

# Outdoor Opportunities

## **4-H Shooting Sports Upcoming Contests**

This is the upcoming state contest for 4-H Shooting Sports in Nebraska. Check the Nebraska Shooting Sports website for more details at

<http://4h.unl.edu/programs/environment/shootingsports/index.html>

- State 4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle Contests Wayne, NE  
April 5-6, 2008

## **Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest (WHEP)**

The program is designed to build life skills and teach youth about the fundamentals of wildlife conservation and management. The program's primary function is education, although the contest portion is competitive. Participants learn natural resource management through both the contest and the associated activities. Youth develop leadership skills and are able to meet with wildlife professionals. Participants increase their self-confidence through experience and develop teamwork, cooperation, decision making along with oral and written communication skills. Individuals may attend and be grouped with other teams. Part of the contest requires a team effort so youth will be able to learn how to work together as a team.

Novices—youth 8 to 11 involved in activities, not part of the contest.

Juniors—youth 12 to 13, teams of 3-4.

Seniors—youth 14 to 18, teams of 3-4.

The 2008 Contest will be June 6 & 7 at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp near Hordville. If you are interesting in the WHEP Contest or forming a Dodge County Team contact the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County at 727-2775.

## **National Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador**

Would you like to apply to be a National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador? Then download the application from the national website. The revised application is available now and the due date for new applications is February 15, 2008. The youth must be 15 years of age but not over the age of 18 as of January 1, 2008, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, be enrolled and actively participating in a 4-H Shooting Sports Club, and must attend the 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Training. For more information visit the National Shooting Sports Website at <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/teenambassador> Send completed forms to Steve Pritchard, 222 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Albion, NE 68620

## **Daisy Outdoor Products Scholarship**

Daisy Outdoor Products announced the fourth annual 4-H Scholarship application is available on the National 4-H Shooting Sports website. The revised application is available on the National 4-H Shooting Sports website. Applications for 2008 scholarship cycle are due on February 1, 2008. This scholarship is open to high school juniors and seniors to make and application. All the guidelines are on the website [http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/youth/08\\_Daisy\\_SCHOLARSHIP.doc](http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/youth/08_Daisy_SCHOLARSHIP.doc)

## **2008 – 2009 National Shooting Sports Invitational**

For the next two years, the National Invitational will be hosted by the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteers and Steve Pritchard, State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. The event will be held in Grand Island, NE, at the Heartland Shooting Park. A link to the hotel and motels in the city will soon be on the web site for those who will be attending. The website for the contest is [http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/national\\_match.htm](http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/national_match.htm) You can view the facility by going to <http://www.heartlandpublicshootingpark.com/> to see what the facility looks like. If you or your shooting club would like to donate your time to help with the contest contact Steve Pritchard at 402-395-2158

## **Outdoors Club Meeting Ideas**

Kerry John an Extension Assistant in Cheyenne, Kimball and Banner Counties provided our office with a couple great resources for outdoor activities.

**The Insect Challenge** Is it difficult to find insects? In this activity we are going to determine why it is difficult to find insects and why they like it that way. This activity is targeted for 12-15 year olds if you have younger 4-H'ers incorporate them into teams with older 4-H'ers.

**When Bugs Fly** Insects are the only invertebrates that can fly. Participants will be given materials to create an insect with wings. This activity is targeted for 12-15 year olds if you have younger 4-H'ers incorporate them into teams with older 4-H'ers.

**Do you see what I see?** In this activity, the students will be able to experience the range of vision that an insect has, and understand how difficult it might be to find food. This activity is targeted for 8-12 year olds. Complete instructions of these projects are available online at <http://dodge.unl.edu/4H/4hleaderstuff/4hleaderstuff.htm>

## **2nd Annual Burt County Shooting Sports Competition**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Burt County Shooting Sports Competition will be held on March 9, 2008 in Craig. Full details will be in the next newsletter.