

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

July 25, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2024 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Coach's Certification Workshop (Open Statewide)

The next District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Coach's Certification training has been scheduled for **September 21-22, 2024** at the La Copa Ranch 5432 South US Highway 281 Encino, Texas. This event is open to any/all **registered and screened 4-H volunteers** (age 21 and older) wishing to become certified to lead a 4-H shooting sports program in one of the following four disciplines: **Rifle, Muzzle Loading, Pistol, Shotgun, or Archery.**

There are three **opportunities** for attending this training with specific registration fees for each. The attendee registration options include:

- **Coach (Adult)** – Adults age 21 and older will be candidates for Certified Coach. **\$150**
- **Coach's Assistant (Adult)** – Adults age 18-20 will be candidates for Coach's Assistant. **\$150**
- **Coach's Assistant (Youth)** – Youth age 14-18 will be candidates for Coach's Assistant. **\$150**
 - Must be accompanied by a sponsoring adult (age 21 & over) and meet one of the following:
 - Sponsoring adult must be previously certified in that discipline and pay a reduced fee. **\$75**
This adult *will not receive any type of certification.*
 - Sponsoring adult may be registered above as **Coach (Adult)** and pay the registration fee. **\$150.**
 - Both must be in the same discipline/certification group.

A significant and important portion of the training is what we refer to as the "Green Injection." National 4-H Shooting Sports has developed an online educational module to cover this **required** portion of the training and certification. Here is how this affects your certification.

- Must be taken before the in-person certification course (*before Sept 21st*).
- Pay separate fee to National 4-H Shooting Sports for the online training (\$20).

Volunteers can only receive certification in one discipline per workshop. Registration for this event will open on **4-HOnline** on **August 15th– September 15th**. Please keep in mind that while this is being hosted in and by District 12, **it is open statewide**. The registration fee of \$150 includes program costs, some meals, a shooting sports polo and materials. La Copa Ranch sleeps up to 21 people. After filled, other lodging arrangements will need to be made. There are hotels that within a 5-10 minutes of the training site. Hotels in the area will be sent soon with a group rate once we reach capacity.



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County Extension Agents wishing to attend the training can do so by registering on **4-H Online**. There is no registration fee for County Extension Agents and should be considered an excellent professional development opportunity. Lodging and travel will not be covered by this program.

The training will begin early on Saturday, September 21st and conclude late that evening with a continued agenda on the 22nd. Anyone wishing to receive certification must attend the entire workshop (beginning to end) and successfully complete a written examination to be considered for certification.

As a County Extension Agent, you should work closely with your 4-H volunteers to select those that can best support the 4-H Shooting Sports program in your county. County certification of registration is intended to prompt you to work with interested volunteers to develop strategies for their support of the local program prior to their attendance. Please take full advantage of the opportunity to work with them in advance, and clearly once they return from the training.

Online you can find a flyer that can be used to market this to your 4-H families. It has been posted on the District 12 4-H website. In addition, a direct email will be sent to all youth/adults in District 12 that have selected "Shooting Sports" as a project in the 2023-2024 program year. It is recommended that all counties convey the message to their families as well.

Please share this information with your 4-H members, parents, leaders, volunteers, and coaches. It is also posted on the District 12 4-H website (<http://d124-h.tamu.edu>).

Special Notice: If anyone attending this workshop should need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Grace Marshall (956-968-5581) or your local county Extension office by September 15th.

Sincerely,



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