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DEPARTMENT J - SHOOTING SPORTS

Boyd County 4-H Members -
4-H Members MUST be enrolled in BB gun, Archery and/or Air Rifle. To participate in competition at the Boyd County Fair in 4-H Archery, BB Gun, or Air Rifle you must attend at least 3 organized practices and belong to 4-H in Boyd County. In addition, you must have a Hunter Safety Certificate OR at least 3 years in the Boyd County BB Gun Competition to be enrolled in either 22 Rifle or Shotgun.

Dues are $10.00 per family/annually.

A parent or guardian MUST be present for the 4-H member to shoot at EVERY practice and at competition. If a parent or guardian is NOT present then that 4-H member CAN NOT shoot.

The Shooting Sports Record Book will continue from year to year so your record book will build as you advance in the 4-H Shooting Sports project. It is available on the web page and should be turned in to be judged when you come to the Boyd County Competition prior to shooting. You will be able to pick it up when 4-H exhibits are released in the 4-H Building on the last day of the Boyd County Fair.

Boyd County BB and Archery Competition will be held a few days prior to the Boyd County Fair at the Fairgrounds in Spencer. See newsletters and fair schedule for dates and times. Competition for BB and Archery includes shooting, written test and record book.

Rifle and Shotgun - Competition will not be held this year due to no shooting range. Rifle and Shotgun will be added when the use of a shooting range is acquired. The scoring for this competition will only be the shooting results that night. Those competing in Rifle and Shotgun only DO NOT NEED to turn in a record book nor will they take the written test.

Exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt or blouse or t-shirt with the official 4-H Chevron or Armband attached, blue jeans and hard sole shoes. Do not wear flip flops.

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions will be determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.
**Holt County Members -**
To participate in these competitions, a 4-H’er **MUST** have been enrolled in a Holt County Shooting Sports Club during the current year and **MUST** have attended at least 4 meetings of the club during the current year.

Prior to getting a Hunter Safety Card at the age of 12, the BB gun discipline is required before 4-H’ers are allowed to shoot all other gun disciplines. To compete in Muzzleloading, 4-H’ers **MUST** be in their third year or beyond as members of the Holt County Shooting Sports Program, and have consistently demonstrated to the leaders in charge that they are physically capable of properly and safely handling the firearm and are willing to comply with safety rules, or be 12 years old or older and hold a hunter safety card and be preapproved by a leaders’ committee.

Members will register on the morning of the shoot and will receive their shooting time of each discipline competition.

**Dress Code** - Any shooting sports club shirt or white shirt or white t-shirt with a 4-H emblem or 4-H chevron. No obscene shirts. No holey blue jeans. No shooting jackets. Persons not following dress code will be dropped one ribbon placing.

Age divisions will vary with different events. Please read carefully to assure entry in proper age division. All ages will be prior to January 1 of the current year.

BB Guns are defined as: Any spring gun or air powered gun that shoots BB’s. Must be smooth bore, weigh 6 pounds or under, will be shot at 5 meters (16' 4 3/4''). No scopes allowed.

Air Rifles are defined as the description in the national air rifle book. Scopes will not be allowed! The club’s air rifles will be available for use if desired on a first come basis. Targets will be shot at 10 meters (32'9'').

Members are encouraged to use their own firearms at the fair. BB Guns, Air Rifles, Air Pistols, 22’s, 20 Gauge Shotguns and Bow are available from the club if needed.

The following rules for firearms brought to the fair:
1. They meet the specific criteria mentioned in the definitions above. Re: BB Gun and Air Rifle.
2. All firearms must be clean and in good working condition.
3. A responsible adult must bring each firearm in a case or box straight from the vehicle to the range, checked in immediately, and following the competition, returned straight to the car.
4. Each firearm will be marked with the member’s name with tape on the stock.
5. Shooters are responsible for and must wear ear protection for .22 Rifle and Trap Shooting Competition. Safety glasses will be provided.

**SHOOTING TIMES AT THE FAIR GROUNDS:**
- Thursday - .22 Rifle, Trap and Black Powder start at 9:00 am, shooting alternating on the hour.
- Friday - BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol and Archery begin at 9:00 am, shooting alternating on the hour.

**CHECK-IN AT FAIRGROUNDS - DAY OF COMPETITION**
*Holt County Shooters or their parents need to check-in* at the Holt County Fairgrounds with the Shooting Sports Leaders to let them know that you are planning on shooting at the competition with a general idea of when you will be available. You will already be signed up for the county fair competition based on the projects that you have enrolled in. They will work around the other fair activities that you are involved in that day. Also let them know if you will not be competing.

