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To: Idaho 4-H Contestants, Coaches & Parents

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Re: 2021 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests

4-H Youth Development

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Great news - interest in our Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports is growing rapidly. As we prepare for the 2021 State Shoot on June 11 & 12 in the Boise area, I'm pleased to announce that we will be hosting competitions in Archery (compound & recurve), Air Pistol (.177 cal.), 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 smallbore pistol plus eventually muzzleloader.

Youth and Volunteer Registration Forms, Equipment Check-in Forms and current Idaho 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 14th can take advantage of a discounted registration fee, plus they will be eligible to order a 2021 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest T-shirt. Late registration, entries postmarked May 15th to May 28th, have a higher registration fee; however, these entries will not be able to order T-shirts. No youth registrations postmarked after May 28th 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 equipment adjustment needs to be made, you have additional time to ensure compliance. Please download these forms from the website, 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 other contestants 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 ensure 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 opportunities for other youth and adult attendees to assist the Southern District planning committee in fulfilling various contest roles. Please complete the Volunteer Registration Form found on the website listed above and return it to Canyon County Extension prior to May 21st; their mail 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, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Smallbore Rifle and Shotgun disciplines will shoot the modified courses of fire as set forth on pages 9, 13, 15, 27 and 29 respectively of the **Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Rules** (effective October 1, 2020). As competitions are strictly within age divisions, these provisions do not create a competitive advantage.

Venues & Locations

Black's Creek Range	2420 E Kuna Mora Rd. *	Kuna, ID 83634
Boise Gun Club	2350 E Kuna Mora Rd.	Kuna, ID 83634
Nampa Indoor Range	222 W Railroad St.	Nampa, ID 83686

* Some GPS/Maps do not display location accurately. Range is approximately 3 miles west of I-84, Exit 64.

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, June 10th

5:00 – 7:00 PM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> Hunting & Smallbore Rifle	Black's Creek Range
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Practice: Smallbore Rifle (3-P) – <i>fees apply</i> Shotgun (Trap & Skeet) – <i>fees apply</i>	Black's Creek Range Boise Gun Club

Friday, June 11th

6:30 – 7:30 AM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> Hunting & Smallbore Rifle	Black's Creek Range
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Equipment Safety Check (Shotgun) – <i>no form needed</i>	Boise Gun Club
8:00 AM	Contestants Assemble (at Venues) Hunting Smallbore Rifle Shotgun	Black's Creek Range Black's Creek Range Boise Gun Club
8:15 AM	Contestant Orientation	
8:45 AM	Competitions / Rotations begin Hunting – Decision Making/Wildlife ID & Mgmt. and Hunter Skills Smallbore Rifle – 3P and Silhouette Shotgun – Trap and Skeet	
	{Lunch breaks – <i>as determined by Venue coordinator and CRO; lunch available on-site</i> }	
	Award Presentations – at respective venue <i>(approximately 90 minutes following completion of last event for that discipline)</i>	
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> Air Pistol & Air Rifle Archery	Nampa Indoor Range Black's Creek Range
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Practice: Air Pistol (Slow Fire) – <i>fees apply</i> Air Rifle (3-P) – <i>fees apply</i> Archery (FITA) – <i>fees apply</i>	Nampa Indoor Range Nampa Indoor Range Black's Creek Range

Saturday, June 12th

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> Air Pistol Air Rifle Archery	Nampa Indoor Range Nampa Indoor Range Black's Creek Range
8:00 AM	Contestants Assemble (at Venues) Air Pistol Air Rifle Archery	Nampa Indoor Range Nampa Indoor Range Black's Creek Range
8:15 AM	Contestant Orientation	
8:45 AM	Competitions / Rotations begin Air Pistol – Slow Fire Bullseye and Silhouette Air Rifle – National Standard 3P and Silhouette Archery – ½ FITA and 3-D	
	{Lunch break – <i>as determined by Venue coordinator and CRO; lunch available on-site</i> }	
	Award Presentations – at respective venue <i>(approximately 90 minutes following completion of last event for that discipline)</i>	

Practice Sessions

The Southern District host committee has scheduled optional practice times for each contest discipline; they will coincide with the equipment check-in sessions on the evening prior to actual contest. Additional range & equipment fees will apply per contestant as follows: \$3/practice session at Black’s Creek Range and \$5/25 targets at Boise Gun Club. Practice sessions at these venues will only occur under the direct supervision of a designated Range Safety Officer. The location of the specific practice ranges will be noted at the respective equipment check-in sites.

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
Pistol (air)	Slow Fire Bullseye	Silhouette
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 2022 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships (June 26 – July 1) in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Coach Verification Signatures

While we want to encourage more youth to participate in the State Shoot, we need to ensure that it is a safe, enjoyable experience for each participant. When youth arrive with little or no working knowledge of their various events it creates an unsafe setting and is embarrassing/frustrating for that youth. By requiring each contestant’s coach to read and sign the verification, we can hopefully avoid this problem. Respectfully, unless the youth is truly prepared, don’t approve their entry.

To help youth gain experience, we encourage all 4-H Shooting Sports instructors to work 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.

Camping

There is limited camping availability at Boise Gun Club, with electrical and water hook-up only. If interested in reserving a camp space, contact Tina Holmquist at 208-459-6003. The reservation form is available on the State 4-H Shooting Sports website, see the URL link on page one of this cover letter.

Planning Committee

Thank you to the Southern District extension personnel 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. Our appreciation to many others throughout Idaho that have also offered their assistance.

New for 2021

We are excited to add the Air Pistol discipline to our Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports State Contests line-up.

COVID Provisions

While we are optimistic that Idaho will advance to Stage 4 which allows for gatherings of over 50 people, it is essential to have a back-up plan and timeline in place in case we don't reach Stage 4. Therefore, should Idaho not be at Stage 4 by the early registration deadline of May 14th (or should we slide back into Stage 3 prior to June 11-12), we will transition to a Senior division only in-person competition. This process will still enable us to qualify discipline teams for the 2022 Nationals. We will look to offer a "mail in" tournament option for Junior and Intermediate division youth later this summer – similar to what was done last year.

Regardless of whichever stage exists, we will still need to observe appropriate physical distancing, utilize face covers and observe sanitation practices. We may also need to limit the number of spectators and/or rotate so only those with youth currently shooting are present. Thanks in advance for being flexible as we strive to find workable alternatives that keep us within compliance of State and University rules.

Lodging

As some of the venues for the 2021 State 4-H Shoot are located some distance east of Boise, the planning committee has compiled a sample listing of some potential lodging options for consideration. *Please note that this list does not imply an endorsement; but is strictly for informational purposes only.*

Best Western Lodge

6989 Federal Way
Boise, Idaho
www.bestwestern.com

Best Western Vista Inn Airport

2645 W Airport Way
Boise, Idaho
www.bestwestern.com

Motel 6 Boise Airport

2323 W Airport Way
Boise, Idaho
www.motel6.com

Quality Inn Airport

2526 W Airport Way
Boise, Idaho
www.choicehotels.com

Comfort Suite Airport

2906 S Vista Ave
Boise, Idaho
www.choicehotels.com

Camping Location

Mountain View RV Park
2040 W Airport Way
Boise, Idaho
www.boiservpark.com

Questions

For specific logistics and venue-related questions, contact Tina Holmquist at 208-459-6003 or via email at tinah@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 2021 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contests this summer in the Boise area. 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.