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YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE
STATE COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

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A Message from the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and ARYHEC Director:
The Challenge 2014 Arkansas NRA-YHEC State Competition

Once again, we are looking forward to a safe and exciting NRA YHEC. Challenge 2014 State Competition is scheduled for June 5-7, 2014 at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center in Ferndale. Details are included in this Program Guide.

Please note that 4-H clubs (teams and individuals) can only compete in those disciplines (shooting and archery events) in which they have trained and certified instructors working with their youth. These Instructors are not required to accompany their club’s participants to the YHEC.

Please carefully read this entire Program Guide and become familiar with the rules. **Minimum Proficiency Standards (MPS) for 4-H youth are again in effect.** Please see pages 5-6 of this program guide for the MPS for each shooting discipline. The associated form will be included in the Registration Materials. Minimum Proficiency Standards will be strictly enforced (see below), so make sure everyone you bring is properly trained.

The University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Shooting Sports Program, The National Rifle Association, Arkansas Friends of the NRA (FONRA), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, SCI, Federal Premium Ammunition, Cabela’s, Academy Sports, and Arkansas YHEC will be major sponsors of the Challenge 2014 YHEC.

**The Youth Hunter Education Challenge** is a unique competitive format that allows youth the opportunity to test their abilities at a variety of hunting techniques and their knowledge of wildlife, hunting, safety and ethics. Teams and Individuals may sign up for any or all events. Challenge 2014 offers eight events: Four Shooting Events (Hunter Shotgun Challenge / Sporting Clays, Light Rifle Challenge / .22 Silhouette, Hunter Muzzleloader Challenge, and Hunter Archery Challenge / 3-D Archery Course); and four Responsibility Events (Hunter Responsibility Exam, Hunter Safety Course / Safety Trail, Hunter Orienteering Skills Challenge, and Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge). All eligible contestants will compete for awards in each event. **Only those contestants who complete all 8 events will be eligible for the Overall awards. All contestants are required to complete the four Responsibility Events, and only those contestants who have done so will be eligible for awards in any Shooting or Responsibility Event. All participants at YHEC must go through the scheduled rotation, unless unforeseen circumstances at the competition dictate a change in the rotation.**

Competitors must also complete at least one shooting event to be eligible for the International YHEC to be held July 20-25 in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. Six Arkansas YHEC Teams will compete in the 2014 International YHEC, thanks to sponsorships from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Safari Club International, Arkansas Friends of NRA, Arkansas YHEC, and Arkansas 4-H Shooting Sports.

**Registration:**

4-H Shooting Sports clubs: **Registration of all participants, coaches, YHEC Staff, and guests will be done only by your County Manager using the 4-H OnLine registration system.** Registration Instructions will be made available later this spring.

Non 4-H Participants: **Registration instructions will be available later this spring.**

We will provide plenty of drinking water at the event sites, but you may find it handy to bring your own soft drinks/sports drinks and snacks to cover any additional needs of your county club.

This Program Guide will also be available on the U of A CES website soon.

Don’t hesitate to call or e-mail us with any questions! Remember, safety first and foremost.

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MINIMUM PROFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR COMPETING 4-H YOUTH

These standards must be demonstrated by youth at the county 4-H shooting sports club level prior to entering the youth in YHEC. **They will be strictly enforced.** Both the county shooting discipline instructor (certified by the Arkansas 4-H Shooting Sports Program) and a county agent must then attest to youth proficiency by way of their signatures on the **Minimum Proficiency Verification Form** which will be included in the Registration Materials, to be submitted along with other state competition registration forms.

At State 4-H Shooting Sports competitions, the event director for each shooting discipline will make decisions regarding competence, and safety (proficiency) of participants based on the criteria found in the attached standards checklists. **Failure to meet any of the listed standards will result in the participant’s disqualification from the event in which the infraction occurred.** In the case of disqualification of a participant from a specific event due to non-proficiency, as judged by the criteria herein, the Event Leader will document which criterion or criteria were violated. **Shooting discipline Instructors for that county and the county agent who signed off on the participant’s proficiency will receive a written notification of the infraction.**

This is not a competition for the inexperienced…do not send your youth anything less than totally prepared!

**Muzzleloader**

- **Standard:** Knows and practices basic muzzle loading firearm safety rules.
- **Standard:** Can demonstrate loading and firing a muzzleloader safely without coaching or any physical assistance.
  - Proper loading sequence
  - Type and amount of powder to use
  - Types of caps that can be used
  - Caliber projectile needed
- **Standard:** Understands and can demonstrate the proper method of determining if a muzzleloader is unloaded or loaded.

- **Standard:** Understands and can demonstrate the proper procedure in case of a muzzleloader misfire or hang fire.

- **Standard:** Understands range rules and commands, and when a ceasefire should be called.

**Archery**

- **Standard:** Demonstrates a working knowledge of the bow being used, as well as any piece of related equipment.

- **Standard:** Must be able to draw the bow back with ease and in a safe manner.

- **Standard:** Must be able to identify harvest areas on targets without the use of target cards or other assistance.

- **Standard:** Understands how to follow basic archery range commands.
**Shotgun**

**Standard:** Understands shotgun safety rules and can demonstrate safe shotgun handling.

**Standard:** Can demonstrate how to know if shotgun is not loaded (action open – chamber clear).

**Standard:** Understands and can demonstrate the six fundamental steps in shotgun Shooting (Lesson 3, Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals; 4-H Shooting Sports Curriculum).

**Standard:** Can demonstrate the necessary knowledge, skill and mental attitude for safely firing shotguns at moving targets.

**Standard:** Understands how to follow basic shotgun range commands.

**Rifle**

**Standard:** Understands and can demonstrate proper handling of the rifle at all times, including proper carry of the firearm to and from the firing line.

**Standard:** Demonstrates basic knowledge of the rifle, including the rifle’s action and mechanical safety mechanism.

**Standard:** Demonstrates proper muzzle control at all times

**Standard:** Can load the firearm without assistance.

**Standard:** Can demonstrate how to know the rifle is not loaded (action open, chamber clear).

**Standard:** Understands and can demonstrate how to safely fire at a down-range target multiple times without assistance.