**DEPARTMENT J - BB GUN**
BB Gun will shoot 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, 10 shots kneeling, 10 shots sitting (total of 40 shots)

**DIVISION 950 - BB GUN CLASSES**

*Boyd County* will have Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.

*Holt County* will have the age break classes listed below.

**J950900 - Holt County - BB Gun - 8 Year Old**

**J950901 - Holt County - BB Gun - 9 Year Old**
J950902 - Holt County - BB Gun - 10 Year Old
J950903 - Holt County - BB Gun - 11 Year Old
J950904 - Holt County - BB Gun - 12 and 13 Year Old
J950905 - Holt County - BB Gun - 14 and Over
J950906 - Boyd County - BB Gun - Junior Division
J950907 - Boyd County - BB Gun - Intermediate Division
J950908 - Boyd County - BB Gun - Senior Division

DEPARTMENT J - AIR RIFLE
Air Rifle will shoot 20 shots standing, 10 shots prone, 10 shots kneeling (Total of 40 shots).

Boyd County will have Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.

Holt County will have the age break classes listed below. An Overall Champion will also be awarded. The overall champion will not be eligible for class medals.

DIVISION 951 - AIR RIFLE CLASSES
J951900 - Holt County - Air Rifle - 9-10 Year Old
J951901 - Holt County - Air Rifle - 11-13 Year Old
J951902 - Holt County - Air Rifle - 14 and Over
J951906 - Boyd County - Air Rifle - Junior Division
J951907 - Boyd County - Air Rifle - Intermediate Division
J951908 - Boyd County - Air Rifle - Senior Division
DEPARTMENT J – ARCHERY

Boyd County will have Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions determined by ages prior to January 1 of the Current Year. The "age break" will be determined after pre-registration.

Holt County will have the age break classes listed below.
NOTE: Explanation of Archery classes.
- Freestyle Limited: Arrows must be drawn and released by hand. No limit on sights or stabilizers.
- Freestyle: Same as limited, but allows use of mechanical release.
- Barebow: Arrows drawn by hand - no sights on bow or string.

All archers will shoot 10 arrows at 3 positions (30 total).

3-D Competition will consist of fourteen (14) targets with one (1) Arrow shot at each target. The course will be shot once. Scoring will be: Vitals - 10, Kill - 8, and Wound - 5, from the following distance:
- Cubs and Youth - at a maximum of 30 yards.
- Young Adult - at a maximum of 45 yards.

All targets will be shot at unmarked distances. No range finders, telescopes, cameras, or binoculars are allowed on the range.

DIVISION 952 – ARCHERY CLASSES

J952900 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle - Cub - 8-11 Years Old

J952901 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle - Youth - 12-14 Years Old

J952902 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle - Young Adult - 15 and Over

J952903 - Holt County - Archery - Barebow - Cub - 8 - 11 Years Old

J952904 - Holt County - Archery - Barebow - Youth - 12-14 Years Old

J952905 - Holt County - Archery - Barebow - Young Adult - 15 and Over
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J952909 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle Limited - Cub - 8 - 11 Years Old

J952910 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle Limited - Youth - 12-14 Years Old

J952911 - Holt County - Archery - Freestyle Limited - Young Adult - 15 and Over

J952912 - Boyd County - Archery - Junior Division

J952913 - Boyd County - Archery - Intermediate Division

J952914 - Boyd County - Archery - Senior Division

DEPARTMENT Z - .22 RIFLE

.22 Rifle will shoot forty shots at metal silhouettes - four different animals at four different distances.

Shooter will be ranked by past shooting record into one of 4 classes. New shooters will be in the first level. A shooter must have shot above the set level twice to be moved up a class. The classes and their score levels are:

DIVISION 953 - .22 RIFLE CLASSES

J953900 - Holt County -.22 Rifle Class B 0-14

J953901 - Holt County -.22 Rifle Class A 15-20

J953902 - Holt County -.22 Rifle Class AA 21-27

J953903 - Holt County -.22 Rifle Class AAA 28-40

Four place medals will be given in each Class. An overall Champion and runner- up will also be awarded. The overall winners will not be eligible for class medals. Shooters may shoot a round with open sights and a round with scope and keep their best score of the two.
DEPARTMENT J - TRAP SHOOTING
Trap will shoot fifty shots. There will be two rounds of twenty-five with five per station. A ten shot shoot off will break ties.

DIVISION 954 - TRAP SHOOTING CLASSES
J954900 - Holt County - Trap Shooting - 9-11 Years Old
J954901 - Holt County - Trap Shooting - 12-13 Years Old
J954902 - Holt County - Trap Shooting - 14 - 15 Years Old
J954903 - Holt County - Trap Shooting - 16 and Over

DEPARTMENT J - AIR PISTOL
Air Pistol will have forty shots with five shots per target on eight targets. Junior and Intermediate ages can shoot with two hands. A coach is mandatory for the Beginners Age Class.

