

Guide to Wyoming 4-H State Shoot

The Wyoming 4-H State Shoot is held in Douglas, Wyoming on the State Fairgrounds and at shooting ranges four miles south of Douglas. The event is typically held the second weekend in July.

All range officers and those helping at each range are Wyoming 4-H volunteers. This event would not be possible without their dedication and time – be sure to thank them. They can also answer questions you may have.

Purpose

- Provide participants with a supervised shooting experience emphasizing shooting skills and firearms safety.
- Provide recognition for high scoring individuals and county team members.
- Provide involvement of leaders and parents for supervision and range instructors.
- Provide opportunities for learning and fun in shooting sports and natural resources.

Eligibility

Anyone enrolled in the Wyoming 4-H program can compete at State Shoot. Eligibility for individual youth is determined by the local county program. Contestants must have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the range commands and safe handling of the associated shooting equipment for each discipline in which they shoot. This is verified on the county registration form by a **required** signature from the local 4-H educator or their designated county key shooting sports leader. (Examples of demonstrating knowledge and understanding may include, but are not limited to, participation in: county shoot, district shoot, club shoot, scheduled 4-H club practices, state shoot, national shooting sports invitational, and postal match events.)

Teams are determined by the local county program.

Event rules, regulations, and safety requirements are located on the State 4-H web site. It is each contestant's responsibility to understand these prior to the event.

I WANT TO GO TO STATE SHOOT!

Contact your local extension office and/or shooting sports volunteer leader to find out how to register.

- What you need to know to register:
 - Disciplines you are competing in
 - In contests where more than one class exists (i.e. Rifle, Archery, etc.), participants will be permitted to compete in only **one** class. For example, an individual may not compete in both the Light Target and Sporter classes in .22 Rifle.
 - Whether or not you want to order an additional commemorative t-shirt and/or cap (each youth will be receiving a t-shirt with their registration)
 - Where you will be staying
 - Who your chaperone will be
 - Interest in qualifying for the award trip to Raton, NM (Senior only ~ 14-19 years old)
 - Awards trip for senior competitors. Winners go to Raton, NM in September for four days to shoot at the NRA Whittington Center and have fun. Details and eligibility requirements are included in the rules packet.
 - Balance due to the county program
 - A non-refundable fee of \$15.00 is assessed to each youth participant
 - Shotgun competitors will have an additional fee of \$18.00 which includes clays and trap fees for the match
 - Archery competitors will have an additional fee of \$5.00 which includes the cost to purchase and replace 3-D animal targets
 - A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed for all entries received after the registration deadline.
 - Lodging fees apply for dorms and campground.

- Check all firearms/archery equipment to be sure they meet class requirements PRIOR to State Shoot.
- Contestants are responsible for providing their own shooting equipment and accessories. Coordinate with your local educator/shooting sports volunteer leader if you are borrowing equipment
- Check with your extension office/shooting sports volunteer leader to see if there will be a county meeting for contestants before the event.

BEFORE ARRIVING IN DOUGLAS

Shooter Number

Shooter numbers can be obtained from your local extension office or online. Write this number on something that can be easily seen by the range commander(s) at all times during competition. (example: sticky name tag on hat or shirt)

Transportation

Competitors are responsible for getting to, from, and around Douglas for State Shoot. Check with others in your county if you need to catch a ride or are willing to provide transportation for others.

Lodging

An overnight stay in Douglas may or may not be necessary. Review the schedules and depending on the number of events you are planning to compete in, it may be possible to get everything done in one day. If you do require overnight lodging in Douglas, options are listed below. *All youth must have a designated chaperone.*

- Dorms ~ \$10/night/person
 - Open for youth participants and screened adult volunteers.
 - *There will be **NO** firearms, ammunition, or archery equipment allowed in the dorm at anytime.*
 - Delegates will be responsible for securing safe storage for their own equipment.
 - Delegates will sleep and stay in their designated area of the dorm (i.e. boys' side and girls' side).
 - Any delegate residing in the dorm must be part of the official county delegation.
 - Participants are encouraged to keep their individual sleeping area clean and neat at all times.
 - Youth will sleep in the same area as their chaperone.
 - Lights out will be 10:30 p.m.
- State Fairgrounds Campground ~ Full hook-up-\$25/night/site.
 - ***Those staying in the campground need to remain in the assigned section.***
 - Camping permits can be picked up in Ft. Caspar upon your arrival and must be displayed during your stay.
 - *ALL firearms and archery equipment must remain cased at all times.* Cleaning or repair will only take place under the supervision of a Certified Shooting Sports Instructor.
 - Delegates must be housed in the same camper space as their chaperone.
 - Lights out will be 11:00 p.m.
- Hotels
 - Consider making your reservations early as they fill up quickly.

