Shooting Sports & Wildlife Project

Join Chisago County 4-H and take part in a safe, educational and positive youth development project learning about shooting sports and wildlife!

Explore firearms safety and the importance of conserving Minnesota’s natural resources. Learn the safe use of air pistols, air rifles, .22 cal. rifles, shotguns, black-powder guns and archery. Wildlife education may include environmental awareness talks, a trip to forest resource centers, floods and natural disaster clean-up, or canoe trips to explore topography changes. Watch this video and see what 4-H youth are doing in 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife.

OTHER SS&W OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- State 4-H Invitational – September 9-11
- Wildlife Project Bowl
- Minnesota State Fair

FOR MORE DETAILS: Contact the 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, Robin Weaver at 651-257-6332 or by email at crweaver@hotmail.com or the Chisago County Extension Office at 651-277-0150 or mnext-chisago@umn.edu

*The Shooting Sports project is a program of Chisago County 4-H. All members must be active and enrolled in Chisago County 4-H to participate.
Date: February 29, 2016

To: 4-H Shooting Sports members

From: Jeremy Freeman, 4-H Program Coordinator

RE: Enrollment and Project Fees

I am excited to see your participation in the 4-H program begin this year in our Shooting Sports program. There are so many lessons we can learn from life all around us, and I am glad you are investing yourself into this project and will learn more this year.

As we begin into another busy 4-H season it is important that we make sure to take care of a few important but often overlooked items.

Please make sure that you are enrolled as an Active member in our system database 4HOnline before you participate with us in an event. You will not be allowed to participate until you are enrolled and ACTIVE. If you need help, contact the Extension Office or visit: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/4honline/

Another important thing is to make sure your Shooting Sports Project fees are paid and up to date. The fees are $15/person or $30 for a family. These fees are paid in addition to your membership dues and provide funds for shooting sports equipment and supplies. Scholarship are available by contacting the Extension Office.

Thank you for taking the time to complete these important steps to allow you to continue this year with Chisago County 4-H and the Shooting Sports Project. If you have any questions or concerns along the way, please don’t hesitate to contact me,

Sincerely,

Jeremy Freeman
Chisago County 4-H Program Coordinator
651-277-0150 | jeremyf@umn.edu

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2016 Shooting Sports Project Fees
Please submit payment to Chisago County 4-H

Family Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

City __________________ State/ZIP ____________

Phone (day) ______________________________

Email ________________________________

I am paying for the following family members: $15/person or $30/family. Please list name and grade

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Mail to: University of Minnesota Extension Service
38814 3rd Ave, North Branch MN, 55008
2016 CHISAGO COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

BB Gun & Air Rifle (6-8pm)
Almelund Fire Hall, 15740 Maple Ln
Tuesday, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12

Archery (6-8pm)
Full Draw, 5865 Frontage Rd, Harris
Tuesday, April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17

Trap (6-8pm)
Osceola Rod & Gun Club in Osceola, WI
Thursday, June 2, 9, 16 July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18 and September 1

BB gun, Air Rifle, Pistol, 22, Black Powder and Archery (6-8pm)
Waletzko Gravel Pit, 15540 400th St, North Branch
Tuesday, July 26 and August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Coaches:
Mark Waletzko 651-583-2508
Lance Morgan 651-674-6214
Jake Goodroad 651-323-7047
Dale Sandberg 651-583-3320
Reid Maslowski 651-674-7414
Curt Weaver 651-257-6332
Robin Weaver 651-257-6332
Janet Schweigert 320-358-3911
Ryan Tauer 651-583-2919

To be a certified coach you must attend a 4-H sponsored weekend training in your discipline of choice and be a yearly screened and enrolled adult volunteer, remaining active with our shooting sports program yearly. Trainings are generally held in the spring and fall. Youth may also be certified as a shooting sports assistant coach, they must be in 9th grade or older.
Chisago County 4-H Shooting Sports/Wildlife Project 2015-2016 Information Sheet.

Members must complete 15 hours of on-line training per discipline with 8 hours of annual updates, and 8 annual hours of wildlife education to participate at the Minnesota 4-H State Shooting Sports & Wildlife event in Sept. Training MUST be conducted by 4-H certified coaches, certified in the discipline(s) they are instructing.

You must have eye protection (safety goggles or safety glasses). You will not be allowed to participate if you are not wearing eye protection. We will furnish all the air rifles, air pistols, BB’s and pellets for the participants and the archery equipment. A shooting mat and kneeling roll will be provided because you will be lying and kneeling on the floor or ground. When we move outdoors we will begin shooting .22 rifle, shotgun and black powder. We have .22 rifles and archery equipment. Participants will need to furnish their own hearing protection, shotguns we will provide shells, .22 rifle cartridges, and black powder supplies. Each member must pay a fee to help with the cost of the equipment, ammunition and targets. This also helps pay for rental of the facilities. Your fee must be paid before you are allowed to shoot. If you cannot pay at this time please speak with one of the Coordinators to make arrangements.

