

## 2014 Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza—April 26, 2014

This is a beginner's match and a teaching event only. Rules are adjusted to accommodate this being a beginner's match. These rules are for Extravaganza only. Rules for any other match do not apply at this event.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza will take place at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood (<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>). This is an event for beginner shooters to learn the processes of shooting competitively. Basic knowledge of firearm safety, range safety, event rules, and event format is required. No previous competitive participation is required. The emphasis is on exploring new shooting activities and having fun. Participants are encouraged to register for events that they have never shot competitively. Space and time limit the event to a maximum of 400 participants. Because this is a teaching event, no awards will be given. Scores will be kept and tabulated, and posted for review and recognition of placing.

This is not intended to be a match for our top level shooters, but an introduction to competitive shooting for beginners. Advanced shooters are encouraged to participate as coaches or mentors for younger, less experienced shooters.

**NEW!** Subscribe to receive text message updates/reminders about this event by texting the subscription code: @4hssextrav to: (409)804-3344. See the blog (<http://tx4hnaturalresources.blogspot.com>) for more information.

Following the close of events, a Target Scoring workshop will be held for any interested coaches, adults, and youth, and an organized social activity will be available for youth.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Any enrolled 4-H member who is active in a 4-H Shooting Sports project under the direct supervision of a 4-H Shooting Sports Coach certified in the applicable discipline(s) (Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun) is eligible to participate in this event (with County/Club approval).

### PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS:

It is very important that all shooters understand the basic firearm skills, range procedures, and rules in each discipline/event in which they will shoot. Introduction to firearm safety, range safety, event rules, and event format by a local coach prior to the event is mandatory for all shooters. Synopses for each event are listed at the end of this document and complete rules are posted on the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports web page (<http://texas4h.tamu.edu/shootingsports>).

### AGE CLASSES:

Three age classes will be recognized with all ages determined as of August 31 of the current 4-H year.

Junior: 9 (or 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)-10 years of age, Intermediate: 11-13 years of age, Senior: 14-18 years of age

### 2014 EXTRAVAGANZA APPAREL PURCHASE:

**NEW!** On-site shirt sales only! Lonestar Event Apparel will be offering 2014 Extravaganza shirts and other items in a variety of customizable styles and colors for purchase on-site. No pre-orders.

### DRESS CODE:

Standard 4-H Dress Code applies to everyone in attendance (participants, spectators, etc.) and includes the following for all shooters on all ranges:

- Closed toed shoes or boots required.
- Shirts with some type of sleeve. No sleeveless shirts.
- Full length pants required.
- No clothing with logos of any kind displaying profanity and/or products or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or sexually explicit content.
- No clothing that exposes midriff, bare chest, undergarments, or which are transparent.

## LODGING & MEALS:

Lodging and meal accommodations are available at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. All meals and lodging must be reserved and paid for by an adult prior to Extravaganza via the separate "2014 Shooting Sports Extravaganza Meals & Lodging Reservations" event in 4-H Connect open March 6-April 3, 2014. This registration will only be available/visible to enrolled Adult Volunteer Leaders. Questions specifically regarding lodging and meals should be directed to the 4-H Center at 325.784.5482, [texas4-hcenter@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:texas4-hcenter@ag.tamu.edu). Questions regarding the meals and lodging reservation process may be directed to the 4-H Natural Resources Program office: [tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu](mailto:tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu)

- Meal Service for Day Participants on Saturday, April 26, 2014, only:  
Breakfast = \$8.50, Lunch = \$10.25, Dinner = \$11.75
- Weekend Package (Price Per Person) for Participants:  
Friday night arrival after 5:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday nights lodging, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast.  
Dorm\*: \$ 100.00, Leadership Lodge single occ. \$130.00, Leadership Lodge double occ. \$215.00
- Saturday-Sunday Package (Price Per Person) for Participants:  
Saturday arrival after 8:00 a.m., Saturday night lodging, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast.  
Dorm\*: \$ 65.00, Leadership Lodge single occ. \$ 80.00, Leadership Lodge double occ. \$125.00

\*Dorm lodging will be assigned by gender. Youth staying in dorms must be accompanied by adult chaperones (Minimum 1 adult/8 youth of the same gender and minimum 2 adults per dorm unit. County groups may be combined to achieve 2 adults per dorm unit) with the following minimum qualifications:

1. "Active" status as a 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader via 4-H Connect including required background screening.
2. Completed Child Protection Course online (Or previous completion in-person with proper documentation. NO in-person course will be available on-site for this event.). The online course is located on 4-H Connect on each individual adult profile by choosing the 'Trainings' tab at the top. Click the 'Available Trainings' button then the 'Sign Up' button of the Child Protection Training course.

Note: Leadership Lodge rooms will have very limited first-come first-served availability.

