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**2023 Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Calendar of Events**

Dates, events, locations, etc. in red need to be confirmed

Last Update - January 9, 2023

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| **date** | **Event** |
| Jan 6 – 8 | Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Training. Skelton 4-H Center. Contact Robert Tillotson [ricochetrobert56@gmail.com](mailto:ricochetrobert56@gmail.com) |
| Jan 7 & 8 | Winter Meeting of the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council. Skelton 4-H Center. Contact Lynn Wheeless [lynnwheeless@gmail.com](mailto:lynnwheeless@gmail.com) |
| Jan 21 | Friends of NRA State Fund Committee Meeting. Bass Pro Shops, Ashland. |
| Will not be held in 2023 | Southwest District 4-H Shoot. Southwest Virginia 4-H Center. Competitive event in BB Gun. |
| Feb 25 | 4-H Instructor Re-certification. Re-training for current Level I Instructors in Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| Mar 18 & 19 | **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 24 – 26 | Hunter Education Advanced Training. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). DWR Hunter Education Instructors only. |
| Apr 1 & 2 | Workday and Spring Meeting of the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| **Sunday, Apr 9** | **Easter** |
| Apr 15 & 16 | 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. |
| Apr 15 & 16 | 4-H Advanced Shotgun Training. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Skeet or  5-Stand/Sporting Clays. Must be Level I 4-H Shotgun certified to apply. |
| May 1 – 5 | National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop. Rock Springs 4-H Center, Kansas. 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. |
| May 5 – 7 | 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). Contact? |
| May 15 - 18 | Summer Camp Staff Only 4-H Instructor Certification. Jamestown 4-H Center. Training in archery or rifle. |
| End of May  Mid Jun | VT Foundation Internal Deadline for MidwayUSA Grants (June cycle).  MidwayUSA Deadline for Grants (June cycle). |
| Jun 4 | 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 17 | 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 17 | Summer Meeting of the VA 4-H Shooting Education Council following the 4-H Alumni Picnic and Fun Shoot. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. |
| Jun 24 | Southeast District 4-H Shoot. Airfield 4-H Center. Competitive events in archery, air pistol, air rifle, BB gun, smallbore rifle and shotgun. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| Jun 25 – 30 | 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships. Grand Island, Nebraska. Matches in air pistol, air rifle, archery compound, archery recurve, hunting, muzzleloading, shotgun, smallbore pistol or smallbore rifle. |
| Jun 26 – 30 | State 4-H Congress. Virginia Tech Campus. Contact Unit 4-H Agent. |
| Jul 5 – 10 | 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 15 | Central District 4-H Shoot. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Competitive events in archery, air pistol, air rifle, BB gun, smallbore rifle and shotgun. Contact Sarah Edens [soggybottomcows@yahoo.com](mailto:soggybottomcows@yahoo.com) |
| Jul 22 | 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 Teen Leadership Institute. Dates? State? Must be a Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador to apply. Contact Robert Tillotson. |
| Jul 30 – Aug 3  Note: 1 week earlier than normal | VA 4-H/NRA Shooting Education Camp. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Camp for youth ages 12 to 16 in archery, muzzleloading, pistol, shotgun or smallbore rifle. Register online at: [https://www.holidaylake4h.com/ nra-4-h-shooting-education-camp.html](https://www.holidaylake4h.com/%20nra-4-h-shooting-education-camp.html) |
| Aug 5 & 6  MCj01051880000[1] | 4-H Instructor Certification. Fredericksburg-Rappahannock IWLA. Level I certification in archery or rifle. Contact Robert Borka [hotshots4hclubs@gmail.com](mailto:hotshots4hclubs@gmail.com) |
| Aug 12  Note: Restricted to clubs in the former Northern District | District 4-H Shoot at Cedar Mountain Youths Range in 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 8 | Meeting of the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| Sept 9 & 10 | **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 9 or 10  MCj01051880000[1]since 2021  Tentative dates for the 2nd and 3rd qualifying events:  Mar/Apr of 2024 | **Qualifying Event for the National Compound Archery Team.** The 2023 State 4-H Shoot (National Compound Division) is the first of three qualifying events to represent Virginia at the **2024 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Nebraska.** In addition to competing in the National Compound Archery Division at the 2023 State 4-H Shoot, senior 4-H members must also compete in the **2024 National Indoor Championship** in Harrisonburg and a **National Championship Simulation**. Location TBD. |
| Sept 15 - 17 | Hunter Skills Weekend. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Sponsored by the Virginia Hunter Education Instructors Association. Contact? |
| Sept 22 - 24 | Hunter Education Advanced Training. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Sponsored by the VA DWR. DWR Hunter Education Instructors only. |
| Sept 23  MCj01051880000[1]Location | **RL Harris Jr Memorial 4-H Shotgun Championship.** Arrowhead Gun Club. Competitive events in Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand and Wobble Trap. The 2023 Shotgun Championship is the qualifying event to represent Virginia at the **2024 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Nebraska.** Contact David Maddox [firearmfixer@gmail.com](mailto:firearmfixer@gmail.com) |
| Oct 14 & 15 | 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 4 | 4-H Instructor Re-Certification. Re-training for current Level I Instructors in Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun. Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Contact Lynn Wheeless. |
| Dates | NRA Foundation Grant Internal and External Deadlines |
| Dates | MidwayUSA Grants Internal and External Deadlines (December cycle) |

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