D6 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COACH TRAINING

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The D6 4-H Youth Development Program is pleased to announce an opportunity for county 4-H programs to have volunteers certified as coaches in the following shooting sports disciplines: archery, pistol, rifle or shotgun. The training and certification will be conducted on March 7th and 8th at the District 6 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Center in Fort Stockton, Texas. A map is attached. The training will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 7th, and conclude the following day at noon.

Registration will open on Wednesday, January 21st and close on Friday, February 20th via 4-H Connect, https://texas.4honline.com/Login. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT AND APPROVED 4-H CONNECT PROFILE TO REGISTER.

Please see this information is shared with any potential volunteers to ensure everyone is informed.

Listed below are the categories individuals can register for. An individual may only register for one discipline.

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 $120 which includes two meals and resources. 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 $120 which includes two meals and resources. The participant must register on 4-H Connect and either be a screened volunteer or current 4-H member. If under 18 years of age, the individual must be accompanied to the training by a certified coach or adult participating in the training. An assistant coach can be upgraded to a full 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Certification with no additional training once an assistant has reached 21 years of age and is an approved volunteer leader via 4-H Connect.

3. CERTIFIED COACH – coaches who are already certified can attend at no charge if they are accompanying an assistant coach. Two meals will be provided. Registration on 4-H Connect is not required. These individuals must e-mail c-belew@tamu.edu to confirm their attendance by the deadline of February 20th, and include the name of the participant they’re attending with.

4. EXTENSION PERSONNEL – All Extension personnel are welcome to attend at no charge as a professional development opportunity. Resources and two meals will be provided. Registration on 4-H Connect is not required. These individuals must e-mail c-belew@tamu.edu to confirm their attendance by the deadline of February 20th, and include the discipline they plan to be trained in.

If you have questions, please let me know. Additional details, waiver and a final agenda will be sent to those who register. This training will be open for registration statewide, with a maximum of 20 participants per discipline. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 20th; NO EXCEPTIONS! Lodging is on your own. A multitude of hotel options are available in Fort Stockton. Visit the Fort Stockton Visitor Center website under the LODGING tab for information, http://historicfortstockton.tx.com/attractions-2/fort-stockton-visitor-center/.
TENTATIVE AGENDA

Saturday, March 7th
*Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m. – Participant Check In
9:00 a.m. – Welcome and Orientation
9:30 a.m. – Discipline Training
12:00 p.m. – Catered Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Discipline Training
6:00 p.m. – Catered Supper
7:00 p.m. – Green Injection - An Orientation to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program
8:00 p.m. – Discipline Training

Sunday, March 8th
*Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m. – Discipline Training, Testing and Evaluation
12:00 p.m. – Depart for Home

WHAT TO BRING TO THE TRAINING

- 3-ring binder (2" or larger recommended)
- writing materials and extra paper for notes
- highlighters if you use them for stressed points
- EYE PROTECTION (shooting glasses or goggles) – recommended for archery, mandatory for all other disciplines
- EAR PROTECTION (plugs preferably or muffs) – mandatory for shotgun, rifle, and pistol disciplines
- comfortable outdoor clothing, including CLOSE-TOED SHOES and a coat/jacket (be prepared for cool weather)
- sunscreen (optional)
- folding chair recommended
- snacks and drinks if you have a preference (a minimum assortment will be provided)
- an open, positive mind ready to learn and share

Shotgun Discipline Participants:
- 20 or 12 gauge shotgun, any action type
- Skeet and modified chokes
- Ammunition pouch or vest
- Ammunition to fit the shotgun; 4 boxes target load only (# 8 shot, 1150 or 1200 velocity, 1 oz. or 1 1/8 oz.)

Archery Discipline Participants:
- Recurve or compound bow of any type
- Arrows to fit the bow; 6 or more
- Whistle

Rifle Discipline Participants:
- Equipment will be supplied

Pistol discipline participants:
- Equipment will be supplied
The D6 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Center is located at 1618 Airport Drive, Fort Stockton, Texas, directly north of I-10 adjacent to the golf course.

Contact my office if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Charlene Belew
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