

# *Fall 2009 Shooting Sports Newsletter*

## *“Its About the Kids”*

Camp-Younts Foundation supports North Carolina 4-H Target Shooting Sports

The North Carolina 4-H Target Shooting Sports program continues to grow in the number of youth and volunteers involved, and in the breadth of activities undertaken. Throughout the past decade, one of our most stalwart supporters has been the Camp-Younts Foundation. Through our relationship with trustee, Hal Atkinson, Jr., the North Carolina 4-H Target Shooting Sports program has received over \$100,000 since the year 2000. These funds have supported firearms safety training and certification for youth and adult volunteers, youth participation in state and national tournaments, and infrastructure to support target-shooting sports. Without the support of good friends like Mr. Atkinson, the Camp-Younts Foundation, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, NRA, Wild Turkey Federation, and countless dedicated volunteers we would not have the excellent facilities and opportunities available to our youth.

During the past year, Camp-Younts Foundation support has provided a portable air-gun range so we can extend target-shooting sports to 4-H Camps that do not have a permanent shooting range. We have also run electric lines to the shooting sports range at the Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Conference Center, and continue to upgrade the facilities at Millstone 4-H Camp.

North Carolina 4-H Target Shooting Sports thanks the Camp-Younts Foundation and Mr. Hal Atkinson for their ongoing support of our programs.



New lighting at the Eastern 4-H Center

## Spring Workshop

The spring workshop for 2009 was held at the Sertoma 4-H Camp in Stokes County. This was the first workshop held at Sertoma and everyone had a great time. Approximately 55 adult volunteers took part in the training. Our new Crossman portable air rifle shooting gallery was a big hit with everyone. Training was offered in muzzleloading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, and archery. See pictures this page.



New Crossman Portable Range



Shotgun training at Sertoma



Muzzleloading at the workshop

## Shooting Sports Tournament

The fourth annual North Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is scheduled for October 10 at Millstone 4-H Camp. We expect to surpass last year's attendance of 210. So come out and enjoy the friendly competition. As in the past, the tournament will include competition in shotgun, small-bore rifle, archery, air pistol, air rifle, and muzzleloading.

For more information about this year tournament visit the shooting sports page at [www.millstone4hcamp.org](http://www.millstone4hcamp.org)



Rifle at last year's state tournament

## National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

NC 4-H Shooting Sports was well represented at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament in Nebraska with a small bore rifle and shotgun team. The small-bore rifle team members are Ashton Lambert, Josh Cannon, Phillip Everett, and Martha Hall. Michael Bower coaches the team. The shotgun team consisted of Brock Kirkus, Ross Gibson, and Blaine Rockwell, and is coached by Terry Kirkus.



North Carolina's national team

Michael Bower, one of the coaches attending the National 4-H Invitational with the team wrote about the rifle team: They did very well and we should all be proud of their efforts. As a team they placed 12<sup>th</sup> overall. In cmp the team took 8th place and 12th place in NRA 3p competition. The rifle team placed 15th in silhouette. As an individual Martha Hall placed 10th in NRA 3p and 15th overall. She will be shooting on the N.C. State University rifle team in 2009-2010.

Mr. Bower's comments about the shotgun team: They did very well and we should all be proud of their efforts as a team as well. They placed 15th in sporting clays, and 12th in trap.

This is only our second year at the national invitational and these young people have

represented our state very well. The level of competition is very high as with any national shoot such as Jr Olympics. So we should recognize their efforts as such. They represented N.C. 4-H in the highest light in their conduct and sportsmanship and as ambassadors of our 4-h program.

**SO BE PROUD OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE**

Mike Bower, (famous in my own mind)

Congratulations to the teams, coaches, parents, and supporters who made this trip possible for NC 4-H'ers. The experiences and new relationships are priceless.

