DATE:        April 5, 2012
TO:          All County Extension Agents
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SUBJECT:     District 5 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Games—May 5, 2012

A new opportunity for shooters is being announced as the 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Games and has been scheduled for May 5, 2012 in Lufkin at the Pine's Gun Club (311 Spring Lake Drive, Lufkin – 936-634-8228 – www.PinesGunClub.com).

Counties may enter as many individuals as desired. We are asking 4-H members to register via 4-H Connect but non-4-H members may participate as well. They will just have to register on site. We are conducting two contests simultaneously—a 4-H contest and an invitational contest for non 4-H members. 4-Hers may also participate in this contest but will have to pay entry fees for both contests. A $10 PCR fee will be added to the non-4-H member registration fee.

4-H members are encouraged to complete their entry on 4-H Connect by April 27, 2012. Connect entries will help us prepare for the event. Entry can also be made on site. If paying by County 4-H Check for 4-H Connect entries, a copy of the county entry invoice must accompany payment to the Texas 4-H Foundation. The Texas 4-H Foundation will not accept personal checks.

Entry fee and entry categories are as follows:
Novice:
- Trap – 25 targets and Skeet – 25 targets $30
- Tower – 10 targets $10

Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior 1 (14-15), and Senior 2 (16-18):
- Trap – 50 targets $25
- Skeet – 50 targets $25
- Sporting Clays – 50 targets $30
- 5 Stand – 50 targets $30
- Tower – 10 targets $10

Adults:
- Sporting Clays – 50 targets $30
- Tower – 10 targets $10
Participating as a Novice is optional for any new shooter. Novice classes will be Junior (age 13 and under) and Senior (age 14 and over). A Novice for this tournament is considered to be any shooter who is in their first year of 4-H shooting (2011).

- A $10 office fee/PCR fee will be added to any invitational entry.
- Lunch will be provided as part of the entry fee. Extra tickets can be purchased.
- Awards will be presented to the 1st through 5th place winner in each age division and to the High Point Overall in each age division.
- Safe and respectful behavior is expected of shooters, coaches, parents, and spectators at all times.

Each competitor must provide their own ear and eye protection and their own ammunition. Shotguns 12 gauge or smaller must be used.

Disorderly, unsafe or abusive conduct has no place on the Shooting Sports Range and will not be permitted. Any problems can and may lead to disqualification. The match director will have final say in all disputes.

There is a field on 4-H Connect that asks for the name of a trained adult volunteer who can assist at this contest. Please make sure that this field is complete prior to certifying the entry on the county level or complete the attached form and return it to the district office.

Should you have questions regarding the contest, please Chad Gulley at 903-590-2980 or the District Office.

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