Indiana 4-H Shooting Sports Newsletter

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Human growth and development is the number one goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports program

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Congratulations to the 58 participants at the Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop. We had some pretty cold weather to deal with (particularly for sitting in class) but we had a great group had an excellent workshop overall. Since 1983 1,053 adults have been certified to teach shooting sports to Indiana youth, many with multiple certifications. In that period youth involvement has steadily grown. THANKS!!

The chart at the top of the next page shows youth participation since 1984. Interesting note: from 1984 to 1986 girls accounted for 16 - 18% of the total enrollment. Then, as the total participation rose the percentage of girls involved in the program fell to 12 - 13%. However, in 1994 the percentage of girls began to rise (13.8 % in '94, 14.9% in '95, and 15.0% in '96). This increase is probably due, at least in part to the increasing numbers of women we see in the certification program.

Educate the Public – Action Demonstration A Youth Action Demo Center is being planned for the 1997 Indiana State Fair in the 4-H Exhibit Hall. The Youth Action Demo Center will be a location for 4-H members to educated the fairgoers about the things they learn while participating in 4-H. This opportunity is open to any 4-H member and they may share any 4-H project area. 4-H members will need to plan their educational activity, bring their needed supplies and share with the fairgoers for a one hour time block (can repeat their activity a number of times). An Action Demonstration is intended to interest and involve the audience in your project. An Action Demonstration is more than a "show and tell". The presenter should try to involve the audience (it's more fun) by having them do any of the following: do what you are doing; make something; judge the quality of various items; play a game; answer questions. The activity should be one that fairgoers can do safely, does not require much time to complete, and is educational. You might be surprised, however, what is educational. Things that you do every day and take for granted are often new and interesting to people from different backgrounds. An example of a successful action demo is given on page 3 of this newsletter. Note: No food sampling or ammunition is allowed.

If you have a youth interested in presenting an Action Demo at the Indiana State Fair tell your Extension Youth Educator so they can submit the required application. (Information was mailed to them in their May CCC.) Each participant will receive a State Fair Pass and will be informed of their allotted time and place for their Action Demo in early August. (Note: If there are a number of entries related to shooting sports they will be consolidated on one day and may be held at a different location than the 4-H Exhibit Hall.)

Purdue Trap and Skeet Team wins again by making a clean sweep of the four clay target events at the 1997 ACU-1 Intercollegiate Clay Target National Championships in San Antonio, Texas. The team won six individual national championships, five team championships, and the High Overall Team Championship.
New Indiana 4-H Shooting Sports logo
Please notice the new logo on the first page of this newsletter. We have been asked to remove the deer, shooter, target, and bird since they were not in compliance with the proper use of the 4-H clover. We can continue to sue the old logo on any items in stock.

Patches
We are in the process of moving all 4-H shooting sports patches (brassards, rockers, and bars) to Purdue University’s Media Distribution Center (MDC) Patches will be available in packages of 10. Prices have not been determined but Extension Youth Educators will receive price information as soon as possible. County rockers will be available until supplies are depleted. Patches are no longer available from the State 4-H Office. Order information will be included in the next newsletter (hopefully in August).

Indiana 4-H Postal League registrations included 9 counties and 92 participants for a total of 110 courses of fire (79 for .22 rimfire and 31 for .177 air rifle). Eighteen participants have registered for both courses of fire. Many thanks to the Bartholomew County 4-H Shooting Sports Postal league committee for providing this opportunity to Indiana youth. It takes a lot of time and dedication to run this program. if you have any comments or suggestions that would help the committee in planning for next year’s competition please contact Willis Bahlsen (812/377-8173). We would really like to see more counties involved in this activity.

Correction: Thanks to Lalena Boyle, Marion County, for her article about the Youth Resource Team, featured in the Winter newsletter.

County Program News
Saturday June 28th
The sixth annual Randolph County Shooting Sports Extravaganza Fun Match will be held at the Farmland Conservation Club. All 4-H Shooting Sports participants are invited to attend. The event includes a round robin of Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol, and Hunting & Wildlife. Registration and check-in is from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the speaker, closing, evaluation, and awards beginning at 7 p.m. Coordinators should have received more information. Call Paul Bunner (765/584-0556), Dwight Shelton (765/468-7214), Keith Snyder (765/584-0556), or the Randolph County Extension Office (765/584-2271) for more information.

Saturday June 14th
The Fourth Annual Southern Indiana 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will be held in Dubois County.
***Q&A***

(From time to time I'll use this space to answer questions I have received that I think may be of general interest. NC)

Q: A youth got hurt on some playground equipment during our range practice. The insurance we get upon certification covers us, doesn't it?
A: No! The insurance you receive upon passing the certification training is liability insurance. You also need to carry accident insurance. Most (if not all) 4-H programs use American Income Life accident insurance for $1/youth. Please check with your Extension Youth Educator to make sure your meetings are covered under accident insurance. A misunderstanding could cause a major problem.

Q: Must youth enroll in a separate Shooting Sports club, or can they enroll in their regular township club and attend the shooting sports meetings without enrolling in that club?
A: It is not required that youth be in a separate club for shooting sports.

Q: Are 4-H members required to attend a certain number of meetings, or a special training meeting, before they shoot?
A: The State 4-H Office does not dictate these requirements. Each county must set up the rules that they deem necessary. The rules are guidelines for safety and, as such, should be reasonable and non-exclusionary, without being so demanding as to be exclusive (it is reasonable to require more time spent on safety for new members, whereas returning members may be required to attend a refresher class).

Q: Exhibition = Completion? That is can we require a youth to exhibit at the fair in order to complete their project?
A: No, exhibition is not the same as, or required for, completion. A 4-H member is considered complete when they have 1) completed an "official" 4-H club member enrollment form prior to the established and published date for enrolling, 2) turned in a completed 4-H project record sheet prior to the established and published date, and 3) had an officially recognized 4-H leader/extension educator verify existence of the completed project.

(Shotshell Action Demo) Jeremy Boyle (Marion County) used the following to show people how a shotshell is constructed: case - Dixie cup; primer - Hershey Kiss; powder - Cocoa Krispies; wad - Vanilla Wafer; shot - M&Ms; crimp - fold over the top edges of Dixie Cup. Use a medicine cap, or condiment cup, for the powder and shot measure. Thanks, Jeremy!

Shotshell Action Demo

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Note that the fall workshop is very early this year, and that extension educators are out of the office much of the summer working on county and state fairs. You can help by finding interested people, getting a registration form (page 38a of the 4-H Program Handbook), getting the educator signature, and mailing it in by August 15 ($20 late fee after that date). All workshops will be held at Ross Camp in Tippecanoe County. The cost is $145 for first time participants. First time participants must attend Friday night (about 7 p.m.) through Sunday, about 4 p.m. Returning participant cost is $135 and attendance is required Saturday morning (8 a.m.) through Sunday, about 4 p.m. Returning participants may arrive Friday night to avoid the early drive. Include an additional $10 with their registration fee and clearly indicate that they are returning and staying over Friday night. Thanks!
Coordinators, please note: This newsletter is being delivered to certified coordinators that are listed as county contacts and extension Youth Educators, only. Please share to share the information with your instructors. I hope that you find this newsletter useful. In the future I would like to have more information about what is going on around the state in 4-H Shooting Sports so please send me any information that you think others would be interested in.

Sincerely,

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Key to State Certification:
A – Archery
C – Coordinators
H&W – Hunting & Wildlife
M – Muzzleloading
P – Pistol
S - Shotgun

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