**Standard:** Understands how to follow basic rifle range commands.
Wednesday, June 4
8:00 am-5:00 pm Range setup by event coordinators
5:00 pm-10:00 pm Early registration and check-in
6:00 pm-10:00 pm Special event – TBA

Thursday, June 5
7:00 am-10:30 am Registration opens
7:00 am Armory open
7:00 am-8:00 am Breakfast (Option A only) You MUST have your name tag to be served.
10:30 am-11:00 am General assembly for participants and coaches
11:00 am-2:00 pm Lunch: You MUST have your name tag to be served - see competition schedule for your lunch time.
11:15 am Competition begins for .22 Silhouette, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery, Hunter Orientation Skills, Safety Trail, Wildlife Identification. See Competition Schedule for your time at each event. (Try to arrive at event 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time)
1:00 pm Pool opens
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Dinner: You MUST have your name tag to be served.
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Hunter Responsibility Exam
7:00 pm SPECIAL EVENT FOR YHEC EVENT VOLUNTEERS only Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation sponsors “Shot Gun Flurry”
8:00 pm Special Event (TBA)
10:00 pm Participants to lodging
11:00 pm Lights out

Friday, June 6
7:00 am-7:45 am Breakfast: You MUST have your name tag to be served.
7:00 am Silent Auction Begins. Proceeds to support Youth Hunter Education Challenge
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Competition begins for .22 Silhouette, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery, Hunter Responsibility Safety Trail, Wildlife Identification, Hunter Orientation Skills. See Competition Schedule for your time at each
event. (Try to arrive at event 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time)

11:00 am-2:00 pm  Lunch: You MUST have your name tag to be served - see competition schedule for your lunch time

5:00 pm-6:00 pm  Dinner: You MUST have your name tag to be served.

7:00 pm  TBA

10:00 pm  Participants to lodging

11:00 pm  Lights out

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**Challenge 2014 Arkansas YHEC**

**Saturday, June 7**

7:00 am-7:45 am  Breakfast: You MUST have your name tag to be served.

8:00 am-  Competition begins for .22 Silhouette, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery, Hunter Responsibility Safety Trail, Wildlife Identification, Hunter Orientation Skills. See Competition Schedule for your time at each event. (Try to arrive at event 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time)

10:00 am  Pool opens

11:00 am-2:00 pm  Lunch: You MUST have your name tag to be served - see competition schedule for your lunch time.

5:00 pm  4-H/YHEC Banquet: You MUST have your name tag to be served.

6:00 p.m.  4-H/YHEC Awards

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**This schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice. You will receive the official Competition Schedule upon check-in at the 4-H Center.**
About the Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge

Sponsored by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Shooting Sports Program, Arkansas YHEC, the National Rifle Association, Arkansas Friends of the NRA (FONRA), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, SCI, Federal Premium Ammunition, Cabela’s, and Academy Sports, the Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) is open to any youth age 9-19 that has successfully completed the Arkansas Hunter Education Certification Program.

**Shooting Events**
1. Hunting Archery Challenge
2. Hunting Shotgun Challenge
3. Hunting Light Rifle Challenge
4. Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge

**Responsibility Events**
5. Hunter Responsibility Exam
6. Hunter Responsibility Safety Trail Challenge
7. Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge
8. Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge

**Competitive Events:** Participants in this competition must compete in all four Responsibility events and at least one Shooting event. For awards purposes and to qualify for YHEC competitions and awards this year, the following guidelines apply:

YHEC State Competition: To be eligible for awards in any Arkansas YHEC Challenge 2014 event, a participant or team must compete in all four Responsibility Events (Hunter Responsibility Exam, Hunter Safety Course/Safety Trail, Compass/Orienteering and Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge); and, to be eligible for the International YHEC, must also compete in one shooting event (.22 Silhouette, Shotgun, Muzzle loading, or Archery – see Comments below). To qualify for overall individual or team YHEC State Champion, individuals and teams must compete in all eight events.

Comments regarding International YHEC: “Challengers” selected for the “Arkansas Team” attending the International YHEC will be required to compete in all eight events listed.
Eligibility for Participation in the Arkansas NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge

Participation in the Arkansas NRA-YHEC State Competition is open to:

A. Any person age 9-19, who meets the criteria below and is interested in attending the Challenge 2014 Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge. Participants may register for the YHEC State Competition as individuals or as a four- (4) or five- (5) member team at the State level.
B. All participants must meet Minimum Proficiency Standards in shooting events in which they participate.
C. All participants must have successfully completed an Arkansas Hunter Education Course.

*If participants need to be certified in Hunter Education before the Arkansas YHEC, information about currently scheduled Hunter Education classes may be obtained by calling 1-800-482-5795 (Education Division, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission). If a class needs to be set up in an area, names of certified instructors may be obtained at that number.*

Arkansas YHEC Age Divisions

For 2014, the Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge will use the following Divisions.

A. Junior Division (9-13 years of age)
   A Junior must be at least 9 years old by Jan. 1, 2014, and not turn 14 years of age before Jan. 1, 2014).

B. Senior Division (14-19 years of age)
   A Senior must be 14 years old before Jan. 1, 2014, and not older than 19 years of age, or a senior in high school.
YHEC Program Regulations

1) There will be eight (8) events for this year’s YHEC State Competition. Four (4) shooting events: Hunting Light Rifle Challenge, Hunting Shotgun Challenge, Hunting Muzzle loading Challenge and Hunting Archery Challenge; and four (4) Responsibility (non-shooting) events: Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge, Hunter Responsibility Safety Trail, Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge and Hunter Responsibility Exam.

2) In order to be considered as having competed in an event, an individual or all members of a team must complete the course of fire for the event. A shot of record must be issued for each possible shot required. All decisions of the scoring committee are final. Interference with scoring by anyone, including youth contestant, sponsoring adult, parent, leader, coach or others associated with a team or individual will result in disqualification of that team or individual.

- All participants at the Challenge 2014 YHEC must compete in the four Responsibility Events in order to be eligible for awards in any event.

- Qualifying participants at the Challenge 2014 YHEC will be eligible to compete at the 2014 International Youth Hunter Education Challenge.

