

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

August 16, 2023

Dear Shooting Sports Coach Participant:

Thank you for registering for the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Certification Training to be held Friday and Saturday, September 22 and 23, on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas (classroom portion) and nearby at the Meadow Ridge Archery and Gun Range (qualifying portion). Your interest and dedication to working with 4-H youth is appreciated and applauded. Below are details concerning the training and a list of items you will need to bring. Registration will be capped at 20 participants per discipline and will be open on 4-H Online at https://texas.4honline.com beginning September 8, 2022. Regular registration closes on September 15 and late registration is open from September 16-20.

Please let me know by September 7th if you require additional information or if you have any special needs that we may accommodate during the training by contacting Carolyn Walton at the District 5 Extension office at 903-834-6191.

Contact me at 936-332-3662 (cell phone) if you have trouble finding the site on the training day.

I look forward to working with you,

Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D.

District 5 Extension Program Specialist

ui-Ipur Mc Swais

4-H Youth Development

District 5 Shooting Sports Coaches Certification Training

Hosted by Nacogdoches County 4-H

Training Date and Times

5:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2023 and 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 23, 2023

Training Locations

Check-in and Classroom Training

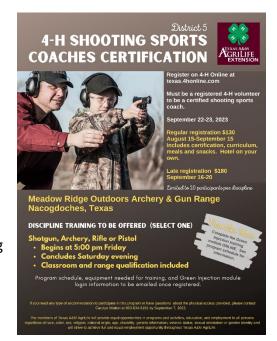
Stephen F. Austin State University
Agriculture Building (see attached campus map – building #2)
https://www.sfasu.edu/docs/maps/campus-map.pdf
1972 Wilson Drive

Nacogdoches, Texas 75965

Parking: Wilson Parking Garage – across from agriculture building

Range Qualification

Meadows Ridge Archery & Gun Range 1090 CR 231, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961



Disciplines Offered

You will need to select ONE discipline in which to receive classroom and range training. Participants will be capped at 20 per discipline. If your selected discipline is filled, you may select an alternate discipline.

- Shotgun
- Rifle
- Pistol
- Archery

Participants

Adult 4-H coach candidates (ages 21 and up)

- Must be currently enrolled as a 4-H volunteer on 4-H Online.
- Must have an up-to-date Youth Protection background check completed on 4-H Online.
- Annual enrollment in 4-H is required to maintain certification.

Youth 4-H assistant coach candidates (ages 14 – 20 years)

- Must be currently enrolled as a 4-H member on 4-H Online.
- Annual enrollment in 4-H is required to maintain certification.

Complete the attached forms and bring to training or complete and upload to 4HOnline:

- Assistant Youth Coach Acknowledgement form
- Waiver, Indemnification and Medical Treatment form

Course Components

All course components must be completed to receive your certificate.

Green Injection training module	Online	3 hours
Discipline classroom training	In-person	11 hours
Range training	In-person	2 hours
Testing	In-person	1 hour

Training Registration

Register online at https://texas.4honline.com

To become a CERTIFIED 4-H Shooting Sports Coach the following THREE components must be completed BEFORE you may provide instruction to 4-H youth in your county:

- 1. Complete in-person classroom training
- 2. Qualify in-person on range at scheduled training
- 3. Complete the on-line Green Injection training module

Part I & 2: Certification Fee: \$130

- In-person classroom and range training
- Fee includes snacks, lunch, and bottled water

Part 3: Green Injection Training Module: \$20

- New
- Participants must complete the online Green Injection training module PRIOR to attending the in-person classroom and range training.
- To complete this module, login to https://4-hshootingsportscollege.com
 - Click on the "sign up" button
 - Fill out your account information
 - When you are logged in, go to the "Clover Academy" tab
 - Pay for the training module \$20
 - Take course (consists of four 50-minute sessions)
- You will receive your Certified Coach's Certificate after verification is received at the state Shooting Sports office that this module has been completed.

Tentative Agenda

Friday, September 22, 2023

Before 5:00 pm Dinner on your own 5:00-5:30 pm Participant check-in

5:30 Welcome and Site Orientation

5:45 – 9:00 pm Discipline trainings

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Before 8:00 am Breakfast on your own 8:00 am Range qualification

10:00 am Continue discipline training

12:00 pm Catered lunch

1:00 pm Continue discipline training

5:00 pm Testing and wrap up 6:00 pm Depart for home

Note: Individual disciplines will continue at various time frames depending on coverage of materials; be prepared to work into the evening.

Lodging

Lodging is the responsibility of the participant and NOT included in the training registration fee. Many lodging options are available in and around Nacogdoches, Texas.

