Air Rifle (.177 cal.) events; along with Archery (compound & recurve), Hunting, Smallbore Rifle (.22 cal.) and Shotgun. As we continue to grow, perhaps we can add either air or smallbore Pistol disciplines in 2019.

Copies of the Youth Registration Form, Volunteer Registration Form and current State 4-H Shooting Sports Rules can be found at: http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/contests. 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 11th can take advantage of a discounted registration fee, plus they will be eligible to order a 2018 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest T-shirt. Late registration, entries postmarked May 12th to May 25th, have a higher registration fee; however these entries will not be able to order T-shirts. No youth registrations postmarked after May 25th will be accepted.

Note that all youth entry forms require verification via a local Extension signature. Therefore, please make sure to register as soon as possible.

You will note on the Youth Registration Form, various options regarding equipment check-in. If possible, I encourage 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 equipment check-in sheet prior, then bring it with you to the actual check-in station. This will save you and fellow competitors substantial waiting time.

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 weight and trigger pull, consult your coach and/or local gunsmith for assistance.

Volunteer Opportunities
There are also opportunities for other youth and adult attendees to volunteer and assist the Central District planning committee in fulfilling various contest roles. Please complete the Volunteer Registration Form found in the right-hand column of the website page listed above and return it to Jerome County Extension prior to May 25th; the mailing and e-mail addresses are found on the form. Thank you in advance for offering to assist.

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 will shoot the modified courses of fire as set forth on pages 9, 12, 19 and 20 respectively of the Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Rules (effective October 1, 2017). As competitions are strictly within age divisions, these safety precautions do not create a competitive advantage.
**Venues**

Jerome County Fairgrounds  
600 2nd 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 7th**

5:00 – 7:00 PM  
Equipment Check-in  
(Jerome Gun Club)

**Friday, June 8th**

6:00 – 7:30 AM  
Equipment Check-in  
(Jerome Gun Club)

8:00 AM  
Contestants Assemble (at Venues)
   Archery  
   (Jerome Gun Club)
   Hunting  
   (Jerome County Fairgrounds)
   Smallbore Rifle  
   (Jerome Gun Club)

8:15 AM  
Contestant Orientation

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

{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)

5:00 – 7:00 PM  
Equipment Check-in (Air Rifle)  
(Jerome County Fairgrounds)

7:00 – 9:00 PM  
Youth Activity (tentative)  
(Jerome County Fairgrounds)

**Saturday, June 9th**

6:00 – 7:30 AM  
Equipment Check-in (Air Rifle)  
(Jerome County Fairgrounds)

7:00 – 8:00 AM  
Equipment Check-in (Shotgun)  
(Twin Falls Gun Club)

8:00 AM  
Contestants Assemble (at Venues)
   Air Rifle  
   (Jerome County Fairgrounds)
   Shotgun  
   (Twin Falls Gun Club)

8:15 AM  
Contestant Orientation

8:45 AM  
Competition / Rotation begins
   Air Rifle – National STD 3P and Silhouette  
   Shotgun – Trap and Skeet

{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 rifle event)
**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.

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The top five eligible Senior division contestants within each discipline may qualify to advance and represent Idaho at the 2019 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships (June 23-28) in Grand Island, Nebraska.

**Planning Committee**
Thanks goes 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 2018 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.