

September 2009

Dear Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program Participants,

You are invited to apply for participation in the 4-H National Shooting Sports Invitational which will be held in Texas June 29 – July 3, 2010. This letter is being given to all youth born in the years 1991-1994 that participated in the 2009 Minnesota 4-H State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational. Your age is important. You cannot have reached your 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1, 2010 according to the National 4-H ruling for national 4-H events. Please indicate on the enclosed survey if you are interested in attending and which discipline you would like to participate in. If you participated in more than one event at the 2009 MN State Shoot, please rank your choices. Four people and alternates will be selected from those interested in going in each discipline event. A \$350 non-refundable deposit will be required by January 31, 2010. This will be used to register the team and make reservations for motels and transportation. An additional \$150 will be needed two weeks before the trip. In addition, you will need a minimum of \$200 to \$300 to cover personal expenses such as food and incidentals.

It is required that all participants ride the bus to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. The bus will return to MN to the various locations. If you would like to return to Minnesota with family members, you are free to do so after the final awards ceremony.

All participants and coaches will be housed at the motel during the competition. There will be 4 people to a room, with two queen sized beds in each room.

The selection process for the teams for the National Invitational is as follows:

- 1) Senior level participants who have never attended the National Invitational in any event.
- 2) Senior level participants who have attended the National Invitational, but not in the event they have selected.
- 3) Intermediate level participants who have never attended the National Invitational in any event.
- 4) Scores in an event at State Shoot will only be considered if there are numerous 4-H members interested in the same discipline.

Anticipated Timeline:

- September: 4-H Shooting Sports members receive information about the National Invitational and must decide if they are interested in this opportunity
- October 10: 4-H Shooting Sports members must send in response indicating their interest and discipline
- November 15: 4-H Shooting Sports members will be notified of their team membership
- January 31: Members of the Minnesota delegation for the National Invitational will need to submit down payment for the upcoming trip

- March/April: Team members will be contacted by coaches with information related to their discipline
- May 1: Information will be sent to team members regarding schedule, bus transportation, etc.
- June 10: Final payment due for the National Invitational
- National Invitational: June 29 – July 3rd

As teams are selected, more information will be available regarding equipment needed for each discipline. (Don't decide not to go because you don't have the equipment. Most of the equipment that you need but don't have can probably be borrowed so you don't have to purchase them.) To learn more about the event or to look at what each discipline consists of, check the National web site for more details: [4-hshootingsports.org](http://4-hshootingsports.org)

An adult volunteer coach is needed for each discipline. They will be responsible for meeting with their team to ensure the team's readiness for the competition and going to the National Invitational with the team. Coaches are also responsible for a \$350 deposit and spending money. This is a major time commitment.

If you have any questions concerning the trip or coaching, please call me at 507-372-3908 or email me at [kharries@umn.edu](mailto:kharries@umn.edu) I look forward to hearing from you about this National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational opportunity.

Sincerely,

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