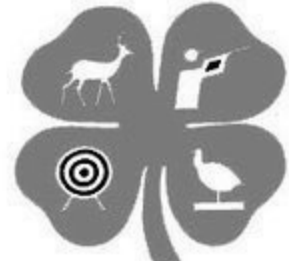


St. Tammany Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Handbook

2017 - 2018



St. Tammany Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Program



Introduction

The mission of the St. Tammany 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming positive attitudes so that they may become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is an activity for everyone – girls and boys, young and old, urban and rural. Participation in the program is not limited by skill or physical abilities. The 4-H Shooting Sports program is open to any 4-H youth between the ages of **10 - 19**.

The program is designed to:

- Teach youth the safe and responsible use and care of shooting equipment;
- Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior;
- Enhance self-confidence, decision making, character, personal development, and responsibility;
- Develop leadership and citizenship within 4-H parameters for youth and adults;
- Expand 4-H membership and involve more volunteer adult leaders;
- Strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities;
- Create an appreciation and understanding of natural resources;
- Complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter educational programs (Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries).

This program relies on state 4-H trained and certified instructors to conduct classes in the various disciplines of archery, air rifle, air pistol, .22 rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader and hunting/outdoor skills. The program requires 4-H certified instructors to adhere to the safety rules and regulations as dictated by the program to decrease the probability of accidents and injuries.

Principles

- The program is open to all 4-H members between the ages of 10 - 19.
- A registration fee will be charged to help cover the cost of insurance and supplies for the program.
- A parent or guardian will be required to accompany each participant at all shooting sports activities.
- All instructors in the program will be certified by the state committee to teach specific disciplines.
- A sponsored or scheduled 4-H shooting sport activity will be conducted by a 4-H certified instructor.
- A 4-H Shooting Sports instructor has the right to refuse any participant access to the Shooting Sports activity in the interest of safety for all.
- The competition aspect of this program is optional.

Discipline Opportunities

Parents and youth are asked to review each discipline as to the participant's responsibility for appropriate supplies and expenses before registering. Youths may participate in more than one discipline but are limited to three disciplines at competition. It is up to the participant to attend practice and pay for any additional expenses that may occur.

Shotgun

Equipment available for use
Clays (fee may be required at some ranges)
Shells (must be provided by student)
Ear & Eye Protection (must be provided by student)
Personal firearm (approved by instructor)
Hunter Education Card

Air Rifle and Smallbore Rifle

Equipment and Targets available for use
Eye and Ear Protection (must be provided by student)
Practice ammunition may be available for use
May utilize personal equipment (approved by instructor)
Hunter Education card

Archery

Equipment and targets available for use.
Eye Protection (must be provided by student)
May utilize personal equipment (approved by instructor)
Hunter Education Card

Event Opportunities

On a parish level, our goal is to set up regular practices, fun days, competitions and Hunter Education Certification classes. In order for us to meet our goals and have a successful program, we will need parents to volunteer at practices, special events, meetings, and competitions. We also strongly encourage those interested to become certified instructors in a discipline. Participants that have successfully completed the discipline requirements as described below may compete at the Regional and State events as outlined in the State handbook.

To be eligible for the Regional Match, the participant must have:

- successfully completed the Louisiana Hunter Safety Course (youth 10 years old or older)
- completed a minimum of 8 hours of training with a 4-H certified instructor in each discipline
- achieved the proper skill level for advancement

Participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and will be responsible for their own transportation and accommodations.

EBR and Ascension Invitational TBD

Not a qualifying match.

The Southern Regional Match in West Baton Rouge/Ascension Parish on March 6 – 11, 2018

Participants who qualify at the Regional Match (according to the State guidelines) will be eligible to compete at the State Match.

The State Match will be held in DeSoto Parish/Caddo Parish April 17 – 22, 2018

Participants who qualify at the State Match (according to the State guidelines) will be eligible to compete at the National Invitational Match.

The National Invitational Match will be held in Grand Island, Nebraska on June 23 – June 30, 2018

How Do I Become a Shooting Sports Member?