- Safety will be the first and foremost consideration during all YHEC activities.

- Participants violating any safety rule as established within these program rules and regulations face disqualification from further participation, without benefit of a first warning.

- Participants provide their own firearms, bows, arrows and quivers, muzzleloader projectiles, binoculars, and eye and ear protection.

- Individuals may not participate for one another in any activity.

- Participants are expected to exhibit behavior above reproach at all times. All participants and parents/guardians must sign a release regarding behavior before the event. Sponsoring adults are responsible for the behavior of their youth for the duration of the competition.

- Persons participating in Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge must have at least one sponsoring adult for each five youth contestants. For example, a county/club that brings six youth should have at least two sponsoring adults. The sponsoring adult is responsible for the actions of his or her youth for the duration of the competition.
(Program regulations governing conduct for all attendees at the Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge: staff, participants, coaches, volunteers, spectators, etc.).

The following regulations and conduct codes are to be adhered to at all times, by all attendees, during the Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge.

**It is understood that each youth contestant will:**

1. Participate in each event for which they have signed up.

2. Exhibit behavior above reproach at all times.

3. Fully cooperate and comply with all established rules, regulations and reasonable requests made by sponsoring adults, competition officials, judges and state shooting sports committee members.

4. **Wear proper attire.** Recognizing the publicity attracted by firearms and shooting sports, it is important to promote a positive image for the Youth Hunter Education Challenge. *Attire worn during all phases of the competition should be tasteful and suitable for this type of event. Boots or shoes must be worn (no flip-flops, sandals, etc.).* Items featuring potentially controversial or offensive illustrations or slogans are not allowed.

**It is further understood that youth contestants, staff, participants, coaches, volunteers and/or family members are PROHIBITED from:**

1. Possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages and/or illegal narcotic substances during the state competition. Youth are prohibited from using any tobacco products. Adults are prohibited from using tobacco products inside facilities.

2. Keeping ammunition and firearms/archery equipment in their housing units/areas.

3. Going to, observing and/or evaluating an event before actual participation.

4. Videotaping or taking still photographs with the intent of showing participants event layouts.

5. Using electronics equipment (i.e. walkie-talkies, cell phones, beepers or other communications equipment) during participation in events. Exception: range managers and assistants and YHEC staff in performance of their duties.

Any breach of this code may be cause for immediate and permanent expulsion of participant(s) from the Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge. A Review Committee will be established prior to the competition. The Review Board exists for two primary purposes: 1) To determine whether a violation of the Code of Conduct has occurred and, 2) If there is a violation, what disciplinary action should be taken.
ATTENTION: HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014 RULE CHANGES

The 2014 Arkansas YHEC Competition will now encompass 2 ½ days, beginning Thursday afternoon, June 5, 2014.

The only rule change for 2014 is that globe sights are now allowed, and have been removed from the “Restrictions” list for muzzle loader (pg. 21).

The following rule changes were implemented in 2012:

1) .22 Light Rifle Event: Participants will be able to shoot from a variety of positions. The position used may be determined by the type and size of the target, distance to the targets, or set forth by the range officer. Participant may even be given an opportunity to use their choice of positions. Targets will be at distances of 25 yards to 75 yards, and may be stationary or moving action targets.

2) Muzzle Loading Event: Participants will be able to shoot from a variety of positions. The position used may be determined by the type and size of the target, distance to the targets, or set forth by the range officer. Participant may even be given an opportunity to use their choice of positions. Targets will be at distances of 25 yards to 75 yards. Metal silhouette targets will be used, and new silhouette target shapes and sizes will be added.

3) Wildlife Identification: Items that relate to habitat, feeding/foods or natural behavior of wildlife may be used this year. Examples of these items could be identifying a scrape, determining/identifying food sources, etc. Knowledge of animal behavior will be required.

4) Archery Event: Targets could include moving 3-D targets, based on ethical archery shots.

5) Hunter Responsibility Exam: Will be given on Thursday night, June 5. See schedule.
1) **Registration materials are not included in this packet, and instructions will be sent at a later date.**

2) **County/Club Participation:** There will be no limits placed on the number of Junior and Senior teams and individuals a county or club may bring to the Arkansas YHEC Competition. Participants can only compete on one team. Participants and teams must enter all four Responsibility Events. Teams may consist of four (4) or five (5) persons. The low score on each five-person team will be dropped for scoring purposes on each event, so the minimum number of participants on a team will be four (4). All team participants will receive individual scores as well.

3) All participants must be between the ages of 9-19 (or senior in high school).

4) In order to be eligible for participation in the International YHEC, a participant must complete competition in at least one shooting event and all four responsibility events.

5) Participants are expected to exhibit behavior above reproach at all times. Damage to the 4-H Center Property will not be tolerated. Sponsoring adults are responsible for the behavior of their teams. Contestants will not be allowed in lodging rooms during activities. Damages to rooms or their contents will be billed to the county registered to the room.

6) The .22, shotgun, archery, muzzleloader, safety trail, wildlife ID and orienteering skills will be held outside, so appropriate clothing is recommended. Teams are encouraged to wear team caps and shirts. Sun lotion or block and insect repellant are encouraged.

7) Matches will not be canceled because of inclement weather, unless lighting or heavy thunderstorms are in the immediate area. Competitors and coaches should come prepared.

8) Firearms and archery tackle are subject to safety check. All equipment must meet requirements set forth under the guidelines and restrictions of each event. Participants must provide their own equipment.

9) All firearms and archery tackle must be checked into the armory at night and when not in competition use. NO FIREARMS OR ARCHERY TACKLE ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE LODGING ROOMS, in vehicles, or in trailers. All Firearms checked into the armory must be unloaded and in cases that are clearly labeled with the owner’s name and address, and appropriate firearms must have a CBI installed.

10) **All competitors, coaches, event directors and event assistants must provide and wear their own eye and ear protection** at the .22, muzzleloader, and shotgun events. Archery safety goggles are strongly recommended for the archery event.

