**2024 Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Calendar of Events**

Events in “black” confirmed Items in “red” need to be confirmed.

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| **date** | **Event** |
| Jan 5 - 7 | Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Training. Skelton 4-H Center. Contact Robert Tillotson [ricochetrobert56@gmail.com](mailto:ricochetrobert56@gmail.com) |
| Jan 6 & 7 | Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council Meeting. Skelton 4-H Center. Contact Lynn Wheeless [lynnwheeless@gmail.com](mailto:lynnwheeless@gmail.com) |
| Jan 13  MCj01051880000[1]NRA Field Rep | Friends of NRA State Fund Committee Meeting. Bass Pro Shops, Ashland. Contact Brandon Spence, NRA Field Representative for Virginia and eastern Maryland [bspence@nrahq.org](mailto:bspence@nrahq.org) |
| Jan 15 - 19 | National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl. Quiz can be completed online anytime January 15th through the 19th. For study materials and registration links, go to <https://4-hshootingsports.org> |
| TBD | Southwest District 4-H Shoot. Southwest Virginia 4-H Center. |
| Feb 24 | 4-H Instructor Re-Certification for current Level I Instructors in Archery, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun. Holiday Lake  4-H Center. Coordinator re-certification offered online only. Contact Lynn Wheeless for additional details. |
| Mar 16 & 17 | **Virginia 4-H Spring Air.** Competitive events in Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery, BB Gun, Presentations and Public Speaking. **Virginia 4-H BB Gun Championship.** Top three BB teams qualify to represent Virginia  4-H at the Daisy National Championship Match in Rogers, Arkansas.Skelton 4-H Center. Contact Robert Tillotson. |
| Mar 26 – 29 | National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop. Salem, Oregon. National workshop to certify Level II instructors to serve on state training teams. Must be Level I 4-H certified at the state level to apply. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| **March 31** | **Easter** |
| Apr 5 - 7 | Hunter Education Advanced Training. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). DWR Hunter Education Instructors only. |
| Apr 13 & 14 | Spring 4-H Instructor Certification. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Level I certification in archery, coordinator, hunting/outdoor skills, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle or shotgun. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| May 18 & 19 | Workday and Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council Meeting. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| May 3 - 5 | **Hunter Education Challenge**. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Competitive events in sporting clays, rifle silhouettes, 3-D archery, outdoor skills and hunter responsibility exam. Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). |
| May 14 & 15 | Summer Camp Staff Only 4-H Instructor Certification. Southwest Virginia 4-H Center. Training in archery or rifle. |
| TBD | VT Foundation Internal Deadline for MidwayUSA Grants (June cycle).  MidwayUSA Deadline for Grants (June cycle). |
| Jun 2 | State AIM Shoot. Trap only. Winchester Gun Club. Sponsored by the Virginia Trapshooting Association. Contact BD Wood [aimvirginia@yahoo.com](mailto:aimvirginia@yahoo.com) |
| Jun 15 | 4-H Shooting Sports Alumni Picnic and Fun Shoot. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Contact Jaye Pearce [jpandjon@aol.com](mailto:jpandjon@aol.com) |
| Jun 15 | Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council Meeting following the 4-H Alumni Picnic and Fun Shoot. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. |
| Jun 18 - 21 | State 4-H Congress. Virginia Tech Campus. Contact Unit 4-H Agent. |
| Jun 22 | Southeast District 4-H Shoot. Airfield 4-H Center. Competitive events in archery, air pistol, air rifle, BB gun, smallbore pistol silhouette, smallbore rifle and shotgun. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| Jun 23 – 28 | 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships. Grand Island, Nebraska. Matches in air pistol, air rifle, archery compound, archery recurve, hunting and outdoor skills, muzzleloading, shotgun, smallbore pistol or smallbore rifle. |
| Jun 30 – Jul 3 | Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match. Rogers, Arkansas. Top three BB Gun teams from Spring Air qualify to represent Virginia 4-H. Go to [www.dnbbgcm.com/](http://www.dnbbgcm.com/) for additional information. |
| Jul 13 | Central District 4-H Shoot. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Competitive events in archery, air pistol, air rifle, BB gun, smallbore rifle, smallbore pistol silhouette, and shotgun. Contact Sarah Edens [soggybottomcows@yahoo.com](mailto:soggybottomcows@yahoo.com) |
| Jul 20 | Intro to .22 Rifle Silhouette Shooting. Izaak Walton League of Lynchburg. Open to youth and adults. Contact Marlene Gray [msktgray@aol.com](mailto:msktgray@aol.com) |
| TBD | National 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Academy. Location? State? Must be a Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador to apply. Contact Robert Tillotson. |
| Jul 28 – Aug 1  MCj01051880000[1]NREE Concurrent Camp | VA 4-H/NRA Shooting Education Camp. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Camp for youth ages 12 to 16 in archery, muzzleloading, pistol, shotgun, smallbore rifle, or natural resources/environmental education (NREE). Register online at: <https://www.holidaylake4h.com/nra-4-h-shooting-education-camp.html> |
| Aug 10 | Northern District 4-H Shoot. Cedar Mountain Youths Range, Culpeper. Competitive events in archery, air pistol, air rifle, BB gun, smallbore rifle, muzzleloader and shotgun. Contact Mark Willey [willeym@gmail.com](mailto:willeym@gmail.com) |
| Sept 6 | Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council Meeting. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| Sept 7 & 8 | **State 4-H Shoot.** Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Competitive events in air pistol, air rifle, archery, BB Gun, hunting and outdoor skills, muzzleloading, shotgun, smallbore pistol and smallbore rifle.Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| Sept 8  Will National Compound be shot on Sunday only? | Qualifying Event for the National Compound Archery Team. The 2024 State 4-H Shoot (National Compound Division) is the first of three qualifying events to represent Virginia at the 2025 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships. |
| Sept 13 - 15 | Hunter Skills Weekend. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. For youth ages 11 and older and adults. Sponsored by the Virginia Hunter Education Instructors Association. Contact Heather Benninghove [heathern@vt.edu](mailto:heathern@vt.edu) |
| Sept 20 - 22 | Hunter Education Advanced Training. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Sponsored by the VA DWR. DWR Hunter Education Instructors only. |
| Sept 21 | **RL Harris Jr Memorial 4-H Shotgun Championship.** Brushy Mountain Club. Competitive events in Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. The 2024 Shotgun Championship is the qualifying event to represent Virginia at the 2025 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Nebraska.Contact David Maddox [firearmfixer@gmail.com](mailto:firearmfixer@gmail.com) |
| Oct 12 & 13 | Fall 4-H Instructor Certification (or inclement weather date for the State 4-H Shoot). Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Level I certification in archery, coordinator, hunting/outdoor skills, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle and shotgun. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| Nov 2 | 4-H Instructor Re-Certification for current Level I Instructors in Archery, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun. Holiday Lake  4-H Center. Coordinator re-certification is online only. Contact Lynn Wheeless for details. |
| TBD | NRA Foundation Grant Internal and External Deadlines |
| TBD | MidwayUSA Grants Internal and External Deadlines (December cycle) |

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