



New Jersey 4-H Shooting Sports

An Action Packed Natural Resource
Program for Youth and Adults



January – December 2002 Annual Report

Trainings:

New Jersey 4-H Shootings Sports program offered it's first 4-H Shooting Sports workshop on April 5th –7th, 2002. The New York Shooting Sports program provided experienced instructors to facilitate the training in the Archery, Rifle and Coordinator curriculums. 27 people attended the workshop.

Some of the highlights of the training were...

- Of the 9 Instructors, 8 Nationally Certified Trainers were from New York, and 1 from New Jersey
- 18 people were trained as instructors
 - 9 received instruction in Rifle
 - 9 were trained in Archery
- 10 of the trainees were women, and 8 were men.
- 14 of the trainees were from New Jersey, three from New York and one from Michigan.
- 5 were trained to work with youth in a camp setting.



The trainees persevered through the cold weather to obtain instructor certifications to work with youth in their counties. Highpoints of the training included practice teaching sessions, a demonstration of the Beam-hit Laser Shooting Training System, and an auction. Donated items were auctioned off for \$494, which was used to offset the costs of the training. The New Jersey 4-H Shooting Sports Program would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon Peters Sporting Goods Store, Go West Army & Navy, and a number of individual contributors that made the auction such a success.

It was a very successful first training, and we hope to offer more curriculums in the future.

4-H Shooting Sports Enrollment

Here is a brief summary of enrollment in the shooting sports program.



- 36 boys and 24 girls were in 4 recognized shooting sports 4-H clubs, grades 4-13 (one year out of high school), with a majority of the children being Caucasian, and approximately 20 percent black.
- 184 boys and 128 girls, grades 4-13, involved in 2002 summer camp archery and air rifle programs, with 1% Asian, 1% Hispanic, 10% black and 88% Caucasian.
- 170 boys and 390 girls, grades 4-13, to participate in instruction/recreational shooting at camp during the off season

with a majority of the children being Caucasian, and approximately 5 percent black.

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- 11 adult volunteer shooting sports club leaders (state trained instructors), 60% of which are women and a majority of the instructors are Caucasian.
- 3 summer camp paid staff to be trained and certified, two males and one female,(two Caucasian and one Asian). The Program director is also certified in Archery.
- 2 year-round camp staff and two volunteers to participated in the National Shooting Sports training, with 3 males and one female attending.



Project/Activity Goals:

Our overall goal is to make available a safe, consistent 4-H Shooting Sports program throughout NJ, as well as to provide a support mechanism for our volunteers. We met the following goals...

- Offered our first state-sponsored training program and maintaining a strong training relationship with NY and Maryland.



- Increased enrollment in Off Season shooting Sports programs (with the introduction of the All Girls Mormon Youth camp and free archery programs to 4-H Club winter camp programs). We also had three area schools utilize our shooting Sports program during their environmental education programs at our facility (Washington Township Schools, Forestdale School and Fairhaven School)
- We expanded and updated our inventory of shooting sports equipment and upgraded our shooting sports ranges. Students prefer to use the Genesis bows, and we have incorporated the Beamhit 330A Laser system for educational and training programs for our air rifle program.

We hope to meet the following goals in the next year

- Establish a statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and conduct the initial meeting at the state training meeting.
- Expand involvement in all programs offered, including forming 2 new clubs (50% increase), adding 10 new shooting sports leaders/state-trained instructors (over 100% increase), training and certifying three summer camp staff members, increasing summer camp participation by 33%,

and increasing off-season participation by 25%.

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