October 29, 2013

The District 2 4-H Program is pleased to announce an opportunity for county 4-H programs to have volunteers certified as coaches in shotgun, archery or pistol. The training and certification will be conducted on December 7th and 8th at the District 2 Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Lubbock, Texas. A map is attached. The training will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 7th, and conclude on Sunday at noon.

Registration is will open on Monday, November 11th and will close on Monday, December 2nd. All participants must be certified 4-H volunteers (with current background screenings) to register.

This is a short turnaround for registration, so please pass along the information to any potential volunteers ASAP. We will have a North Region 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders training in Lubbock on March 29th-30th. However, this December training will be a good opportunity to get some volunteers trained and be able to utilize them during the practice season of shooting sports.

Listed below are the categories individuals can register for:

1) **Coach** - If the individual will lead the program, or have direct supervision of youth they should register for this category. A coach must be 21 or older. Cost is $100 and one meal will be provided. The participant must register on 4-H Connect, and be a screened volunteer.

2) **Assistant Coach** - If the individual is between the ages of 14-20, they can assist a certified coach. Cost is $100 and one meal will be provided. They must also register on 4-H Connect, and be a screened volunteer. If under 18 years of age, the individual must be accompanied to the training by a certified coach or parent.

3) **Certified Coach** - coaches who are already certified can attend at no charge if they are accompanying an assistant or teen coach. One meal will be provided. These individuals should email amhart@ag.tamu.edu to confirm their attendance. **Registration on 4-H Connect is not required.**

4) **Extension Personnel** - All extension personnel are welcome to attend at no charge. One meal will be provided. Extension personnel should email amhart@ag.tamu.edu to confirm their attendance. Registration on 4-H Connect is not required. A complete agenda will be sent to those who register. If you have questions, let me know. This training will be offered statewide. Classes will consist of 20 participants per discipline. Registration will be on a first come/first served basis.

**Let’s go, Let’s grow!**

Andy Hart
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4-H & Youth Development
Agenda

December 7th (Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, District 2 - Lubbock)

8:30 am  Arrive and Register
9:00 am  Objectives and Overview
9:00 am  Instructing and Working with Youth
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Break into specific disciplines
12:00 pm Lunch on your own
1:00 pm  Shooting Range and Discipline Trainings
6:00 pm  Supper / Green Injection - Andy Hart
7:30 pm  Discipline Trainings

December 8th

8:00 am  Breakfast on your own
8:30 am  Continue Discipline Trainings at the District 2 Extension Office and Testing
12:00 pm  Depart for home

Lodging is on your own at this training. Various lodging options are available in Lubbock.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE TRAINING:

- 3-Ring Binder (2” or larger recommended)
- Writing materials and extra paper for notes
- Highlighters if you use them to stress points
- Eye protection (shooting glasses or goggles) – recommended for archery, mandatory for all other disciplines
- Ear protection (plugs or muffs) mandatory for shotgun and pistol disciplines
- Comfortable outdoor clothing, including a cap or hat suitable for the prevailing weather and be prepared for cold weather
- Sunscreen
- Range chair if desired
- Open mind ready to learn and share

SHOTGUN DISCIPLINE PARTICIPANTS:

- 20 or 12 gauge shotgun, any action type
- Ammunition pouch or vest
- Bring 4 boxes of ammunition

ARCHERY DISCIPLINE PARTICIPANTS:

- All shooting equipment will be provided at the training
- Personal bows may be taken and used

PISTOL DISCIPLINE PARTICIPANTS:

- All shooting equipment will be provided at the training
- Ammunition will be provided
Map to the District 2 Texas A&M
AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock

The District 2 Office is located at 1102 E FM 1294.

From I-27, take Exit 11 (Shallowater Exit), turn east and go about ½ mile, we are the first building on the right.