## REGISTRATION:

**There will be no late registration and no on-site registration available at the event.**

<b>Registration is to be completed by individual participants.</b>  <b>Regular Registration - \$20/participant (March 6-April 3)</b>  <b>TO REGISTER: Log on to 4-H Connect</b> <a href="http://texas.4honline.com">http://texas.4honline.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter participant's parent, coach, and county agent information</li><li>• Select participant's choices for disciplines (2 maximum) and 2 alternates</li><li>• Add names of any other participant sharing a firearm with this participant per event choice (this aids in the squadding process)</li><li>• Read 'Refund Policy' and check box for verification</li><li>• Submit</li><li>• Download Forms to be taken to the event completed and signed. Do NOT mail. Bring with you to event check-in. Forms also available on the website.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Waiver-required of all persons, including adults/spectators, who will be at the event</li><li>○ Pistol Permission Card-required of pistol shooters only</li></ul></li><li>• Optional: Subscribe to receive text message updates/reminders about this event by texting the subscription code: <i>@4hssextrav</i> to: <i>(409)804-3344</i></li></ul>
<b>Registration moves to County Level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County Extension Office Approves/Denies registration</li><li>• Changes can still be made to registration by contacting your county Extension office</li></ul>
<b>Registration moves to State Level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After the registration closing date (4/3/2014), Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program approves registrations. Registrations will remain as "pending" until this time</li><li>• After this approval, <u>changes cannot be made</u> and your method of payment will be charged. There is NO late or on-site registration for this event.</li></ul>
<b>Day of match</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bring completed and signed forms to contest site (downloaded and printed from 4-H Connect or website). <b>These forms are REQUIRED for all registrants, coaches, and spectators. DO NOT MAIL - BRING WITH YOU ON APRIL 26.</b></li><li>• HAVE FUN!</li><li>• Following the close of events, a Target Scoring workshop will be held for any interested coaches, adults, and youth, and an organized social activity will be available for youth.</li></ul>

**MATCHES OFFERED:**

Extravaganza event rules and match synopses are at the end of this document. Please make sure you read them. The rules for the State Games or any other 4-H shooting event do not apply at Extravaganza. Eighteen matches are featured:

- Air Pistol
- Air Pistol Silhouette
- BB Gun (4 position)
- Running Target (air rifle)
- Sporter Air Rifle
- Precision Air Rifle (standing)
- Air Rifle Silhouette
- Light Rifle
- 3-Position Smallbore Rifle
- Smallbore Rifle Silhouette
- Compound Basic Archery
- Recurve Basic Archery
- Compound 3-D Archery
- Recurve 3-D Archery
- Shotgun Trap
- Shotgun Skeet
- Shotgun Sporting Clays
- Hunting and Wildlife Medley

**SQUADDING:** Squadding will be completed following the close of registration.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Participants in shotgun events may only participate in two shotgun events due to the distance between the shotgun range and the other discipline ranges. Shotgun squads are made at the range.
- Silhouette events are not completely squadded and may require either a shooter's entire morning or entire afternoon at a remote site away from the 4-H Center. Final squads for these events are made on the silhouette range and will be announced there.
- At event check-in, each shooter will be given a squad card indicating their events and scheduled squad times. Unless actively engaged in another squadded event, shooters should report to the appropriate location approximately 30 to 45 minutes prior to their scheduled time. Conflicts should be cleared with event coordinators. Shooters missing their appointed shooting times may be rotated to the end of the shooting day if time permits and the shoot coordinator approves the rotation. Permission to make up a missed event is not guaranteed.

**CHALLENGES:**

This is a great learning experience for shooters, parents, and new coaches. This is part of the process for scored targets at every shooting event. Shooters may view targets for one hour as soon as they become available. For this event, all shooters may have one adult/coach/experienced 4-H shooter with them while viewing. A target may be challenged if the shooter feels that it has been scored incorrectly. Fee to challenge is \$1.00. The fee is returned to the shooter if a change is made by their challenge.

**PROTESTS:**

Shooters only may file a protest for any injustice, violation of the rules, or other circumstance that may have results in placing them at a disadvantage relative to other shooters. Such conditions must be reported to the range officer or field referee immediately. If satisfaction is not obtained, the situation should be reported immediately to the event manager. The shooter only has the right to file a written protest with a \$20 protest fee within 1 hour of time their squad has finished. The jury will investigate and reach final resolution of the matter as soon as possible. The jury is made up of Craig Sullivan, Roy Green, and Larry Hysmith.

**AWARDS:**

No awards will be given. Results will be posted by discipline when scoring and tabulation is completed. All participants will receive a 2014 Extravaganza patch.

**FAN INTERFERENCE:**

Disruption by parents, coaches or other individuals will not be permitted. Sanctions ranging from a warning to ejection from the grounds or disqualification will be imposed for interference with the operation of the match or disruption of the events on a firing line or field.

