



2012



Application Requirements

- **Age Requirement:**
14 by January 1, 2012
- **Complete Application on 4-H Connect**
Members must submit completed applications by September 9, 2011
- **Submit Letters of Recommendation**
Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation from adults who can attest to their abilities, character, and potential to serve as a representative of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. Mail letters to the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program Office.

ARE YOU READY TO BE PART OF THE NEXT TEXAS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM?

The Texas Team represents the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program at the annual National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. Team members are senior level 4-H members who have actively participated in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program on the state level and exhibit the characteristics of leadership, service, and safe and proficient shooting sports practices.

Teams consist of 4 members and participate in the following disciplines: compound archery, recurve archery, air pistol, air rifle, smallbore pistol, smallbore rifle, hunting and wildlife, muzzleloading, and shotgun. Applicants are selected based on their experience in the program, scores at state-level competitions, answers to short answer essay questions, and their recommendations from adults in their community.

Changes for 2012:

- Applications MUST be submitted on 4-H Connect.
- Adults wishing to coach a team at Nationals MUST complete an application on 4-H Connect. To complete this application, the adult volunteer must be enrolled in 4-H and be screened through the YPS system, with an *active* status shown on the 4-H Connect main page.
- Transcripts from the youth's school are not required.
- The applications are automatically sent to the county offices for approval by the county agent. The county Extension agent has the first right to approve/deny the application before it is sent to the state level.

Each discipline consists of three separate events:

Air Pistol: 10 meter slow fire, silhouette, 10 meter timed and rapid fire

Air Rifle: 3 position sporter air rifle, standing sporter air rifle, and silhouette

Compound and Recurve Archery: FITA, Field, 3-D

Hunting & Wildlife: hunter decision making, hunting skills, and wildlife ID & management

Muzzleloading: 25 yard bottles & haffner, 50 yard bullseye, silhouette

Shotgun: American skeet, American trap, sporting clays

Smallbore Rifle: 50 meter (or yard) three position, CMP smallbore sporting rifle, and smallbore rifle silhouette

Smallbore Pistol: Camp Perry Round, 25 yard slow fire, smallbore hunter's pistol silhouette

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ou must have posted state level (or higher) scores in each of the games within a specific discipline to be eligible.

The following statements are short answer questions that must be answered on the youth team member application. Feel free to type your responses in a word processing program and then *copy* and *paste* them into the fields on 4-H Connect.

Briefly outline why you want to represent Texas at the 2012 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational.

Briefly outline your experience in the disciplines you listed both in 4-H and in any other events. Please note, experience inside the 4-H Program is required in each of the events included, but experience outside of 4-H is not required. Please include information on each of the disciplines you are applying for.

Briefly outline your feelings and approach about representing Texas, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, and shooting sports to other competitors, coaches, observers, and the media.

What opportunities do you think that shooting sports can provide in promoting positive youth development?

Firearms were the instrument of death in 85 percent of teen homicides and 43 percent of teen suicides in 2007. While almost one in four youth firearm injuries results in death, non-firearm injuries result in death in only one out of every 760 cases. How do you respond to this?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that the best way to prevent firearm-related injuries to children and teens is to keep guns out of homes and communities. How do you respond to this?

Isn't it dangerous to have kids as young as 8 or 9 years old learning how to shoot guns or bows when they lack the ability to make mature decisions about their use?

Is there anything else you would like to add to this application?

Screenshot of the coach application on 4-H Connect:

Team Coach Show Manager Fields Show Volunteer Fields

Discipline Selection

You must be Texas 4-H Shooting Sports certified in the discipline you wish to coach.

Please select your first choice for the discipline you would be available to coach:

Please select your second choice for the discipline you would be available to coach:

Number of years you have been actively involved in your first choice discipline in the 4-H Program:

Number of years you have been actively involved in your second choice discipline in the 4-H Program:

Do you have a child applying for the Texas Team in one of the disciplines you have selected?:

Would you be willing to coach one of the above teams if your child IS NOT selected as a team member on that team?:

Shirt Size (Men's sizes):

Please describe why you would like to coach a team at the 2012 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational:

Previous National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Experience

Please indicate year of participation or coaching in any National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. If you have never competed or coached at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational, please leave blank.

Air Pistol:	<input type="text"/>
Air Rifle:	<input type="text"/>
Compound Archery:	<input type="text"/>
Recurve Archery:	<input type="text"/>
Hunting & Wildlife:	<input type="text"/>
Muzzleloading:	<input type="text"/>
Shotgun:	<input type="text"/>
Smallbore Pistol:	<input type="text"/>
Smallbore Rifle:	<input type="text"/>

Screenshot of the team member application on 4-H Connect:

Team Member Show Manager Fields Show Volunteer Fields

Discipline Selection

Please rank the disciplines in order of your preference for team selection.

Please select your first choice discipline:

Please select your second choice discipline:

Please select your third choice discipline:

Shirt Size (Men's sizes):

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Air Rifle:

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Recurve Archery:

Hunting & Wildlife:

Muzzleloading:

Shotgun:

Smallbore Pistol:

Smallbore Rifle:

State Level Scores

Please insert the scores for the events in which you have competed for each discipline you have applied:

First Choice Discipline Scores:

Second Choice Discipline Scores:

Third Choice Discipline Scores:

Short Answer Questions

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