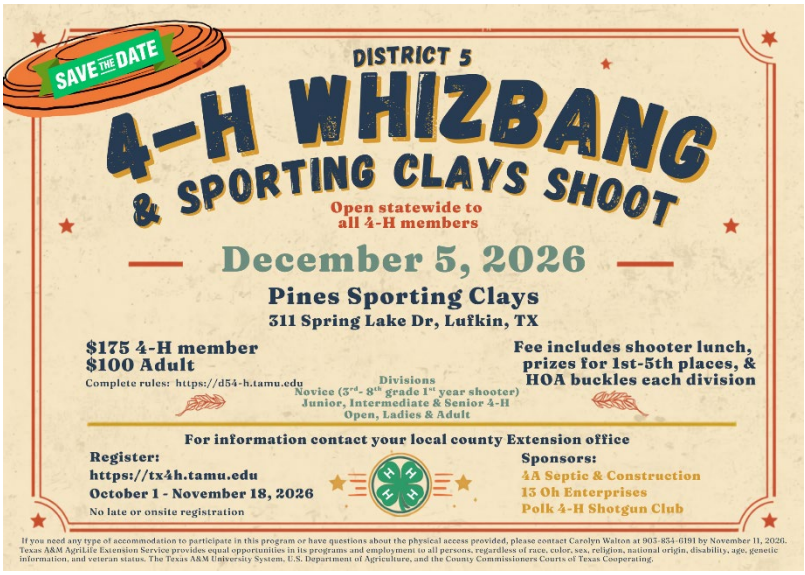
2026 DISTRICT 5 4-H WHIZ-BANG & SPORTING CLAYS

The District 5 Shotgun Games event consists of a 50 bird Whizbang and 100 bird sporting clays walking course. This event is open state-wide to all enrolled 4-H youth and adults!



Date

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Location

Pines Sporting Clays
311 Spring Lake Drive
Lufkin, TX

Registration

- Enter individually on TX4H beginning **October 1, 2026,** at https://tx4h.tamu.edu
- Open to all enrolled 4-H youth and adults in the state.
- $175 per 4-H youth contestant
- $100 per approved 4-H adult contestant
- NO Late Registration will be accepted.
- The general refund policy for TX4H is that no refunds are provided to a 4-H member or family once the registration is approved at the COUNTY level. In extreme circumstances, such as death in the immediate family, severe illness/accident, or cancellation of an event, refunds will be provided, less any expenses already incurred by the event.

District 5 Deadlines

- Registration on 4HOnline **October 1 – November 18, 2026.**
- NO Late Registration will be accepted.

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Special Accommodations

- Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodation must contact the District office at least 2 weeks before the competition or note such needs when registering on TX4H.

Adult Attendance

- A parent/guardian/or designated adult (shooting or non-shooting), over age 18, must remain on the premises the entire time of the event (other 4-H youth cannot be classified as a designated adult of a minor, regardless of their age).
- The name of the designated adult will need to be provided when registering in TX4H and he/she will need to sign-in at the check-in desk with youth participant.
- The ratio of 1 adult to 8 youth is required for this Program for Minors as required by the Texas A&M University System.

Adult Sporting Clays Shoot

- District 5 follows State 4-H Shooting Sports rules regarding adult participation as a shooter. This event allows adults to register and shoot with a registered youth 4-H shooter. This event is offered for fun and family bonding.
- Adults who wish to participate MUST be an enrolled adult volunteer on TX4H.

Optional County Side Games

Try a new and exciting shotgun side game hosted by the following county-based 4-H shooting sports clubs to win prizes!

- Angelina 4-H Shotgun Club: Long Bird Short Bird game
- Henderson 4-H Shotgun Club: More information coming soon!

Personal Buggies/Side by Side ATVs

- The Sporting Clays event will be a walking course. You are welcome to bring your personal buggies or side-by-side ATVs to navigate the course.