To be a member of the St Tammany Parish 4-H Shooting Sports program, the following is required:

1. **4-H membership** – Join 4-H by completing the Shooting Sports Registration form. A \$15 enrollment fee is required. This is an annual fee renewed every year. Students can enroll at school or they can enroll as a Member at Large at the 4-H office. Contact Ms. Olivia for more information.
2. **A \$25 Shooting Sports registration fee** – Complete the Shooting Sports Registration form and attach the \$25 enrollment fee payable to **STPSS** and return to Ms. Olivia Picard at the address below. This is an annual fee renewed every year.
3. **Parental Permission Form/Liability Waiver** – Complete this form and return to Ms. Olivia Picard.
4. **Attendance Requirement Form** – Complete this form and return to Ms. Olivia Picard.
5. **Louisiana 4H Health Form** - Complete this form and return to Ms. Olivia Picard.
6. **Code of Conduct Form** - Complete this form and return to Ms. Olivia Picard.
7. **Age Requirement** – 4-H Club members must be 9 years of age before January 1, must not have passed their 19th birthday on January 1, and must still be in high school. *Juniors* are classified as shooters between the ages of 10 – 13 as of January 1st. *Seniors* are classified as shooters between the ages of 14 – 19 as of January 1st.
8. **Training** –
 - a. Participants are required to complete 8 hours of 4-H Shooting Sports discipline training each year in each discipline in which they want to compete. A 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor will verify eligibility for competition on individual registration forms.
 - b. 4-H Members who have passed their 10th birthday on or before January 1st of 2018 **MUST** have completed a certified Hunter Education Course in order to compete at the regional or state level. This training is available through the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries at www.wlf.state.la.us/hunting/education. **All St. Tammany Parish 4-H Shooting Sports members that are of age must have their Hunter's Ed Certification BEFORE FEBRUARY 26, 2018.**
9. **Team Composition** - Teams are composed of 4 individuals in all disciplines except for BB Gun and Shotgun-Modified Trap (BB Gun teams shall consist of 5 team members and up to 2 alternates/Shotgun-Modified Trap shall consist of 5 team members).
10. **Event Participation** – All participants who have met the eligibility requirements for competition are encouraged to compete at the Regional match. Those who qualify at the Regional match will be eligible to participate at the State Match. State qualifiers will be eligible to compete at the National Invitational Match held in Grand Island, Nebraska.

It is the policy of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, or disability. If you have a disability which requires special assistance to participate in any aforementioned activity, please contact your parish 4-H Office.

Parental Permission Form



Waiver of Liability

Form must be completed before you can participate in any 4-H Shooting Sports Activities.

I, _____, (parent or legal guardian) of _____ (name of 4-H'er) grant permission for his/her participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program; and approve of the use of firearms, live ammunition, and/or archery equipment while participating under the supervision of a 4-H certified shooting sports leader. I understand that the shooting sports are potentially hazardous activities, and certain risks are involved with this activity. These potential hazards include gunshot or archery wounds and can result in paralysis, loss of vision, limb or life. I agree that participation in this activity is entirely voluntary and agree that I will not hold the 4-H project leaders, State 4-H staff, local extension staff or the LSU Ag Center liable for any accidents.

I also understand that safety procedures and practices will be strictly adhered to and that our child (guardian) may be immediately expelled, without recourse, from the program as a result of horseplay, inattentiveness, and inappropriate conduct, violation of safety rules or failure to follow the range officer's directions.

I will abide by all safety procedures with the possibility of being expelled from the program if I do not follow these procedures.

Signature of 4-H Member _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Contact Name and Number _____

**For more information visit our website:
www.stp4hshootingsports.com**



St. Tammany Parish Registration Deadline: November 17, 2017

Student's Name: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Grade: ____ School: _____

Circle One: Junior (10 – 13) Senior (14 – 19)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

LDWF Hunter Education Certificate Number: _____

Contact Number: _____ Contact Number: _____

Gender: Male or Female Race: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

4-H Member @ school? Yes No (if no please include a check of \$15 for 4-H dues)

Choose your discipline:

_____ Air Rifle _____ Archery _____ Shotgun _____ Smallbore.22 Rifle

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For Office Use Only:

4-H Fee \$15.00 (STP 4-H) CK# _____ Registration Fee \$25.00 (STPSS) CK# _____

Date: _____ Amount: _____

SS Registration Form _____ Code of Conduct _____ Permission/Liability Waiver _____

Health Form _____ Attendance Requirement Form _____

Hunter's Ed Certification Copy: YES NO



4-H Code of Conduct

The 4-H Code of Conduct applies to all activities coordinated through LSU Ag Cooperative Extension Service 4-H including local, district, state and national activities.