11) **NOBODY is allowed to bring ammunition onto the premises.** Only ammunition issued on the firing line will be used in competition. (.22 standard velocity rounds and light load for shotguns will be used). Possession of unauthorized ammunition will be grounds for disqualifying any or all participants representing a county or club from the state competition. **Unauthorized ammunition will have the entire county team disqualified from competition.** See exceptions regarding Muzzleloader on pg. 20-21 under the Ammunition heading.

12) **No broadhead arrows are allowed on the 4-H Center premises.** Possession of broadheads will be grounds for disqualifying any or all participants representing a county from the state competition.
13) Firearms and bows will be inspected prior to each round or relay of competition for compliance with restrictions.

14) NOBODY can coach, advise, or assist participants once an event has started. Calling shots or shot placement will disqualify a team or individual. Also, advising yardage or distance will not be allowed. Contestants are on their own once an event is started. Coaching from spectators or observers will not be allowed and will disqualify a participant. **Coaches will not be allowed on the course, firing line, or loading area. All coaches must stay outside of competition zones. Where events have “spectator zones”, coaches are to remain in spectator area.**

15) Coaches will assure that their competitors are familiar with the range and range procedures. Ignorance of range procedures will not be a basis for protest. A range master will be appointed and will be the only individual issuing range commands (although anyone can call for a cease-fire when an unsafe situation presents itself). Only line safety officers, event assistants, and ammunition handlers will be allowed on the firing line. **COACHING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE FIRING LINE AND WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.**

16) Observing and/or evaluating an event before participation, for the expressed purpose of coaching or educating participants about the event is prohibited by participants, coaches, volunteers and/or family members.

17) Videotaping or taking still photographs with the intent of showing a participant the event layout is prohibited. Videos and still photographs may be taken at the events only with permission of the State Shooting Sports Coordinator and/or ARYHEC Director for the express purpose of program promotion. Electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, walkie-talkies or other communication equipment) during participation in events for the purpose of aiding or education of participants are prohibited.

18) **Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge:** Peep sights/aperture sights are no longer prohibited.

19) **Clear Barrel Indicators (CBI)** are not required for shotguns: Shotguns should be cased with the action open or broken. However, rifles must have CBI in place when removed from cases, and at all times when not in use. The required CBI for muzzleloaders is a rod (wooden dowel rods are highly encouraged) that is inserted into the bore and extends 3 inches or more above the muzzle with highly visible markings with exact locations of loaded and unloaded. Muzzleloaders and rifles not having an appropriate CBI will not pass armory or event inspection, and will not be allowed. This will be strictly enforced.
A. Hunting Archery Challenge

1. Contestants will move through a 15-target field archery course in a natural setting. The course is designed to simulate shooting situations encountered while bow hunting. No parents or coaches will be allowed on the trail prior to or during the competition.

2. The Hunting Archery Challenge will be conducted with participants taking shots at targets varying in distance up to 30 yards for Juniors and 40 yards for Seniors. Targets will be 3-D game targets with scoring areas directly over the vital areas of the animal. Participants must be able to identify harvest areas on 3-D targets. Moving targets may be utilized. Binoculars are allowed, but will not be provided. No target cards or other assistance is allowed.

3. Absolutely no coaches, parents or spectators will be allowed on the course of fire. The course set-up will allow for spectators to view the competition, just as in other YHEC Shooting Events.

4. Scoring – Scoring will be as follows: Each participant will shoot a total of 15 shots, each worth 20 points if inside the innermost scoring ring, 16 points for the middle scoring ring, and 12 points for the outermost ring (vital area). Five (5) points will be awarded for body-shots falling outside the vital area. All shots breaking or touching the vital area will be counted as a "hit." All shots breaking or touching a ring will be scored to the higher scored area bounded by the ring. Challenges must be made on the range before the arrow is pulled. The Hunting Archery Challenge has the maximum possible score of 300 points.

5. Archery Equipment – Shooters may use only one bow for this activity (exception: bow malfunction). Only hunting-type compounds, recurves or long bows will be permitted. Bows may be equipped with hunting-type sights. All arrows must have either glue-on or screw-in target or field points. No broadhead arrows are allowed on the 4-H Center premises.

Hunting Archery Challenge Restrictions: The following materials and equipment are prohibited from use during established event activities. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from all events at the Arkansas YHEC State Competition.

   a. Cable stops
   b. Extended sight bars that measure farther than 6 inches from the back of riser of bow to front of sight
   c. More than six sight pins or sight positions
   d. More than one stabilizer
   e. Stabilizers over 12 inches
   f. Range finders
   g. Crossbows
   h. Broadhead hunting tips
   i. Arrow shafts that do not have target or field points
   j. Shocker Points
   k. Bludgeon Points
   l. Sights that have a lens, with or without magnification
B. Hunting Shotgun Challenge (sporting clays):

1. Thirty (30) clay targets will be thrown from five sites including singles, doubles, and running animals. Double Targets may be presented as report, following or true pair. Poison targets may be thrown. They will be of a different color, and points will be deducted from a participant’s score if shot at. Target identification is crucial when hunting! Shooters may or may not be allowed to see one legal target from each trap prior to shooting. Shooters will be allowed at the firing line ONLY while shooting. Total time per shooter will not exceed 30 minutes or until group completes round.

2. Scoring – Event scoring will be done by designated State YHEC officials. Legal Target – whole clay target that is thrown from the trap in a prescribed pattern within the three-second time limit after the participant calls for the target. Event scoring will be done by designated State 4-H / YHEC officials. Only legal targets will be scored and the score judge will be sole judge of whether or not a target is broken. Officials may ask for assistance from the trap puller or the range official if they feel their assistance is required.

Scoring Pairs:

Should the participant break both targets with either the first or second shot, they will both be scored as “dead” targets.

In the event of a “no bird” call on the second target of a report pair, the first bird is established as “dead” or “lost” and the shooter will repeat the pair to establish the result of the second target. When repeating the pair, the shooter must make a legitimate attempt at breaking the first target.

In the event of a “no bird” call on true pair or following pair, nothing is established. The shooter will repeat the pair.

In the event of a “shooter malfunction” on the first target of a report pair, the first target is established as “lost.” The shooter will repeat the pair to establish the result of the second target. When repeating the pair, the shooter must make a legitimate attempt breaking the first target.

