

2018 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Fact Sheet

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Please read through the registration info and match bulletins. Do not rely strictly on this information. If you find a change that I have missed, please let me know. Age participation policy for all events (except BB) tied to calendar year.

Date: March 16-18, 2018

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational and Conference Center, Wirtz, VA

Driving Directions and Map of Facilities: <http://www.skelton4hcenter.org/>

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Registration Process: Counties/teams that competed in 2017 will be sent notification of the registration information. Registration materials can be downloaded from the VA 4-H Shooting Education Website

<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/nree/shooting.html>

or contact Robert Tillotson or Sam Fisher; see contact information below.

Eligibility: Any 4-H member enrolled in a State 4-H Office approved 4-H Shooting Education Club who has completed project portfolios in the event(s) in which they are registered to shoot. Portfolios can be downloaded from the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Website (above).

Portfolios for each participant need to be complete and presented at registration.

Lodging, Meal, and Day Use Fees:

Lodging will be \$46.00 night/room in hotel style rooms with 4 or 5 persons per room or \$9.00/night/person in lodge style rooms. This includes a 10.3% lodging tax. Families with shooting competitors will be given priority for the hotel style rooms. (Please do not ask for them for extended family members such as aunts, uncles, and grandparents.) Youth and adults must provide their own bedding, towels and toiletries. For these room rates, you will be responsible for cleaning the trash out of your rooms and making sure everything is in order. You will be responsible for any damages. There is to be **NO SMOKING** in any building or rooms. Please inform your adults of this.

Meals are: Breakfast-\$8.50, Lunch-\$9.00, and Dinner-\$12.00. This includes a 9.3% meals tax.

Lodging and meal requirements must be made with pre-registration by February 28th.

Day Use fee will be \$4.00 for the event for participants commuting or those lodging who do not eat any meals thru the Skelton 4-H Center food services. Please contact Robert if you have questions.

Use of Skelton facilities for meals. Skelton has allotted a limited number of areas for groups to have their own meals. These will be on a first come basis. Please contact Robert for additional information. This has to be confirmed with Robert by the registration deadline. They do ask that there be no cooking in the living quarters and no grills.

Entry Fee: The entry fee for 4-H participants is \$30 per youth and includes all matches and event t-shirt.

Payment: Due to the financial guidelines for 4-H clubs, shooting clubs that opted to become activities of VA TECH will receive an invoice at check-in for their total fees due. Payment of these fees will need to be processed through the shooting club's local extension office in a timely manner.

Shooting clubs that opted to apply for independent 501(c)3 status with the IRS (or their county 4-H volunteer Leaders group applied for independent status) will pay at check in on Friday night or Saturday morning. **One check per county/club please!** Make check payable to "Skelton 4H Educational Center." There will be a \$35 fee on any returned check.

The amount owed will be emailed to the coach of record along with lodging assignments and squad times during the week prior to the competition.

Cancellation Policy:

Clubs will be responsible for payment of any meals and/or lodging not canceled by February 28th. Cancellations to be made to Robert Tillotson at ricochetrobert56@gmail.com

Check-in: **Only one official coach of record (or their designee) to come through registration line please!** Upon arrival, each club must check-in, **present portfolios and participant registration for review**, pay (if they opted for independent status), receive their housing assignments (if any) and verify the adult(s) who will be providing overnight supervision. **As 4-H has gone to online enrollment, health forms, and code of conduct, each club is responsible for either having paper copies of health forms with them or 24 hour access to online health forms for all participants commuting or staying at the center and those adults staying at the center.** Clubs must provide any additional information necessary to have a safe, productive and enjoyable weekend.

Mandatory Scorer/Stat House Worker: Even though AR, AP, and BB will be scored by scanning we ask that each county/club designate at least one adult (4-H Instructor and/or 4-H Parent) to assist with tasks as needed throughout the event, such as running targets, sorting targets, and generally being available to help. They do not have to stay in the stat house the whole time. Just check by and see if any help is needed and it does not have to be the same person designated for the whole weekend. The operators of the Orion Systems have asked for assistance with the scanning process so that they might be able to take a break occasionally and also to be able to teach others about the systems. For those clubs or individuals interested in learning more about the Orion system, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

Events: BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Silhouette, Air Rifle Silhouette, Presentation Contest, Public Speaking Contest, and Archery.

BB will use the new age classification. All other events (including public speaking and presentation) will use the calendar year for ages to determine classification where necessary.

Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and BB will all be scored by the Orion system in 2018.