While attending 4-H activities and events, I will:

- Obey all rules established by the 4-H program, the local club/program and all local, state and federal laws.
- Conduct myself in a courteous manner and be respectful of the authority of adult volunteers, youth leaders, 4-H staff and others in leadership roles.
- Not use, accept or carry alcohol, drugs or tobacco, or associate with or remain in the presence of others using the substances.
- Know that the possession or use of firearms is prohibited, except when part of an approved shooting sports educational program.
- Respect all persons, facilities and vehicles. I will be responsible for any damage caused resulting from my behavior.
- Help others have a pleasant experience by making every attempt to include all participants in activities.
- Be in the assigned program area (for example: dorms, cabins, programs, etc.) at all times.
- Use appropriate language and dress appropriately for each event.
- Acknowledge that searches of personal property may take place when there is reasonable suspicion of violations of law or policies.

I have read the 4-H Code of Conduct and agree to live up to these expectations while participating in 4-H programs and events. I am aware that my actions and decisions affect others. I understand that my failure to act with good character could result in consequences, including dismissal from the event or program. I am willing to accept appropriate consequences of my actions.

Member Signature _____ Date _____

I have read the 4-H Code of Conduct and I support my child living up to the expectations it outlines. I also agree to live up to the expectations of the Code of Conduct while participating in 4-H programs and events. I will support the individual(s) in charge in maintaining appropriate behavior and in the development of good character. I understand that I am responsible for all costs incurred by early departure should my child be sent home and that I may be asked to forfeit all funds expended upon me and/or my child's behalf during the event.

Parent /Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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St Tammany Parish Attendance Requirements

1. Each student must have a parent or guardian present at each and every practice and event.
2. All students must attend a minimum of 8 hours of practice in each discipline before being eligible to compete in any Regional, State or National event.
3. All students are responsible for signing in and out at every practice they attend.
4. Parents or guardians are responsible for transportation to practices and events.

I have read and understand the St. Tammany Parish Shooting Sports Attendance Requirements.

Student's Name and Signature

Date

Parent's Name and Signature

Date

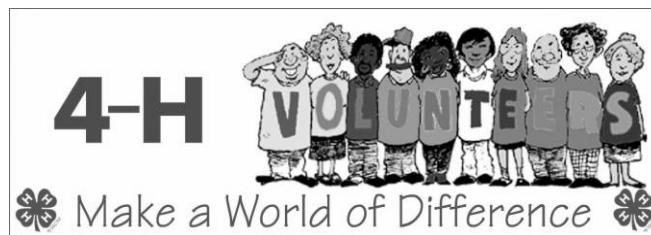


Photo and Survey Release

By signing below you understand that your child may be photographed or videotaped for promotional or educational purposes and that they may participate in and/or complete surveys and evaluation that will be used to determine 4-H program effectiveness or to promote the program. Participation in surveys and evaluation is voluntary and does not affect eligibility to participate in the 4-H program.

Parent Signature

Louisiana 4-H Permission/Health Form

Participant **MAY NOT** register without a completed and signed health form.

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St. Tammany Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Program

Name of Participant _____ Date of Birth _____

First M Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Parish _____

Parent/Guardian (for youth) Name: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Family Physician _____ Phone: Office _____

Health Insurance Company Name & Address: _____

Group No. _____ Policy No. _____ Name of Insured: _____

Emergency Contacts:

1) Name: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

2) Name: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Health History:

List all known drug allergies/allergies: _____

Is there past or present history of the following? Check all that apply.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Appendicitis	___	___	Joint/back or limb pain	___	___
Allergies/sinus problems	___	___	Arthritis or other conditions	___	___
Asthma/persistent cough	___	___	Kidney or liver disease	___	___
Bedwetting	___	___	Menstrual problems	___	___
Bleeding disorder	___	___	Nervous condition/depression	___	___
Convulsions/fainting	___	___	Nose problems	___	___
Diabetes/hypoglycemia	___	___	Physical Disability	___	___
Epilepsy/convulsion/fainting	___	___	Poison ivy/oak/sumac rash	___	___
Eye/ear problems	___	___	Recent surgery/injury	___	___
Frequent ear infections	___	___	Serious illness	___	___
Gall bladder problems	___	___	Serious injury	___	___
Heart defect/disease	___	___	Skin/gland problems	___	___
Hernia	___	___	Sleepwalking	___	___
Hypertension	___	___	Stomach/bowel problems	___	___
Hyperactivity/ADD/ADHD	___	___	Tuberculosis	___	___
Infectious disease	___	___	Ulcers (stomach/intestines)	___	___
Insect stings*	___	___	Urinary problems	___	___