3. The scorers will call "lost" for any target they determine is missed. Only targets with a visible piece broken off will be scored as a hit (dead). Dusters, targets deflected or redirected in flight (but with no visible breakage) will be scored "lost" (missed). Any challenge to the call must be made immediately by the participant. The final decision will then be made by the score judge with assistance from the trap operator and/or the range official. Rule and/or procedure violations may be referred to the 4-H / NRA Protest Review Committee staff and officials for settlement, but legality of targets is the responsibility of the score judge. The score judge will be sole judge of whether or not a target is broken. Officials may ask for assistance from the trap puller or the range official if they feel their assistance is required.

4. Shotguns and Equipment – Participants may only use one shotgun throughout the activity, (exception: gun malfunction). Any mechanically safe 12- or 20- gauge shotgun will be permitted. Double targets will be thrown in some instances; therefore the shotgun should be capable of holding two shells. All 12- and 20-gauge ammunition in low brass target loads will be furnished to every participant.

5. Shotgun Shooting Rules

a. Safety and courtesy are first in gun handling; therefore, all guns will be carried unloaded and with actions open.

b. Shotguns, choke tubes or shotgun barrels are not to be changed during the shotgun activity. Participants may use only one shotgun throughout the activity (exception B: shotgun malfunction).
6. **Shooting Procedures** – Each participant may or may not be allowed to see one legal target from each trap prior to shooting the activity at the station. Only participants will be allowed on the station or firing line while shooting each station. The score judge or range officer will hand shells to the participant as required. The participant will shoot his/her quota of targets and return the gun to the rack. This sequence is repeated for each participant until all have completed the activity. Participants must use a “ready position.” The "ready position" in calling for the target requires the gun to be off the shoulder with the butt plate below the shoulder level. Participant cannot mount or bring gun to shoulder until the participant calls for the target and the target appears. Trapper can have up to three (3) seconds to throw the target.

The sequence for calling for a target to be thrown is:

- a. The participant will say “Trapper ready.”
- b. The trapper will acknowledge.
- c. Upon the trapper’s acknowledgement, the participant will say, “Pull.”
- d. The trapper will have up to 3 seconds to release the target

7. **Malfunctions**

a. The following occurrences will be considered malfunctions and new target(s) will be thrown:
   1) Ammunition malfunction
   2) Trap or trap operator failure

b. The following malfunctions will not be allowed and targets will be scored “lost”:
   1) Participant error
   2) Failure to load gun
   3) Failure of gun to fire (other than defective ammunition)
   4) Failure of gun to reload
   5) Failure to select safety to off

c. Should a gun break through no fault of the participant, another gun may be borrowed and the activity continued. However, if the breakage occurs during firing at a target, and target is missed, it will be scored as "lost".

d. In the case of an ammunition malfunction, the shooter must remain in place, the gun pointing safely down range, and must not open the gun or tamper with the trigger, safety or barrel selector until instructed to do so by the staff or volunteer present.

The staff or volunteer will determine if the firing pin came in contact with the primer. If the firing pin did, an ammunition malfunction will be called and the targets will be re-thrown. A second ammunition malfunction by the same participant will require the Event Director to determine if it is a gun malfunction or true ammunition failure.

8. **Clear Barrel Indicators (CBI)** are no longer required for shotguns: Shotguns should be cased, with the action open or broken.

**Hunting Shotgun Challenge Restrictions:** The following materials and equipment are prohibited from use during established event activities. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from all events at the Arkansas YHEC State Competition.

- a. Release Triggers
- b. Ventilated rib greater than ½ inch in height or width
- c. Shotguns without safety or safety that has been disabled
C. Hunting Light Rifle Challenge:

1. The Hunting Light Rifle Challenge will be conducted with participants taking shots at NRA life-size small game targets or NRA approved action targets, with scoring areas determined based upon type of target used, and varying in distance from 25 yards to 75 yards. Targets may be knock-down silhouettes of various sizes and shapes.

Participants will shoot from a variety of positions. The position used may be determined by the type and size of the target, distance to the targets, or set forth by the range officer. Participants may even be given an opportunity to use their choice of positions. Targets will be at distances of 25 yards to 75 yards, and may be stationary or moving action targets.

Only one shooting position per station will be allowed. Shooter cannot change position/stance once shooting has commenced.

2. Rifles and Equipment – Participants may only use one rifle throughout the activity, (exception: gun malfunction). Only standard type .22 caliber rifles designed primarily for hunting will be permitted

- All action types, excluding fully automatic, will be permitted. The rifle may not exceed eight pounds, eight ounces (8.5 lbs) in weight without a sling and must have minimum trigger pull of two pounds (907 grams).

- Rifles may be equipped with a hunting sling not to exceed 3.81 cm in width.

- Rifles may also be equipped with sporter-type thumbhole stocks (non-adjustable).

- Sights will be open, peep with standard front post and bead, or hunting scopes nine power or less, or variables set and secured at nine power or less.

- All ammunition used in this activity will be .22 standard velocity long rifle. Ammunition will be distributed at the range by the officers.

3. Scoring – Each participant will shoot a total of 30 shots, worth 10 points each if the target is knocked down, zero points if not. A participant will be allowed one hour to complete the course. The Hunting Light Rifle Challenge has a maximum possible score of 300 points.

4. All firearms will be certified by Arkansas YHEC for compliance with safety and restriction requirements. Firearms will be inspected prior to each round or relay of competition for compliance with restrictions.