Chaperones

- **Only screened leaders may chaperone 4-H members.** Members may not chaperone other 4-H members.
- Each county delegation is to be accompanied by at least one ***chaperone that will sleep in the same area as the delegation (i.e. dorm OR campground).***
- A minimum of one male chaperone and one female chaperone is required if both males and females comprise the delegation. A ratio of 1 adult per 10 youth is acceptable.
- Each county chaperone has primary responsibility for his or her designated delegation's safety and conduct. This does not preclude any chaperone reminding other delegates of their responsibility to consider others and be safe.
- Chaperones will observe the same curfew hours as the delegates.
- Chaperones will enforce quiet hours among all delegations after lights out.

Schedules

A general schedule of events is posted online for your convenience. This will give you an overview of when ranges open and close as well as when activities take place.

Schedules will be emailed to local extension offices and posted on the State 4-H web site as soon as it's feasible to do so.

A strong effort is made to create a schedule for each range that allows the most flexibility for each participant and county delegation.

- As you look at the schedules, it's helpful to note the following:
 - Times listed for Shotgun, Muzzleloader, and Archery cannot be changed and need to take priority over shooting at other ranges.
 - The Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and .22 Pistol ranges are open at all times. The lines will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - For the remaining ranges:
 - Large county delegations are split and listed more than once. It is beneficial for the county to create a rough plan as to who will go at what time to ensure there is enough room on each line.
 - Counties listed have priority on the line. Any open spaces are filled with those who have checked-in and are waiting to shoot. These spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- *If a youth is shooting in several disciplines, it may not be possible for them to get everything done in one day.*
- Look at the schedules before you get to Douglas and make a plan.

What to bring

- Anything necessary to compete.
- Plan accordingly for varying weather conditions.
- If you're staying in the dorms, only beds and bathroom facilities are provided.
- Sunscreen, snacks, beverages, chairs, shade covers, rain gear, etc. ~ anything to make your time more enjoyable and comfortable.
- Maps are available on the State 4-H web site.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN DOUGLAS

- If you have your State Shoot shooter number, you may check-in directly at any of the ranges where you are competing.
- If you do not know your shooter number and need to find out what it is, you can visit the information office in Fort Caspar on the State Fairgrounds to obtain that information.
- Make sure you have enough time to check-in at each range prior to your scheduled shoot time.
- Parking is available anywhere you can find it free of charge.

Fort Caspar Information Office

- This is the central information location for State Shoot. If you have questions, this is the place to begin for getting them answered. You can also find the items listed below:
 - Caps & t-shirts
 - Shooter numbers
 - Maps
 - Schedules
 - Event Information
 - Camping Permits
- The office will be open for a short time on Thursday evening as well as all day Friday and Saturday.

Targets & Score Sheets

- .22 Rifle, Air Rifle, .22 Pistol
 - These are scored in Ft. Caspar. As soon as they are scored, targets are made available to be picked up and score sheets verified.
 - Once they come out of the score room, youth have approximately one hour to verify their score is correct. If a reasonable amount of time has passed, scores are final and you can still pick up your targets. Targets not picked up will be disposed of.
- Archery, Air Pistol, Muzzleloader, Shotgun
 - Score sheets from these ranges are signed by the contestant and considered final at the range. Don't leave without signing your score sheet.
- Official scores will be determined by the match score keeper to be named by the State 4-H Office. The official match score keeper's decisions will be final.

Meals

- Competitors and their families are responsible for their own meals.
- The local Converse County Sportsmen sponsor a free BBQ for all State Shoot attendees (youth and adults) on Friday evening outside the State Fairgrounds Cafeteria.
- Typically there are not food vendors at any of the ranges.

Awards

- All youth competitors will receive a commemorative 4-H Shooting Sports patch.
- Awards will be presented to the top Junior, Intermediate, and Senior individuals as well as the top Junior and Senior teams.
- An awards program will be held on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the State Fairgrounds Cafeteria.
- If you are unable to attend, your awards will be sent home with a volunteer from your county or to the extension office.

Fun activities

- Free BBQ on Friday night for all competitors and their families outside the State Fairgrounds Cafeteria
- Youth dance on Saturday night outside the cafeteria
- For more information about things to do in Douglas, visit <http://www.conversecountytourism.com>

WYOMING 4-H STATE SHOOT LEADERSHIP

RANGE	COUNTY	CHAIRMAN
ARCHERY	PARK	PETE FOLEY 250-2052
Jr. Line	WASHAKIE NATRONA LARAMIE	BRIAN PITTMAN DAVID DOYLE DAVE & DAWN CROUSE
.22 RIFLE	PLATTE	LYNDON MILLER
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MUZZLELOADER	CARBON	MIKE MOON 327-5315 BILL KERNAN
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GENERAL EVENT CONTACT

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