**VA 4-H Shooting Education Instructor Certification Weekend**

**Fact Sheet**

(April 15-16, 2023, at Holiday Lake 4-H Center)

**General Information**

The Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Training Team offers instructor certification for adults and experienced teens ages 16 and older. Teens will not be accepted in a full class that will preclude attendance of an adult. **First-time participants are required to complete on-line training by Tuesday, April 11.** First-time participants who completed the online course in 2022 do not need to repeat the course.

*The Training Team reserves the right to withhold certification. Participants will have an opportunity to demonstrate their teaching skills through a practicum and measure their knowledge through a written test.*

**Positive Youth Development** is the #1 goal of the 4-H Shooting Education Program!

**Date and Location**

Saturday through Sunday, April 15-16, 2023, at Holiday Lake 4-H Center located near Appomattox,

Virginia.

**Certification Options**

The disciplines offered include: 1) Archery; 2) Coordinator; 3) Hunting; 4) Pistol; 5) Rifle; 6) Muzzleloader; 7) Basic Shotgun; 8) Advanced Shotgun (either skeet or sporting clays)

**Cost**

Some units (counties/cities/clubs) may offer scholarships. Check with your local 4-H office.

* Advanced Shotgun (skeet or Sporting Clays with lodging with meals $260
* Advanced Shotgun (skeet or Sporting Clays without lodging with meals $240
* Basic Shotgun or muzzleloader with lodging with meals $245
* Basic Shotgun or muzzleloader without lodging with meals $225
* All other courses with lodging with meals $220
* All other courses without lodging with meals $200

**Things to Bring**

All participants need to bring comfortable, casual indoor and outdoor clothing and shoes plus their own eye and ear protection. This event will be held rain or shine; hot or cold! Everyone needs to bring their own sleeping gear, towels, and toiletries. You may want to purchase a variety of shirts, jackets, fleeces, hats, etc. with the VA Shooting Education Instructor logo. **Bring cash or checks only – no credit cards.**

Equipment and ammunition will be provided for all disciplines. Participants are welcome to bring their own archery equipment, muzzleloading rifles capable of shooting patched balls, air pistols, smallbore pistols, and shotguns. Do not bring rifles. Coordinator candidates should bring a laptop or tablet. For advanced shotgun, bring your own shotgun and one case of shotshells.

**Application Deadline – Thursday, March 30, 2023**

The Training Team reserves the right to limit class size in order to provide adequate instruction.

Applications will be accepted based on qualifications and credentials of applicants and needs of

local shooting clubs/programs.

**Lodging –** Lodging is available on the 4H Center in heated bunkhouses and unheated cabins. Lodging is also available at the Appomattox Inn and Suites, and numerous motels in Farmville.

**COVID-19** (In case of State Restrictions)

Due to the virus minimization policies, we may be limiting class size, reducing the number of people we can accommodate in lodging, and other preventative measures. If we do have to limit the number of people we accept and who gets on-camp lodging, those decisions will be made with "earliest registered" playing an important role among many factors. Lodging is also available at the Appomattox Inn and Suites, and numerous motels in Farmville.

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**Tentative Schedule**

Friday

3:00 to 6:00 Range set-up for anyone who wants to come early and help

5:00 to 6:00 Friday check-in session 1 for people spending Friday night – No Dinner served!

8:30 to 10:00 Friday check-in session 2 for people spending Friday night

Saturday

6:30 to 7:00 Check-in

7:00 to 8:00 Breakfast

8:00 to 12:00 Discipline Instruction

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch. First-timers will sit together in a designated location and have a 30-minute session on Virginia-unique policies, procedures, and other important topics

1:00 to 6:30 Discipline Instruction

6:30 to 7:30 Dinner. First-timers will sit together in a designated location and have a 30-minute session on Virginia-unique policies, procedures, and other important topics

7:30 to 9:00 Discipline Instruction

9:00 to 10:00 Instructor Store. A variety of shirts, jackets, fleeces, hats, etc. with VA Shooting Education Instructor logo. Bring cash or checks only – no credit cards.

Sunday

7:00 to 8:00 Breakfast

8:00 to 9:00 Practicum preparation

9:00 to 10:00 Practicum

11:00 to 12:00 Post-Practicum discussions and range tear-down

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch. First-timers will sit together in a designated location and have a 30-minute session on Virginia-unique policies, procedures, and other important topics

1:00 to 3:00 Written test, Code of Ethics, Course Critique, and discussion of missed questions

3:30 to 4:00 Graduation

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Holiday Lake 4-H Center at (434) 248-6640 (TDD 800-828-1120) during the business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM by the deadline.