SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

To become a shooting sports instructor in the Post Rock District, the information below will describe what needs to be completed. If interested, contact your local Post Rock District Office or Nora Rhoades, District Youth Development Agent, nrhoades@ksu.edu, 785-378-3174. We are happy to work with anyone interested to complete the steps needed.

There are fees associated with becoming a certified instructor, estimated to be no more than $300.00. The training fees are not due every year, just the year of initial certification. It is common for 4-H Councils to provide financial support of volunteers in their county interested in becoming a certified instructor. This has to be presented at a 4-H Council meeting and approved, so advanced notice is needed. The instructor will serve the whole District, but the instructor only needs to have youth educational programs in the county where they are registered. All Post Rock District youth enrolled in the appropriate shooting sports discipline will travel to the location of the instructor’s program to meet their educational requirements.

The Post Rock District has a certified shooting sports coordinator that works with Nora Rhoades, District Youth Development Agent, to oversee the program. The Post Rock District only allows participation in shooting sports disciplines that we have a certified instructor for. The Post Rock District has very little equipment that meets current safety standards and requirements. If a certified instructor becomes involved in delivering a program for a discipline, the team can look for grants and other opportunities to secure necessary equipment. Kansas 4-H has the following disciplines that an instructor can become certified in:

- Archery
- BB
- Hunting Skills
- Muzzleloader
- Air Pistol
- Smallbore Pistol
- Air Rifle
- Smallbore Rifle
- Shotgun
- Western Heritage

Steps to become certified include:

1) Register in 4-H Online as a volunteer and complete volunteer screening through the Post Rock District. This is an online process that opens October 1, 2020. Initial screening is comprehensive, including a background check and approval by the District Extension Board. Then each year following, you do a simple volunteer renewal online to remain actively recognized by the Post Rock District. Volunteers do a full re-screen every 3 years, and the Post Rock District assists/reminds volunteers that are active in 4-H Online when this time comes. We can help you with this process as soon as the new 4-H year enrollment opens on October 1.

2) Complete the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training. You can only complete the instructor training for one discipline at a time. The training involves online learning modules as well as in-person learning. The online training can be started after volunteer registration is completed, and it must be completed before going to an in-person training. There is currently an in-person training scheduled for November 7-8, 2020 in Cimarron. More details about online and in-person training will be shared if interested.