Tentative Schedule

- Schedule may be modified based upon number of shooters.
- Specific times for each event will be sent to county agents ONE week before event.
- Facility gates will open at 7:45 a.m.
- Check-in at the registration/help desk between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.

- Contest and safety orientation will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- Contest will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m.

Lunch

- Each registered participant will receive one lunch ticket which will be distributed at check-in.
- Additional meal tickets can be purchased when registering on TX4H. A limited number of additional meal tickets can be purchased for $10 each at check-in (NO CASH can be accepted – checks or money orders, only).
- Complimentary bottled water and coffee will be provided by Polk 4-H Shotgun Club.
- Attendees are welcome to bring their own refreshments to enjoy.

Awards

- Presentation of awards will be held following tabulation of results.
    - Whizbang: 1st – 5th places in each youth age division will receive a rosette; 1st – 3rd will receive a prize.
    - Sporting Clays: 1st – 5th places in each youth age division will receive a rosette; 1st – 3rd will receive a prize.
    - High Over All (HOA) Buckles will be awarded to the highest placing youth in Junior Ladies, Intermediate Ladies, Senior Ladies, Junior Male, Intermediate Male, Senior I Male, Senior II Male, and Novice.
- Entry via TX4H gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name and/or photograph as needed for marketing and promotion purposes.

Questions Before Contest

- Contact your local county Extension agent for eligibility, participation, and county-level questions.
- Contact Carolyn Walton at the District 5 office at 903-834-6191 or Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain, District 5 4-H Extension Specialist at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu for registration questions.

Questions at Contest

- A help desk will be located at the check-in/registration table at entry to facility.
- Committee members will be wearing a 4-H lanyard and can help provide directions.

Sponsors

- A big "thank you" to our sponsors of this 4-H event:
    - 4A Septic & Construction
    - 13 Oh Enterprises
    - Polk 4-H Shotgun Club

District 5 Event Rules

Entry Classes

- Novice (1st time shooters in grades 3 – 8)
- Open – Junior, Intermediate, Senior I (grades 9 and 10), Senior II (grades 11 and 12)
- Ladies – Junior, Intermediate and Senior
- Adult – must be registered in TX4H as a volunteer or certified 4-H shooting sports coach. Adults will be squadded with youth.

Age Divisions and Events

- **4-H Youth** (Novice, Open and Ladies)
  - Whizbang (50 birds)
  - Sporting clays (100 birds)
- **Adult**
  - Sporting clays (100 birds)

Challenges

- When a shooter or coach feels that a target or event where he/she is competing has been improperly evaluated or scored, the shooter may challenge the score before leaving the shooting cage.

Protests

- Individuals and/or teams are permitted to call one Protest per match. A competitor may formally protest:
  - Any injustice which he/she feels has been except the evaluation of a target.
  - The conditions under which another competitor has been permitted to fire.
  - The equipment which another competitor has been permitted to use.
- A protest must be **initiated immediately** upon the occurrence of the protested incident and the review fee of $10 submitted with the complaint orally communicated to the Range Officer.
  - If not satisfied with his/her decision then, state the complaint orally to the Match Director.
  - If not satisfied with his/her decision, then file a formal protest with the Event Director stating all the facts in the case. Such written protest must be filed within 12 hours of the occurrence of the protested incident.
  - The Match Director will form a jury, discuss the facts, decide and report to the competitor as soon as possible.
  - The protest and result of the protest will only be discussed with the shooter/participant that filed the complaint.

Shooting Match Rules

- Each competitor must provide their own ear and eye protection and ammunition.
- Shotguns 12 gauge or smaller must be used.
- Lead shot size of 7.5, 8, 8.5 or 9 must be used.

- Shot shell loads should follow the National Sporting Clay Association (NSCA) rule book. https://nsca.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/
- Disorderly, unsafe or abusive conduct will not be allowed. This type of conduct may lead to disqualification.
- The match director will have final say in all disputes.
- For a complete set of Texas 4-H Shotgun rules, go to https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzVRTVQGAc1hZnI3QmFZS2JGVVU/edit