5. Crossfires – This is unlikely to occur given the type of targets used in the Arkansas YHEC. The shooter who cross-fired to the wrong target will have spent a round for no score, and the beneficiary of the crossfire will be scored a hit for that target.

   a) Event Director must determine that the crossfire was unintentionally caused (with no malicious intent) by participants on the firing line.

   b) Should the Event Director find that crossfiring was an intentional act by participants to gain unfair advantage, the individuals or teams involved will be immediately disqualified from all events at the Arkansas YHEC State Competition.
Hunting Light Rifle Challenge restrictions: The following materials and equipment are prohibited from use during established event activities: Failure to comply will result in expulsion from all events at the Arkansas YHEC State Competition.

a. Clothing with added padding, stiffness or shirt cup designed to assist shooter in remaining steady
b. Adjustable competition sling and or swivel
c. Kneeling rolls
d. Competitive thumb-hole stocks
e. Palm rests or forearm of stocks exceeding 2 ¼ inches wide or 2 ¼ inches deep as measured from the center line of the bore
f. Scope or optics greater than 9 power. Variable scopes with capability greater than nine power must be set at between 3 and 9 power.
g. Range finders
h. Peep sights with rear aperture less than two millimeters
i. Binoculars, monoculars or spotting scopes
j. More than one shooting position per shooting sequence
k. Shooting sticks or any other shooting support or rest, unless provided by Event coordinators

D. Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge

Participants will move through a muzzleloader field course in a natural setting. The course is designed to simulate shooting situations encountered while hunting.

All participants must and have use a marked range rod (CBI) which indicates both the unloaded and loaded condition of the firearm. These rods should be installed prior to armory check-in. The required CBI is a rod (wooden dowel rods are highly encouraged) that is inserted into the bore and extends 3 inches or more above the muzzle with highly visible markings with exact locations of loaded and unloaded. This rod cannot be used as a loading rod unless it is an approved range rod.

1. The Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge will be conducted with participants shooting at metal silhouette targets varying in distance from 25 yards to 75 yards. Participants will shoot from a variety of positions at a variety of Metal silhouette targets.

Participants will shoot from a variety of positions. The position used, may be determined by the type and size of the target, distance to the targets, or set forth by the range officer. Participant may even be given an opportunity to use their choice of positions. Targets will be at distances of 25 yards to 75 yards.

2. Scoring – Participants will shoot a total of 15 shots, worth 20 points each if knocking down the metal silhouette target, and zero points for misses or other shots that do not knock down the target. Challenges must be made prior to firing next shot. Participants must shoot the entire course with the same weight, shape, and style of projectile. Any participant who does not have enough projectiles to complete the course will not be credited with competing in the event. The Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge has a maximum possibility of 300 points.

3. Rifles allowed:
   A. Any flintlock, disk*, percussion, musket cap, or 209-primer type muzzle loading rifles .54 caliber or smaller will be permitted. We currently have accessories for .45 and .50 caliber muzzleloaders for use during the event. Participants choosing to use another caliber (i.e. 36, 54 caliber) must contact Rex Roberg no later than May 15 so that we can have your particular accessories available at the competition.
*Appropriate number of disks must be turned into event director prior to competing in this event. Used disks will not be returned.

B. Muzzleloaders may have a set trigger, not to be set until ready to fire.

C. Muzzleloaders may be equipped with sporter-type thumbhole stocks (non-adjustable).

D. Rifles may be equipped with peep or aperture sights.

4. **Ammunition**: Either PYRODEX or TRIPLE 7 propellant will be used. Number 11 percussion caps, Triple 7 or Pyrodex pellets and/or loose powder will be supplied. PARTICIPANTS WHO REQUIRE MUSKET OR OTHER TYPES OF CAPS MUST NOTIFY REX ROBERG (501-671-2334, rroberg@uaex.edu) BY MAY 16, 2014. Participants cannot bring any propellant or caps onto the 4-H Center premises. ANY PARTICIPANT AND/OR COACH WITH THESE ITEMS IN POSSESSION COULD HAVE ENTIRE TEAM DISQUALIFIED. Participants must provide their own projectiles (round balls, conicals or sabots). Metal jacketed sabots, solid metal, or metal-cored projectiles are not allowed. Patches, (Thompson lubricated Bore Butter or equivalent) will be provided by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Participants will not be allowed to use personal powder measures unless approved by range personnel.

FFFg black powder substitute will be available upon request only to use in 45 caliber and smaller rifles. The maximum charge for this powder will be 10 grains above caliber size (i.e. 55 grains for a 45 caliber).

If a participant shoots using the wrong powder charge or the wrong formulation, the shots fired count. **No exceptions.**

One fouling shot will be allowed. However, this will be counted as part of your time limit. Use your time wisely.

Smoking prohibited at this venue, including spectator areas.

**Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge Restrictions**: The following materials and equipment are prohibited from use during this event. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the Arkansas YHEC.

a. Shooting mats  
b. Scopes or telescopic sights  
c. Range finders  
d. Binoculars, monoculars or spotting scopes  
e. More than 60 grains of Triple 7 or Pyrodex per load  
f. Adjustable competition sling swivels  
g. Muzzleloaders larger than 54 caliber  
h. More than one shooting position per shooting sequence  
i. Metal jacketed, solid metal and metal-cored projectiles  
j. Pure lead bullets/balls weighing more than 385 grains  
k. Muzzleloaders capable of firing more than one projectile without reloading  
l. Muzzleloaders requiring no cap to fire (i.e. CVA Electra)  
m. Wooden ramrods  
n. No crosshair sights
E. Hunter Responsibility Exam

1. Hunter Responsibility Exam: Participants will complete a written examination that includes 60 objective questions (multiple choice, true or false, or fill-in-the-blank).

2. The Hunter Responsibility Exam consists of broad-based hunting and conservation information. The following publications will serve as a reference text: Arkansas Hunter Education Certification Manual and the NRA’s The Hunters Guide manual. More questions will be taken from the NRA Hunters Guide than in past years.

3. Scoring – Each participant will be asked to complete the test in the allotted amount of time (60 minutes). Participants must answer all test questions with no assistance from other participants, written materials or coaches. Correct answers are worth five points; incorrect answers are worth zero points. The Hunter Responsibility Exam will consist of 60 questions, with a maximum possibility of 300 points.

F. Hunter Responsibility Safety Trail Challenge

1. Participants will be provided with the following items at the time of registration/check-in: YHEC Hunting License and game regulations by which they must abide while on the Hunter Safety Trail. NOTE: participants may be required to be knowledgeable of Arkansas Game & Fish Commission game laws and bag limits.

2. Participants will walk through stations, on a pre-determined trail, designed to simulate actual hunting conditions and situations. Participants will be required to demonstrate their knowledge of hunting and hunter safety on this practical field course.

