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To: Idaho 4-H Contestants, Coaches & Parents

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Re: 2020 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 2020 State Shoot on June 12 & 13 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 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 15<sup>th</sup> can take advantage of a discounted registration fee, plus they will be eligible to order a 2020 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest T-shirt. Late registration, entries postmarked May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>, have a higher registration fee; however these entries will not be able to order T-shirts. No youth registrations postmarked after May 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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 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 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 22<sup>nd</sup>; 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, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Smallbore Rifle and Shotgun disciplines will shoot the modified courses of fire as set forth on pages 8, 11, 13, 24 and 25 respectively of the **Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports Rules** (effective October 1, 2019). 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
Boise Rifle & Pistol Club	6961 Supply Way	Boise, ID 83716

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

## Preliminary Schedule

### Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00 – 7:00 PM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> (Archery, Hunting & Smallbore Rifle)	Black's Creek Range
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Practice: Archery (FITA) – <i>fees apply</i> Smallbore Rifle (3-P) – <i>fees apply</i>	Black's Creek Range Black's Creek Range

### Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – 7:30 AM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> (Archery, Hunting & Smallbore Rifle)	Black's Creek Range
8:00 AM	Contestants Assemble (at Venues) Archery Hunting Smallbore Rifle	Black's Creek Range Black's Creek Range Black's Creek Range
8:15 AM	Contestant Orientation	
8:45 AM	Competitions / Rotations begin 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)	
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> (Air Pistol & Air Rifle)	Black's Creek Range
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Practice: Air Rifle (3-P) – <i>fees apply</i> Shotgun (Trap & Skeet) – <i>fees apply</i>	Black's Creek Range Boise Gun Club

### Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Equipment Check-in – <i>bring form</i> Air Pistol Air Rifle	Boise Rifle & Pistol Club Black's Creek Range
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Equipment Safety Check (Shotgun) – <i>no form needed</i>	Boise Gun Club
7:30 – 8:15 PM	Practice: Air Pistol (Slow Fire Bullseye)	Boise Rifle & Pistol Club
8:00 AM	Contestants Assemble (at Venues) Air Pistol Air Rifle Shotgun	Boise Rifle & Pistol Club Black's Creek Range Boise Gun Club
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 Shotgun – Trap and Skeet  {Lunch break – as determined by Venue coordinator and CRO; lunch available at Black's Creek & Boise Gun Club}	
	Award Presentations – at respective venue (approximately 90 minutes following completion of last event for that discipline)	

### **Practice Sessions**

The Southern District host committee has scheduled optional practice times for each contest disciplines, most will coincide with the equipment check-in sessions on the evening prior to actual contest (Air Pistol will be the morning of the event, due to facility availability). 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 will only occur under the direct supervision of a designated Range Safety Officer at those designated venues. 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.

<b><u>Discipline</u></b>	<b><u>Event 1</u></b>	<b><u>Event 2</u></b>
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 2021 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships (June 20-25) in Grand Island, Nebraska.

### **Coach Verification Signatures**

While we want to encourage more youth to participate in the State Shoot, we need to insure 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 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. Our appreciation to many others throughout Idaho that have also offered their assistance.

### **New for 2020**

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

### **Lodging**

As some of the venues for the 2020 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](http://www.bestwestern.com)

#### **Best Western Vista Inn Airport**

2645 W Airport Way  
Boise, Idaho  
[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

#### **Motel 6 Boise Airport**

2323 W Airport Way  
Boise, Idaho  
[www.motel6.com](http://www.motel6.com)

#### **Quality Inn Airport**

2526 W Airport Way  
Boise, Idaho  
[www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)

#### **Comfort Suite Airport**

2906 S Vista Ave  
Boise, Idaho  
[www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)

#### **Camping Location**

**Mountain View RV Park**  
2040 W Airport Way  
Boise, Idaho  
[www.boiservpark.com](http://www.boiservpark.com)

### **Questions**

For specific logistics and venue-related questions, contact Nancy Shelstad at 208-364-4597 or via email at [shelstad@uidaho.edu](mailto:shelstad@uidaho.edu). For general 4-H Shooting Sports questions, contact Jim Wilson at 208-292-1401 or [jwilson@uidaho.edu](mailto:jwilson@uidaho.edu).

In closing, I look forward to seeing many of our Idaho 4-H members at the 2020 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.