DIVISION 955 - AIR PISTOL CLASSES
J955900 - Holt County - Air Pistol - Beginner - 9 Years Old
J955901 - Holt County - Air Pistol - Junior - 10-11 Years Old
J955902 - Holt County - Air Pistol - Intermediate - 12-14 Years Old
J955903 - Holt County - Air Pistol - 15 and Over

DEPARTMENT J - MUZZLELOADING
Muzzleloading will shoot five scoring shots.

DIVISION 956 – MUZZLELOADING CLASSES
J956900 - Holt County - Muzzleloading - 10-13 Years Old
J956901 - Holt County - Muzzleloading - 14 and Over
DEPARTMENT J – SHOOTING SPORTS EXHIBITS

4-H Shooting Sports requires youth to be under the direct leadership of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader in either shotgun, rifle (bb gun), archery, pistol, blackpowder/muzzleloader, and/or hunting skills.

No firearms can be entered as an exhibit; however information can be shared through pictures.

The classes listed below are eligible for State Fair. They are listed under Department D - Environmental in the state fair regulation book so we are keeping their numbering system.

DIVISION D - 347 – STATE ELIGIBLE SHOOTING SPORTS EXHIBIT CLASSES

**D347001 - Shooting Aid or Accessory** – Any item which helps the shooter/hunter better perform their sport, examples: rifle sling, kneeling roll, arm guard, shotgun vest, target boxes, shooting stick, etc... Include your design, or plans you adapted and what the item is and used for.

**D347002 - Storage Case** – an item with the purpose to safely hold a firearm, bow, ammunition, and/or arrows, examples: soft sided shotgun case, quivers, firearm safe. Include your design, or plans you adapted. Explain how the storage case is used.

**D347003 - Practice Game or Activity** – invent or adapt an activity to practice or teach a project skill. Include pictures of youth playing the game, testimonials for 4-H members who played the game, what skill is being worked on, and directions for the game. Explain how you came up with the game or adapted it to fit the needs of your group members.

**D347004 - Science, Engineering, Technology Advancements of Shooting Sports Essay or Display** – Choose a specific area of shooting sports and share how it has advanced, include a timeline and photos or
illustrations. Keep your topic narrow and manageable. Essays are limited to 1000 words and should be on 8 ½ x 11 paper.

**D347005 - Healthy Lifestyles Plan** – Include a shooter’s diet and exercise plan, and how the 4-H member will benefit or improve from following the plan. Ideally, the 4-H member would follow the plan and include some journal entries about adaptations or improvements made while following the plan.

**D347006 - Citizenship/Leadership Project** – Share a display on a citizenship project or leadership project the 4-H member took on individually or with a group to improve some aspect related to 4-H Shooting Sports. Examples could be range development, conservation planting to attract wildlife, a camp, 4-H recruitment event. Include who benefitted from the project, what the 4-H member’s role was, and any results.

**D347008 - Career Development/College Essay, Interview or Display** – Research opportunities for careers related to this area or opportunities for college majors or college activities to help discover using project skills beyond a person’s 4-H career. Essays are limited to 1000 words and should be on 8 ½ x 11 paper. Interviews need to include a picture of the interviewee in their work setting, questions asked, and a transcript of answers.

**D347009 - Community Vitality Display** – Explore the difference shooting sports and hunting make in keeping Nebraska vibrant especially in rural areas. Present facts and research in an interesting way for the public to learn from.

**D347010 - Ag Literacy-Value Added Agriculture Interview or Research Project** – Explore how traditional ag producers are adding value to their production agriculture operations through conservation efforts, hunting, raising pheasants, shooting sports related tourism, etc. Present finding in an interesting way for the public to learn from.
DIVISION 957 – COUNTY ONLY SHOOTING SPORTS
EXHIBIT CLASSES

COUNTY ONLY EXHIBITS - GENERAL INFORMATION
A. NO FIREARMS may be exhibited. ALL SHARP ITEMS i.e. broadheads, knives, etc., must be enclosed in a Plexiglas display case. Display cases must be 12" w x 18" l x 4"d. and displayed so judges can open them to examine items. Items must be secured in the case.
B. All Shooting Sports projects must have a 5" x 8" note card securely attached describing: 1) The project and how it applies to Shooting Sports; 2) Experience gained in making the project; and 3) How the project will be used. Information should be neatly hand-written or typed on one side only of the card.
C. All exhibits should be self-explanatory and educational to viewers. Written explanations should be short and neat.
D. Name and address of exhibitor must be on the back of each exhibit. This should be permanently written on the project to identify the owner if entry card becomes lost.
E. Exhibits that are dangerous or improperly prepared will be refused entry.
F. Exhibitor MUST be enrolled in the specific project to exhibit in the corresponding specific project exhibit below.