3) Participants must provide their own hunter-orange cap and vest, and carry a copy of their Hunter Education Card.

4) Participants may encounter situations where the use or possession of a first-aid/survival kit is necessary. Consult your Arkansas Hunter Education Manual for information on essential items for this kit.

5) The Hunter Responsibility Safety Trail Challenge will be conducted with participants moving from station to station with each situation varying greatly. Participants may be tested and scored on the “do’s” and “don’ts” of hunting and firearms safety and “shoot/don’t shoot situations” encountered in a hunting environment. Stations may include, but are not limited to, hunter game situations, target identification, landowner relationships, and safe gun handling afield. This information is taken from the Arkansas Hunter Education Manual and the NRA Hunters Guide Manual.

6) Scoring – Each participant will walk through 10 stations with each station worth 30 points for correct answers and zero for incorrect answers or violation of safety rules. The Hunter Responsibility Safety Trail Challenge has a maximum possible score of 300 points. Failure to provide a signed hunting license at the start of the event will result in a 20 point penalty. Any participant who receives a safety infraction on the trail will receive a 10 point penalty per infraction.
G. **Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge:** This event will be a 30-station field and/or woodland course, held either in a natural setting or in the Environmental Cabin. The course will simulate actual wildlife-sign encounters while outdoors.

1. The Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge will be conducted with participants observing animal-related items (game or non-game), and reading and identifying other forms of wildlife signs from 1 to 50 yards.

2. Identification of items that relate to habitat, feeding or natural behavior of wildlife may be used this year. Examples of these items could be identifying a White Tailed Deer scrape, determining food sources, etc. Knowledge of animal behavior will be required.

3. Wildlife will consist of mounted or tanned hides, depending upon availability. Animal tracks may be original or molds made of prints. Other wildlife signs (including sounds) may be real or reproduced. The information used for this event is taken from the Arkansas Hunter Education Manual and NRA’s *The Hunter’s Guide*. Other sources that may be used are *Field Guide to Eastern Birds*, *Field Guide to Western Birds* and *Field Guide to Mammals*.

4. Scoring – Each participant will be asked to identify 30 animals, tracks or wildlife signs, each worth 10 points for correct answers and zero for incorrect answers. The Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge has a maximum possible score of 300 points.

H. **Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge:** These rules and regulations are from the International YHEC Official Rules and Regulations book and will be used as a guideline for the Arkansas YHEC in 2014. This event is intended to explore the participant’s orienteering knowledge and skills as they relate to navigating with a compass and using a topographical map. It will consist of a written examination and field course.

1. One half of the Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge will be conducted with participants doing such things as taking bearings with their compass, orienting a map without a compass, closing a triangle, identifying topographical map features and defining words and concepts (contour lines, meridians, etc.).

2. In the second half of the event, participants will be required to use a compass to complete an orienteering course where the contestant must use not only direction, but also distance, to correctly locate predetermined objects no more than 300 yards apart that could be such things as a tent, a tree stand, a four-wheeler, etc., in the woods. He or she may be required to navigate around obstacles. This is a timed course and counts half of the total score. Declination will not be used in this event in 2014. Of course, GPS units will not be allowed. The participant will be demonstrating the use of pace count and skill at navigating with a compass in a realistic setting. In addition to the compass, a pencil or pen, paper, and a pocket calculator may be used. Compasses and other supplies must be provided by the contestant.

3. Scoring – The Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge has a possible 300 total points.

4. The primary resources for this event are the NRA’s *The Hunter’s Guide* and *Be an Expert with Map and Compass Orienteering Handbook* (Silva Compass publication) by Bjorn Kjellstrom. Other suitable resource books are *The Backcountry Classroom* by Jack Drury and Bruce Boone, *Compass and Map Navigator Book – The Complete Guide to Staying Found* by Michael Hodgson, and *Finding Your Way with Map and Compass Orienteering* by John Disley. Orienteering resource materials may be purchased by calling The Brunton Co., (800) 443-4871. The Silva Compass publications may be purchased through Johnson Camping, (800) 847-1460.
Responsibility Event Restrictions: The following materials and equipment are prohibited from use during established event activities. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from all events at the Arkansas YHEC State Competition.

1) Hunter Responsibility Exam / Hunter Responsibility Safety Trail Challenge:
   a. Hunter education books
   b. Written, taped or transcribed information and reference materials
   c. Communications between the participants, coaches or other individuals while on the course

2) Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge
   a. Wildlife identification books
   b. Encyclopedias
   c. Written, taped or transcribed information and reference materials
   d. Communications between the participants, coaches or other individuals while on the course

3) Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge
   1) Written, taped or transcribed information and reference materials
   2) Electronic equipment other than a calculator
   3) Communications among the participants, coaches or others while on the course
   4) Tripods or other means of support for compass

YHEC Safety Rules

Safety is Shooting’s Most Important Rule
These rules provide for the efficient and orderly operation of the Arkansas YHEC Challenge 2014. Many local range regulations exist for one reason alone: SAFETY. Others serve a dual purpose: smooth range operation and safety. It’s your responsibility as a participant, coach or Shooting Sports Competition / YHEC official to become familiar with rules and to know the meaning behind those which are safety-oriented.

Event Safety Rules
A. Actions of uncased firearms must always be open except when on the firing line, ready to fire.
B. Guns are to be unloaded except when on the firing line, ready to fire.
C. Arrows will not be nocked until on the firing line, and only on command.
D. All firearms will be pointed, and bows drawn, in a safe direction at all times.
E. Know and obey all range commands. Arrive at each activity at least 15 minutes prior to relay time to receive activity orientation.
F. Only one shell or cartridge may be placed in a firearm at a time, unless otherwise specified in the rules for the activity (e.g. shotgun) or by the Event Director.
G. Participants must provide and wear appropriate eye and ear protection while on the firing line.
H. Firearms and bows not in use should be placed in a gun or bow rack at the activity or stored in the armory. The storing of firearms and bows in vehicles or lodging rooms or housing areas is not allowed.
I. Firearms checked into the armory must be unloaded and in gun (bow) cases that are clearly labeled with the owner’s name and address, and firearms must have the appropriate CBI installed.
Gun Safety Rules
Provided by the NRA

The fundamental rules of safe gun handling are:
- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

When using or storing a gun, always follow these rules:
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to safely use the gun.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

Protection of your sight and hearing is YOUR responsibility. Wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line – as shooter, official or spectator.

