

Hello everyone,

We have set the venue and the date for the Fall 4-H Target Shooting Sports Workshop, **October 23-25, 2009 at the Eastern 4-H Center**

Since the fall of 2002 we have trained over 400 adult volunteers to work with our youth in 4-H Target Shooting Sports Programs. These volunteers and professionals have been trained by participants who have completed a week long training workshop and are now nationally certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors. The Spring 2009 North Carolina 4-H Target Shooting Sports Workshop will be held **October 23-25, 2009 at the Eastern 4-H Center**. The workshop is designed to equip adult volunteers to work with youth in 4-H Target Shooting Sports Clubs. Participants will have the opportunity to share ideas and information while enhancing their skills in teaching youth through the use of the National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum materials.

We will be accepting a total of 60 participants for the workshop - no more than 15 in each of the following disciplines: shotgun, hunting, archery, and rifle (note: accepted applicants will participate in only one discipline throughout the entire weekend long training). **Participants are being asked to pay a \$50 fee to help offset some of the cost for the workshop**. We are asking that all participants be registered with their local Extension office as 4-H volunteers prior to attending our workshop.

Starting in the fall 2008 we began offering training for Jr. Leaders. We will offer this training again for the Fall Workshop. Jr. Leaders should be ages 15 to 17 and should have been active in a 4-H shooting sports club for 1 year. They should fill out the regular application and choose a single discipline for the weekend long training. Up to 10 Jr. Leaders will be selected for the training.

This is a hands on workshop, participants will be required to pass a written test in their discipline and required to teach portions of their curriculum as part of a practicum test. Participants should be familiar with the shooting disciplines they choose; we will not be teaching participants to shoot but rather how to use shooting sports as a youth development tool.

We will select participants using a registration screening process. Applications are available through my office and are included with this message as an attachment. Completed applications must be at the Eastern Center office by September 22, 2009.

Thank you for your help in getting the word out.

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