**CHECK-IN:**

Friday: On-site check-in will be available Friday evening (6:00-9:00 p.m.). Only one coach or leader responsible for the county/club may check-in. If county is split into separate clubs or projects, please make arrangements to pick up packets separately by emailing Beverly Sullivan at [sullivan@centex.net](mailto:sullivan@centex.net).

Saturday: Those arriving on Saturday morning must plan on arriving by 7:00 AM in order to clear check-in and get their packets prior to the 8:00 a.m. orientation. Only one coach or leader responsible for the county/club may check-in, or make prior arrangements for separate packets at the e-mail address above.

### **ORIENTATION:**

Orientation will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and is mandatory for everyone.

### **PERSONAL GEAR:**

In general shooters provide their own firearms, ammunition and archery equipment as well as personal eye and ear protection.

- A limited number of air rifles, air pistols, smallbore rifles, and shotguns may be available for those who wish to try these events but do not have personal equipment. These will be very limited and availability is not guaranteed.
- Equipment will be provided on the Running Target range.
- Only .177 caliber may be used in air rifle and air pistol events.
- Sharing equipment poses problems for some events, as a result no more than two (2) shooters may share a rifle or pistol and their need to share equipment MUST be noted on the participant registration form. Two shooters CANNOT share a .22 rifle in both silhouette and either 3-position or light rifle. The silhouette range is off-site, so the rifles will not be available to on-site shooters. Follow the registration instructions to designate the shooters and the equipment that will be shared. Give each rifle or pistol being shared a number, (e.g. #1, #2, etc.), to identify the shooters sharing it. THIS CANNOT BE DONE ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT!
- Adding shooters after squadding has been completed is not possible.
- It is recommended that equipment be stored in a locked vehicle. There are no secure facilities at the 4-H Center.

### **GENERAL SAFETY RULES:**

The highest standards of safety must be maintained at all times. To help us in achieving that end, the following rules apply:

1. All firearms must have an action open indicator (open bolt indicator, empty chamber indicator, etc.) in the action at all times when not on the firing line. Either commercial or handmade indicators may be used.
2. Rifles with multiple cartridge magazines must be loaded with only the appropriate number according to the event being shot, no more:
  - 3 Position Smallbore Rifle – must load a single cartridge at a time
  - Light Rifle – may load to bull (target) requirements (4 at a time, then reload)
  - Smallbore Rifle Silhouettes – may load to one bank of animals (5 at a time, then reload)
3. No pre-loaded magazines allowed. Shooter must load after range officer instructs to do so on the firing line.
4. Ammunition must be carried separate from the firearm case. No ammunition of any type should be kept in the firearm case.
5. No hollow-point or sidewinder ammunition is permitted.
6. Users of semi-automatic firearms are responsible for keeping ejected brass from interfering with others.
7. No practice or off-range shooting is permitted using any equipment in any location on the day of the event.
8. Firearms, ammunition and archery equipment is to be kept under direct adult supervision at all times.
9. Firearms, archery equipment and ammunition are not permitted in the dorms.
10. Adequate eye and ear protection is required for all persons on or in the immediate vicinity of the firing line for all shooting events during live firing. This includes spectators who are close to the firing line.  
Exceptions:
  - Ear protection is not required in the air rifle and air pistol events.
  - Neither eye nor ear protection is required in the archery events, but the use of protective eye wear is strongly encouraged.
11. Event coordinators and range staff are in absolute control of their respective ranges. Their commands must be obeyed immediately and completely.
12. The use of reloaded ammunition must be approved in advance of use. Reloaded ammunition for any event must be accompanied by the appropriate documentation. Please see the "[Reloading Rules](#)" on the

- 4-H Shooting Sports [website](#) for details. The shooter of reloaded ammunition assumes all responsibility of any incident involving that ammunition including the damage of property and injury to persons involved.
13. All equipment must be cased when brought to the firing line. One case per firearm.
  14. All rifle and pistol cases must be marked on the exterior with 'M' for the muzzle end.
  15. No double-tapping of any firearm on any range.

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project does not allow any games that involve shooting at another individual or at humanoid targets. For this reason, water balloon launchers, water guns, air soft guns, paintball guns, marshmallow guns or similar items are not permitted on the grounds. If they are seen at this event, they will be confiscated.

#### **VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE NEEDED:**

As in the past, some help will be needed on ranges, in the scoring area, in the target review area, and as couriers during the day Saturday. Some assistance may be needed with particular venues for added safety reasons. Your willingness to help as needed is appreciated.

If you are willing to help, please contact Beverly Sullivan ([Sullivan@centex.net](mailto:Sullivan@centex.net)) to help us locate you early. At least one volunteer from each county will be helpful when time is available. Teens are encouraged to assist as well.

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza. We expect it to continue in the traditions of the earlier ones, bringing fun, fellowship and new ideas to shooting sports youth, parents and leaders. Come and join us in making this event special! We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Event Synopses**

Event synopses including course of fire are under final revision and will be added to this document and available on the 4-H Shooting Sports website: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports> in the Extravaganza section.

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