SS/WP meetings are supervised by certified SS/WP instructors. Safety is our #1 concern. We ask all participants be on their best behavior at all times. Each youngster must pay attention to every instruction while participating in the training and remain calm and quiet while waiting their turn. Failure to conduct yourself in a calm, quiet and safe manner will result in your being dismissed from the project. We encourage parents to attend and your assistance is welcome. PARENTS, please consider being a certified SS/WP instructor. Instructor Training is scheduled yearly.

4-H Shooting Sports – Rules

- ONLY 4-H members who are enrolled in Shooting Sports/Wildlife project MAY participate (State Rule)
- Minors must have a signed parental consent form to handle firearms or air guns. Consent forms can be printed, signed, and returned to the Extension Office. Go to: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/shooting-sports/shooting-sports/docs/shooting-sports-policy-parental-consent-firearms.pdf
- Age requirements for participation in program as of date of State Shoot:
  - Junior: Completion of 4th -6th grade
  - Intermediate: Completion of 7th grade through 9th grade.
  - Senior: Completion of 10th grade through one year post high school.
- Only Intermediate and Seniors will be allowed to shoot powder burning events (.22 rifle, trap, black powder.
- (State Rule - No Exceptions) Note: Trap shooting will take place at RFSC Community League which starts
- Tuesday nights in June, Trap will not be scheduled during Saturday Practices.
- The only persons allowed on shooting line are the shooters and certified instructors.
- Firearms must be pointed down range at all times. If a firearm is pointed at another person the shooter will be taken off the line. On the 2nd offense the individual will be out of the program.
- No talking to or coaching of the shooters by spectators or parents. No unnecessary talking or interference between shooters, parents or other shooters.

For more resources to continue your learning in the Shooting Sports and Wildlife project visit http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/shooting-sports/shooting-sports/
CHISAGO COUNTY 4-H
SHOOTING SPORTS / WILDLIFE PROGRAM

State Shoot Wildlife Hours Requirement

Any 4-H member in Chisago County may participate in the wildlife program, but only those going to the state shooting sports invitational need to complete the 8 hours of documented time in a wildlife activity.

In addition to any scheduled activities you will also need to do some type of independent activity or activities related to wildlife. On the accompanying form are some examples of possible activities you can do. They are just suggestions; you may have others that are better. Shooting practice/training does not qualify. You can use the report form to send in your wildlife hours to me for approval. **You must complete these hours before July 24th.**

Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions, or if you have an independent project you would like to receive credit for. Suggested activities and time allowed for each.

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These are only some suggestions and there may be other activities that you will be doing. If you have questions, call me to find out how much time will be allowed or if it is an accepted activity. **Shooting classes and activities do not qualify.** Hours must be completed in the current 4-H year and cannot be carried forward from year to year.
2016 CHISAGO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Wildlife Hours Report

Wildlife Requirement
All participating shooting sports members must complete at least 8 hours of wildlife instruction to participate at the State Shoot. Examples of opportunities that count towards wildlife instructional hours include creating a wildlife project for the county fair, presenting a wildlife demonstration at a 4-H meeting, attending a state park naturalist event.

Participants must complete this form by July 24th to receive credit and be eligible for the state shoot. Please list each activity, the amount of time involved, and a description of what you did or learned for the activity. Add additional pages if needed.

Name: _______________________________________________ Grade: _____________

Activity #1 _____________________________________________ Time: ______________
Date: ______________

Activity #2 _____________________________________________ Time: ______________
Date: ______________

Activity #3 _____________________________________________ Time: ______________
Date: ______________

Activity #4 _____________________________________________ Time: ______________
Date: ______________

Member Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______________

Questions
Contact the University of Minnesota Extension, Chisago County at 651-277-0150.
Club Year 2015-2016

Parental consent to use or handle firearms and air guns

I am the parent or legal guardian of , a minor child (age 17 and under) who is a 4-H member in the Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Club (“Program”) for the club year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016 (“2015-2016 Club Year”). I understand that as part of the Program, my child will have the opportunity to use a firearm or air gun with use of ammunition or explosive.

I hereby consent to my child’s use and handling of firearms and/or air guns with ammunition or explosive, outside of my presence, whether within or outside of a municipality, while participating in any Program event throughout the 2015-2016 Club Year. I further consent to and authorize the staff of the Program to provide my child with the necessary firearm or air gun and/or ammunition to participate in any Program event during the 2015-2016 Club Year.

I understand the risks of the activities involved in the Program and I, on behalf of myself, my child, my heirs and next of kin, do hereby release and indemnify Regents of the University of Minnesota, 4-H Youth Development, the, Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program, regents, officers, Program staff, volunteers and participants (“Releasees”) from any and all loss, costs, expense or damage of any kind arising from my child’s participation in the Program during the 2015-2016 Club Year, to the extent permitted by law. This release does not apply to the Releasees’ willful or wanton acts.

Name of Parent or Guardian: ________________________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________