Archery Safety Rules

The fundamental rules for safe archery/bow handling are:

- Do not nock an arrow on the bowstring until ready to use.
- Always keep the bow with a nocked arrow pointed in a safe direction.
- Never draw a bow with nocked arrow until ready to shoot.
- Always keep field points covered until ready to use.
  *Broadheads prohibited in the YHEC program and on the 4-H Center premises.

When using or storing a bow, always follow these rules:
- Be sure the bow is safe to operate.
- Know how to safely use the bow and its equipment.
- Use only the correct arrows and equipment for your bow.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Store bows and other archery equipment so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
- Never dry-fire a bow.

Be aware that certain types of archery equipment and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.
Event points are accumulated by correctly answering a predetermined number of questions, making a certain number of hits in a prescribed target area, or correctly completing a prescribed activity. The maximum possible points for each event is 300. Specific scoring criteria are provided in the text describing rules for each event section of this guide. All individual contestants and teams are eligible to win an event award by scoring the highest number of points in a particular event. The eight events are: Hunter Shotgun Challenge (Sporting Clays), Light Rifle Challenge (.22 Silhouette), Hunter Archery Challenge (3-D Archery Course), Hunter Muzzleloader Challenge, Hunting Orienteering Challenge, Hunter Responsibility Exam, Hunter Safety Course (Safety Trail), and Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge. Awards will be issued for first through tenth place. The maximum possible score for each event award is 300 points.

Only individual contestants and teams who compete in all eight events qualify for the Overall State YHEC Champion. The Overall State Champion is determined by totaling the scores from all eight events. Awards will be issued to first through tenth place. The maximum possible score for this award is 2,400 points.

Ties for all categories, individuals per event, and overall individual scores will be broken. The following tie-breaking criteria will be used in the YHEC Challenge 2014.

In the event of a tie, the individual with the highest level of achievement in the Hunter Responsibility Exam will be declared the winner. If a tie remains, the individual with the highest level of achievement on the Hunter Safety Trail Challenge will be declared the winner. Should a tie remain, the individual with the highest combined level of achievement in the four (4) responsibility events (Hunter Responsibility Exam, Hunter Safety Trail Challenge, Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge and Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge) will be declared the winner. The final tiebreaker will be based on a combined score of the four (4) shooting events (Hunting Shotgun Challenge, Hunting Archery Challenge, Hunting Light Rifle Challenge, and Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge). Should individuals tie in the Hunter Responsibility Exam, the tie-breaking formula will start at the second criteria (Hunter Safety Trail Challenge).

Challenges concerning the value of shots as scored must be made immediately by the participant and will be resolved at each event. When shot value scores cannot be determined between the participant and the volunteer score judge, the Event Director will make the final determination. Only participants may challenge and all challenges must be made during the challenge period. (The challenge period is immediately before the next participant comes to the station of firing line or as outlined in the specific event regulations.)

Protests are to be brought to the attention of the Event Director, according to Event rules. If the individual receives no satisfaction, a written protest must be submitted to the 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator who will convene the 4-H/YHEC Protest Committee. A written protest must be submitted within one hour of the protest for review, consideration and final decision. The committee will be comprised of five individuals: 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, YHEC State Director, one county agent, one adult leader, and one Senior youth contestant.
Challenge 2014 Arkansas YHEC State Competition Awards

In each of the eight events, both Junior and Senior Divisions, individual or team winners will receive:

- 1st Place – Trophy (12)
- 2nd Place – Trophy (12)
- 3rd Place – Trophy (12)
- 4th through 10th Place – Ribbon (84)

Overall YHEC State Champion (all eight events combined) in both Junior and Senior Divisions, individuals and teams will receive:

- 1st Place – Trophy (12)
- 2nd Place – Trophy (12)
- 3rd Place – Trophy (12)
- 4th through 10th Place – Ribbon (84)

Awards will be determined from individual scores of team members as well as those scores of individual participants.

< Trophies will be presented to winners at the awards ceremony.
< Ribbons will be delivered to the county agent or county office.

The top three “Overall” winners in each age division will receive special awards from YHEC sponsors, such as rifles, shotguns, hunting trips, etc. Winners of these special awards must meet any local, state, or federal requirements. Prizes cannot be transferred to other recipients without approval of ARYHEC. Six YHEC Teams will compete in the 2014 International YHEC, thanks to sponsorships from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Safari Club International, Arkansas Friends of NRA, Arkansas YHEC, and Arkansas 4-H Shooting Sports.
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DIRECTIONS:
Ten miles west of Little Rock city limits.

From I-430:
After crossing the Arkansas River from the north, take the first exit - Cantrell Highway 18 - and travel west (right). Follow Highway 10 8.5 miles. Turn left onto Ferrdale Cutoff (West Pulaski Fire Dept. will be on the right). Follow Ferrdale Cutoff 5 miles to stop sign in Ferrdale. Travel another 1.1 miles on Ferrdale Cutoff. The 4-H Center will be on the right. From South, take Shackleford exit and loop around to get on I-630. See instructions below.

From I-630:
Stay on I-630 west until the interstate ends at a stop light at Shackleford Road. Continue through the light. This will be Financial Center Parkway and will turn into Chenal Parkway. Travel approximately 2.5 miles on Chenal Parkway and left on Kanis Road (after you pass Texaco which is on the right). Travel another 1.4 miles and bare left at the "Y". After 5.4 miles, you will get to a 4-way stop at Ferrdale. Turn left onto Ferrdale Cutoff and travel another 1.1 miles and turn right into the 4-H Center. Watch for signs.

From I-30:
Exit on Congo Road (in Benton), and travel North. Turn left at the stop sign in Salem. Take a right at the "Y" of Mulberry Rd. & Congo Rd. Take a right at the next "Y" of Steel Bridge Rd. & Congo Rd. Continue to the 4-H Center which is on the left. Total distance from I-30 is 17 miles. Watch for signs.