2017 Minnesota 4-H SS&W Leader Certification

The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program Development Committee (PDC) invites you to attend a 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification! The PDC recommends that leaders attend the entire certification weekend every 5 years. Now is your chance to register!

Who: SS&W Volunteers - Youth 9th grade and older through adults
What: SHOOTING SPORTS & WILDLIFE LEADER CERTIFICATION

October 7-8
Douglas County Extension Office and Alexandria Shooting Park
Alexandria, MN

This 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife training is designed for adults and youth that lead or would like to lead training in shooting sports or wildlife. Classes will be offered in the disciplines of Coordinator, Archery, Rifle/Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, and Wildlife. This training meets the 4-H project leaders’ requirements for certification and recertification. Although there is range time allocated in the schedule, the majority of the training is classroom work to become an effective instructor, not to practice your own shooting skills.

***PLEASE NOTE – ALL adult participants must be active 4-H volunteers. If you are not an active volunteer, you must complete the screening process by September 22nd. You must have completed the 3-step screening process (click here), as well as viewed the additional three online volunteer training modules prior to attending the training (see more information below). A signature from your local county 4-H Program Coordinator needs to be on the registration form prior to submitting. Any questions on your volunteer enrollment status can be directed to Judy Christians, SS&W Event Manager, chri1420@umn.edu or 507-372-3900 EXT 3902.

FULL CERTIFICATION - This training is required for anyone wishing to become certified in a discipline to teach 4-H youth. Any individual that has not attended a discipline certification program in the past, or has not attended the entire weekend certification within the last five years, is required to attend this weekend-long certification program. The cost for the entire session is $75.00 per person. This cost includes meals, SS&W discipline electronic handbook, program, and training materials.

RE-CERTIFICATION - Leaders that have been trained in a 4-H SS&W discipline in the past may attend the training in that same discipline for $50.00. All re-certifications will need to attend their disciplines on Saturday ONLY from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION (please read carefully) -

• **ALL** adult participants must be active 4-H volunteers. If you are not an active volunteer, you must complete the screening process by September 22nd. Adult volunteers must also complete three online training modules prior to attending on October 7. These modules are 30 minutes each and completion will be monitored by regional staff. The information regarding training modules is below and will also be sent to you when you register. You must be an active volunteer (completed the screening process) to view the webinars. **If you have previously viewed these videos, you do not need to again.**

• Youth must be currently in 9th grade or older AND enrolled as a member in the Minnesota 4-H Program.

• **OLDER TEEN LEADERS** – This is relevant to those older youth that wish to take the training now, while still enrolled in 4-H. To continue to instruct as an adult, it is required to go through the training again, as an adult. When a member transitions from being a 4-H member to an adult 4-H Volunteer, their SS&W training as a 4-H member does not carry over.

• **UPDATED** - Due to the nature of handling firearms, the Parental Consent to Discharge Firearms and Air Guns must be signed by parents/guardians of all minors (those 17 and under) who participate in the Shooting Sports and Wildlife Leader Training (not just youth under 14 years). This form is found on the registration form.

• All participants must bring a **pair of safety glasses and ear protection.**

• **Cancellation Policy** – There will be no refunds given beyond the determined deadline! In the case of extenuating circumstances, which must be communicated to the event coordinator as soon as possible or within 5 days of the training, as determined by staff, the registration fee can be applied toward the next training that you can attend.

• More information and registration form can be found on the Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports/Wildlife website at: [http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-certification.html](http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-certification.html).

**LODGING INFORMATION:**

Please see the web site [http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-certification/](http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-certification/) for lodging options. Lodging arrangements must be made on your own.

---

**ALL forms should be sent to:**

**DUE September 22nd, 2017**

Judy Christians, SS&W Event Manager
Worthington Regional Office
1527 Prairie Drive, Worthington, MN 56187
chri1420@umn.edu , 507-372-3900 EXT 3902.
INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE ONLINE MODULES

The three (3) selected 4-H Volunteer online trainings provide volunteers with an overview of the 4-H Youth Development Program, the key factors that contribute to a meaningful experience for both volunteers and youth, and information for creating positive learning environments. **You will need to be an active volunteer to watch the online modules. Please contact your local 4-H office immediately to begin that process.**

Screened volunteers - here are the steps to locate and view the modules **online**:  

1) Open the webpage [www.4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/)

2) Scroll down to “Training Opportunities for Continuing Volunteers” section.


4) Follow the directions in the “Getting Started” section.

5) The THREE modules you need to complete are (30 minutes each):
   
   a. Creating a Welcoming 4-H Environment: Engaging, Encouraging, and Respectful  
   
   b. The 4-H Learning Environment  
   

6) Be sure to complete the survey at the end so we have a record that you have completed this step. A paper version of the survey is available, either on the website or from staff.

**NOTE:** The survey is how 4-H staff is notified that you have completed orientation. It also allows you to provide feedback on how well the orientation prepared you to begin your work with 4-H youth. You are able to offer suggestions that will help future volunteers.