J957900 - Archery Educational Display - Poster or display concerning Archery as part of the Shooting Sports project. Must be mounted on ¼" or 3/8" thick plywood, masonite, or similar panel, 24" x 24" (24" High x 22" Wide will be accepted). Display must be three-dimensional, NOT to exceed 2" from face of poster. Display may include safety, building or using equipment, or any aspect of Archery. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

J957901 - Archery Accessory - Any accessory such as quivers, targets, possible boxes, survival kits, etc. All items must be made by the exhibitor except for such items as a broadheads collection. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

J957902 - Archery Equipment - Includes all archery equipment which has been made by the exhibitor. NO BOWS are allowed due to safety and theft factors. Examples of acceptable items would be: arrows, hand-chipped flint arrow head, etc. Bows built by exhibitor may be shown in a photo story in this class. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.
**J957903 - Rifle/BB Gun/Air Rifle Education Display** - Poster or display concerning Rifle/BB Gun/Air Rifle as part of the Shooting Sports project. Must be mounted on 1/4" or 3/8" thick plywood, masonite, or similar panel 24" x 24" (24" high x 22" wide will be accepted). Display may be three-dimensional, NOT to exceed 2" from face of poster. Display may include safety building or using equipment, or any aspect of Rifle/BB Gun/Air Rifle. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957904 - Rifle Accessory** - Any accessory such as shooting mats, slings, targets, etc. that have been made by the exhibitor. All items must be safe to display. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957905 - Rifle Equipment** - Include all equipment made by the exhibitor NOT including rifles. Examples: stocks, gun racks, target stands, etc. (May not duplicate accessories). Custom firearms may be shown in a photo story in this class. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957906 - Shotgun Educational Display** - Poster or display concerning shotguns as part of the Shooting Sports project. Must be mounted on 1/4" or 3/8" thick plywood, masonite, or similar panel, 24" x 24" (24" high x 22" wide will be accepted). Display may be three-dimensional, NOT to exceed 2" from face of poster. Display may include safety, building, or using equipment, or any aspect of Rifle/BB Gun/Air Rifle. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957907 - Shotgun Accessory** - Any accessory such as trap vests, trap bags, etc. NO FIREARMS MAY BE DISPLAYED. All items must be safe to display. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957908 - Shotgun Equipment** - Any equipment made by the exhibitor such as custom stock, etc. NO FIREARMS MAY BE DISPLAYED. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957909 - Muzzleloading Educational Display** - Poster or display concerning muzzleloading as part of the Shoot Sports project. Must be mounted on 1/4" or 3/8" thick plywood, masonite, or similar pane. 24" x 24" (24" high x 22" wide will be accepted). Display may be three-dimensional, NOT to exceed 2" from face of poster. Display may include safety, building or using equipment, or any aspect of muzzleloading. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957910 - Muzzleloading Accessories** - Any accessory such as: possible bag, clothing, pouch, powder horn, etc. All items must be safe to display. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.
**J957911 - Muzzleloading Equipment** - Includes all equipment made by the exhibitor. NO FIREARMS MAY BE DISPLAYED. Custom-made muzzleloaders may be shown in a photo story in this class. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957912 - Pistol Educational Display** - Poster or display concerning pistol as part of the Shooting Sports project. Must be mounted on ¼" or 3/8" thick plywood, masonite, or similar panel 24" x 24" (24" high x 22" wide will be accepted). Display may be three-dimensional, NOT to exceed 2" from face of poster. Display may include safety, building, or using equipment, or any aspect of pistol. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957913 - Pistol Accessory** - Any accessory such as: holster, belt, shell holder, etc. that has been made by the exhibitor. All items must be safe to display. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957914 - Pistol Equipment** - Includes all equipment made by the exhibitor. Examples: pistol-grip, custom sights, etc. NO FIREARMS MAY BE DISPLAYED. Pistols which are custom-made or refinished by exhibitor may be shown in a photo story in this class. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957915 - Wildlife Educational Display** - Poster or display concerning Wildlife and/or Hunting Lore as part of the Shooting Sports project. Must be mounted on ¼" or 3/8" thick plywood, masonite, or similar panel 24" x 24" (24" high x 22" wide will be accepted). Display may be three-dimensional, NOT to exceed 2" from face of poster. Display may include safety, habitat, species characteristics, or any aspect of wildlife. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.

**J957916 - Wildlife Accessory** - Accessories could be: wildlife habitat maps, nesting boxes, waterers, etc. All items must be made by exhibitor. All items must be safe to display. Added Entry - County Only Exhibit.