*Localized redness/swelling do not constitute insect allergy. Body-wide rash, swelling, and difficulty breathing do constitute insect allergy (anaphylaxis).

Job Description - Level I Instructor

- Position Title:** Discipline Instructor (Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Hunting, Black Powder, and Pistol)
- Time Commitment:** Length of service is one year. Renewable. Three-year commitment preferred. Length, duration, and frequency of the program to be determined by each parish.
- Location:** Serve at the parish level.
- Type of Position:** Volunteer key leader; no direct salary.
- Supervision:** Shooting Sports parish coordination and Extension professional in charge of 4-H youth programs.
- General Purpose:** Be responsible for the overall teaching of knowledge and skills in a specific discipline to 4-H members, ages 10 – 19.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Stress shooting safety.
2. Coordinate activities with the Shooting Sports parish coordinator.
3. Coach members on proper shooting techniques.
4. Attend parish meetings and activities.
5. Recruit and train assistant instructors as needed.
6. Inform parish coordinator about and help secure needed equipment and facilities.
7. Recruit parents and members.
8. Participate in additional training programs the parish Shooting Sports Committee decides to include.
9. Help plan the yearly program.
10. Actively encourage and support members.
11. Encourage members to participate in other 4-H events and activities.
12. Submit monthly attendance reports to the parish coordinator.
13. Evaluate all assistant instructors annually and submit the results to the parish coordinator.
14. Promote environmental awareness by participants.

Qualifications Required:

1. Age 21 or older for all disciplines.
2. Ability to work with youth and adults.
3. Have an interest in shooting and some knowledge of shooting techniques.
4. State certification in specific discipline and re-certified as required.
5. Be Familiar with 4-H objectives and philosophy and/or willing to learn about them.
6. Moral standards consistent with the 4-H philosophy.

Support to be Provided:

1. Louisiana Shooting Sports instructor training workshop (12 hours minimum).
2. 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum handbook and discipline guides upon completion of the workshop.
3. Local volunteer training programs.

Instructor Interest Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: LA Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Circle which discipline(s) you are interested in obtaining certification:

BB Gun Archery Shotgun Smallbore Rifle .22 Muzzleloader Air Pistol Air Rifle

St. Tammany Parish Contacts

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Volunteer Instructors

(Head Instructors in bold)

Name	Discipline	Lvl	Phone	Email
Shotgun				
Afton, Will	Shotgun	1	985-875-2635	wafton@agcenter.lsu.edu
Favre, Sr. Ford	Shotgun	1	985-201-4658	favre1@charter.net
Flucke, Kyle	Shotgun	1	504-450-0884	stpshotgun@gmail.com
Hawkins, Mike	Shotgun	1	248-318-3859	hmichael73@aol.com
Mizell, Melinda	Shotgun	1	985-373-1966	mdm628@charter.net
Petras, George	Shotgun	2	985-707-4776	gpetras@charter.net
Rifle				
Busby, Bill	Rifle	1	985-515-1544	gvorja@msn.com
Mizell, Melinda	Rifle	1	985-373-1966	mdm628@charter.net
Cassady, John	Air Rifle	1	985-789-2760	john.cassady@stpsb.org
Cooper, Chris	Air Rifle	1	985-807-3616	chris.cooper@cleco.com
Petras, George	Rifle	2	985-707-4776	gpetras@charter.net
Varnado, Anthony	Air Rifle	1	985-705-1940	lsplavarnado@yahoo.com
Antwiler, Jeffrey	Air Rifle	1	504-616-1140	bantwiler@gmail.com
Archery				
Baudin, Simpson	Archery	1	985-373-2999	thebaudins@att.net
Baudin, Stacy	Archery	1	985-373-1092	stacielynn1995@yahoo.com
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