Hampton Inn & Suites

3625 South Street Nacogdoches, TX 75964 936-560-9901

The Freedonia Hotel

200 N. Fredonia Street Nacogdoches, TX 75961

936-564-1234

Days Inn

2724 North Street Nacogdoches, TX 75961 936-715-0005

What to Bring

Everyone attending should bring the following:

- 3-ring binder (2" or larger recommended)
- writing materials and extra paper for notes
- highlighters if you use them for stressed points
- eye protection (shooting glasses or goggles) recommended for archery, mandatory for all other disciplines
- ear protection (plugs or muffs) mandatory for shotgun, rifle, and pistol disciplines
- comfortable outdoor clothing, including a cap or hat suitable for the prevailing weather and be prepared for inclement weather
- sunscreen
- range chairs, snacks, and drinks between meals, if desired
- open mind ready to learn and share

Shotgun discipline participants:

- 20 or 12-gauge shotgun, any action type
- Ammunition pouch or vest
- Ammunition to fit the shotgun, 2 boxes (50 rounds)

Archery discipline participants:

- Recurve or compound bow of any type
- Arrows to fit the bow, 6 or more

Rifle discipline participants:

- .22 caliber rimfire rifle, preferably with iron sights (open)
- .22 caliber ammunition to fit the rifle, 2 boxes (100 rounds) OR
- .177 caliber air rifle
- .177 caliber pellets to fit the rifle

Pistol discipline participants:

- .22 caliber rimfire pistol, preferably with iron sights (open)
- .22 caliber ammunition to fit the pistol, 2 boxes (100 rounds) OR
- .177 caliber air pistol
- .177 caliber pellets to fit the pistol

Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to questions often asked concerning certification as a 'coach' in a 4-H Shooting Sports program:

Coach Certification

- 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Certifications offered include: 4-H Certified Coach and Assistant Coach.
- A 4-H Certified Coach must be enrolled as a 2022-2023 4-H volunteer and have an updated Youth Protection background check on 4HOnline. Annual enrollment is required to maintain certification.
- A 4-H Certified Coach must be 4-H certified in the specific discipline (shotgun, rifle, pistol, archery, muzzleloading, hunting & wildlife) in which a shooting sports project is being conducted.
- A 4-H Certified Coach may be trained and certified in multiple disciplines.
- Only one discipline certification (archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun) is obtainable per participant per regular training.
- Trainings occur around the state in various locations and throughout the year.
- Certification is only acquired at this time through a 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training run either by the State 4-H Natural Resources Program Office or one of the 12 District Extension Offices.
- Trainings are 12 hours long or longer.

- Equivalent certifications through other entities (NRA, USA Shooting, USA Archery, etc.) are not allowed to replace 4-H Coach Training at this time.
- 4-H Coach certification is transferable across the state.
- 4-H Coach certification is transferrable from other states with the approval of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.
- Separate specific trainings are offered for the hunting & wildlife, muzzleloading and Western Heritage disciplines.



Minimum Age

• A volunteer must be 21 years of age or older to be a 4-H Certified Coach.

Assistant Coach Certification

- Assistant Coach Certification is offered to those 14-20 years of age who attend 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training.
- This certification changes to a 4-H Certified Coach certification on the date of the holder's 21st birthday. A replacement certificate may be requested by contacting the State 4-H Natural Resources Program Office.

Presence of a 4-H Certified Coach

- A 4-H Certified Coach must be present at the time of any shooting practice and must remain on the range within control of the shooting practice.
- Non-certified volunteers may assist at the coach's discretion but cannot act without the certified coach present and in control.
- Assistant coaches are also able to assist the coach but also cannot act without the certified coach present and in control.
- Any 4-H Shooting Sports project must have at least one 4-H trained and certified coach in each
 of the disciplines (shotgun, rifle, pistol, archery, muzzleloading, hunting & wildlife) offered
 within that local project. This includes home based projects.

4-H Certified Coach at a Shooting Event

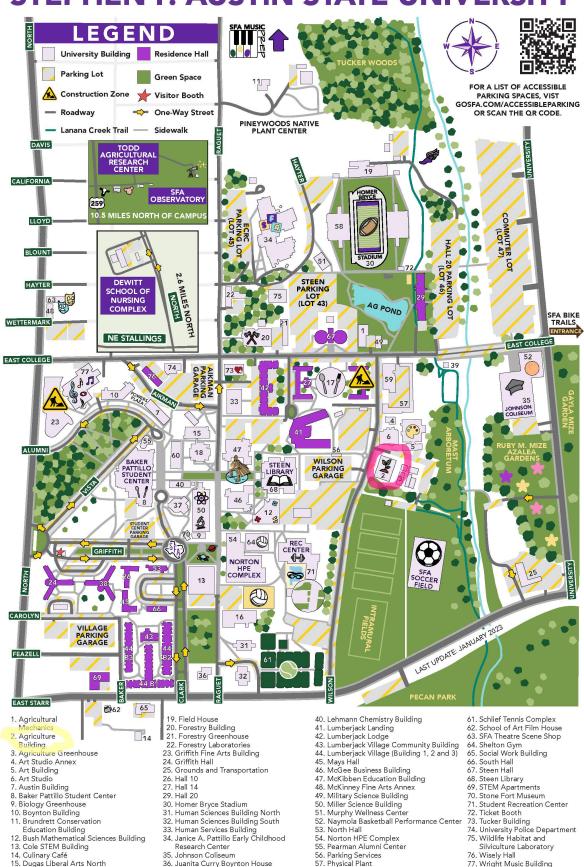
 4-H Certified Coaches are not required or obligated to attend competitive events involving their discipline or local 4-H membership. Attendance at these events and chaperoning 4-Hers at these events is on a volunteer basis only.

Re-certification

 There is no recertification requirement for a 4-H Certified Coach. If a coach has been inactive for a period of several years, a county may require attendance to additional training.



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY



16. Education Annex 17. Eatery on East

18. Ferguson Building

37. Kennedy Auditorium 38. Kerr Hall

39. Kingham Children's Garden

58. Press Box 59. Purchasing and Central Stores

60. Rusk Building