Additional Information:

BB

The age rule for BB is as follows: The new rule is “The age of the competitor shall be determined by the date of the first shot going downrange for each tournament. The **limiting out age is still fifteen**. However, it has been decided by the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council that if a participant turns sixteen between the state shoot and national shoot, then they will be ineligible to compete for the club team awards. They may still compete at this state shoot as an individual.

BB will be shot as the 4-H 4P State Championship in 2018. The top three BB teams will be invited to the Daisy National BB Championship, June 30 – July 3, 2018 in Rogers, AR. (Daisy has presented a prepaid credit card to every BB gun team that qualified for, attended, and competed at the Daisy Nationals in 2017. This money could be used for travel costs and equipment and would enable some teams to attend and compete who otherwise could not. At the publication of this fact sheet it is unknown if the same will be in place for 2018.)

The Avanti/Daisy lessons are “10 Lesson Curriculum” revised January 17, 2013. Web site is <https://www.daisy.com/education>

There is also information about the nationals on this page.

The NRA BB Rule Book, effective January 2016, is the one posted as of 1/17/17 and will be the rule book used unless the NRA posts an updated version before the match.

<http://compete.nra.org/official-nra-rule-books.aspx>

Air Rifle: We will be using the Eleventh Edition National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules, effective September 1, 2016 to August 2018. They can be found at: <http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rules.pdf?ver=092816>

Air Rifle Teams will be composed of 4 members and must be declared Saturday morning, March 17th at the check-in table before the first shot is fired (9:00 AM).

Please note: the Air Rifle event is a **60 shot match** and is **not** recommended for novice Air Rifle shooters

Qualification for Air Rifle State Development Team: The guidelines for the 2018 Virginia 4H Air Rifle Development Team for the 2018 National Invitational have been developed. If you would like a copy, contact Sam Fisher.

Air Pistol: We will be using the USA-NRA Progressive Position Air Pistol Rules – Revised as of January 12, 2016 www.usashooting.org/library/Youth_Development/PPP/PPP_Rules_Final_2016.pdf unless USA-NRA posts an updated version before the match. **The following exception for the “Spring Air” 4- H Match will be made. Due to past no or low participation in the Sub-Junior International Standing position, that position will not be offered. However, the minimum age for International Standing will be dropped, making any one shooting in that position eligible to qualify for finals.**

Air Pistol Teams will be composed of 3 members and must be declared Saturday morning, March 17th, at the check-in table before the first shot is fired (9:00 AM). Please see the Air Pistol match program for information on how to declare a club's team(s).

Presentation and Public Speaking Contests. The 4-H Shooting Education Program is a vehicle for teaching life skills and the youth participating in the shooting program need to be able to communicate to others their interest and commitment to the shooting sports. Youth may participate in either the presentation contest or public speaking contest. The rules for each will follow the main stream 4-H contest areas and can be accessed at the Virginia Cooperative Extension site which is listed later in this announcement. Awards will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd individual in each event and each age group: Junior (ages 9 to 13) and Senior (ages 14 – 19).

“Spring Air” 4-H Age Policy: Youth that turn 9 to 13 in 2018 will be considered juniors and those that turn 14 or older in 2018 will be considered seniors.

The only additional stipulation is that the presentation or speech must be shooting related.

Presentation Contest Score Sheet:

<http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/388/388-062/388-062-pdf.pdf>

Public Speaking:

http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/388/388-066/388-066_pdf.pdf

Air Rifle and Air Pistol Silhouettes. Awards will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd individual in each division of each event. The air rifle silhouettes will be divided into two groups: juniors and seniors. (See “Spring Air” 4-H age policy above.) Air pistol silhouettes will be divided into two groups: (1) those shooting in the supported positions and (2) those shooting in the standing unsupported position.

Archery. This event is limited to Genesis bows and 30# or less recurve bows. Please read the archery rules for complete information as there are specifics to this competition.

Finals. Sunday Afternoon
Air Rifle (top 8 sporter) and
Air Pistol (top 8 unsupported/standing)

Equipment Barter/Swap Market: Many clubs and individuals have equipment that they no longer need but which would benefit others. As there has been low interest in this in past years, we will not have a specific time set aside. However, if an individual or club has equipment that they would like to sell there is space during meal time that wares can be displayed. This is an opportunity to help each other by reducing inventory of no longer used/needed equipment that can be used by others.

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At this time of year, sometimes sites, particularly those for rules are being updated for the new year. If you find one that has been updated and I have not caught it, please let me know.