The Pownal Valley 4-H Sharpshooters welcome you back to Pownal, VT. It has been a few years since we have hosted the Jamboree and we are looking forward to being your hosts for 2015. Here is some information about our plans.

LOCATION - We will be holding the practice and competition at the Hale Mt. Rod and Gun Club on Rod & Gun Club Road in the southern part of Shaftsbury, Vermont. Camping will be in a nearby field on the other side of the dirt road entrance to Hale Mt. There are directions included and there will be 4-H signs posted to help guide you. Bennington, VT is about 15 minutes south of where we will be staying and they have many stores, lodging options and most anything else you would need/want.

CAMPING - Will be primitive in an open field. Parking for large trailers may be limited if we have a very wet July. Please let us know if you are planning on bringing a trailer. The landowner has told us that we may have individual campfires at our sites. You do need to have either a fire bucket or fire extinguisher on hand for safety. Please refill all fire pits when you leave as this is an active crop field.

POWER - There is NO power at our camping area. Any person requiring power for medical/comfort/other equipment should plan on bringing their own generator to use or consider staying at a local motel.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION— Eye and Ear Protection is required by all participants, group leaders, volunteers at ranges and spectators. Please bring your own as none will be provided for you.

COMPETITION ATTIRE - 4-H Dress Code applies to this event. Printing on clothing should promote a positive image, entire torso must be covered, modest tank tops, if wearing shorts/skirts they must reach at least mid thigh. Instructors and assistants must wear appropriate clothes and shoes. NO sandals / flip-flops allowed for safety reasons. Parents, volunteers and guests should adhere to the dress code as well. Entire Dress Code can be found online or by contacting Lisa Muzzey.

MEALS – Hale Mt Rod and Gun Club MAY be providing Saturday Lunch at a reasonable price for all those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity. They would appreciate knowing an approximate number, so please email slattery@together.net with the number in your family who would like to take advantage of this service. All other meals will be on your own, except for the Pot-Luck on Saturday evening.

PETS - Please leave your animals at home. Service dogs and animals used for demonstration purposes only. Please remind your guests to leave their pets at home when visiting.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - As always, practice will be on Friday afternoon (see the official schedule for times) and Non 4-H Shooting Sports participants must receive a sign-off for each discipline they wish to compete in. Saturday will be competition day with 1 hour scheduled for each of the six disciplines, followed by any shoot-offs that are needed. Then we will be off to Lake Paran for a refreshing swim on Saturday late afternoon. We may be able to provide a bus, but if not, it is an easy 3.2 mile drive. Our Pot Luck Supper is planned for Saturday evening followed by a community campfire. We will conclude our event with the Award Ceremony and Raffles on Sunday morning. SEE OFFICIAL SCHEDULE FOR DETAILS.

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POT-LUCK SUPPER - We will be having a Pot-Luck Supper on Saturday evening. Please plan to bring a dish and a dessert to share with the group. We will provide plates, utensils and drinks.

SUNDAY RAFFLE - Our annual raffle helps to offset the costs of this event. Many items have been donated and brought by each club. Tickets are $1 each and you will have several opportunities to buy them. Good luck everyone. We ask that each club bring item(s) for this raffle. If you would like to volunteer to help sell tickets, let Jeni Slattery know when you arrive.

QUIET TIME - Please respect the quiet time of 10pm – 6am. If you choose to sit up later at your campsite, please keep your voices low. Parents – we ask for your assistance on this one.

SMOKING - Absolutely No Smoking is allowed by anyone on any range, under the registration tent or anywhere that 4-H youth are present. If you need to smoke, please do so discreetly and deposit the waste in the trash (not on the ground).

WATER/ICE/TRASH/PORT-A-POTTIES - Port-a-potties and a water tank will be available. Water stations will be provided on the ranges during the competition. Place trash in black plastic bags and there will be a pick-up truck provided to collect/transport to the dump.

PHONE – Cell Service may be sketchy, depending on your carrier, but you should be able to receive a good signal nearby.

MEDICAL – Southwest Vermont Medical Center is located in Bennington, VT, approx 15 minutes from Hale Mt. at 100 Hospital Ave. Their phone number is 802-442-6361. First Aid Kits will be available at each range.

GASOLINE – The nearest gas station is ¼ mile north of the Shaftsbury Country Store on Rt 7A at Paulins Gas and their number is 802-442-2879.

GENERAL STORE – Paulins Inc. is also the closest Convenience Store. If you need something more substantial, there is a Price Chopper, Hannaford and Home Depot in Bennington, VT.

MOSQUITOES – Bring your bug spray…the mosquitoes will have hatched!
**RANGES** – We will be using all the ranges at Hale Mt. Rod & Gun Club. We ask that you consider walking to and from the campsite to the competition site (across the road). If you need to drive, we ask that you car pool as much as possible as parking is limited. Also, Hale Mt has requested that NO CARS BE PARKED ON THE ROAD outside the gate.

Here are the Lead Instructors for each discipline and a little about what they have planned:

**Shotgun** – Chris Pritchard – Standard Trap Range for Jrs and Srs, with possibly a few surprises thrown in (including possibly doubles, pairs and other Sporting Clay presentations). Adjustments will be made for Novices. We will have 410, 20 and 12 gauge equipment and ammunition available.

**Rifle** – Craig Bottesi – Combination of silhouette and paper targets for 22 rifles. Open sites only.

**Pistol** – Paul Muzzey (22) and Steve Haupt (Air).

- Seniors will shoot 20 shots each from two-handed hold standing at two targets, both from 40 feet. First at Slow Fire Bullseye (B-2 50’) using only iron sights. Second will be Small Bore Hunter (NRATQ-12 & TQ-13) using choice of telescopic, red dot or iron sights (no laser sights). J
- Juniors and Novices will shoot Air pistols at various targets (hanging, stationary – paper plates, balloons, bells, etc.) We will be using CO2 pistols unless the competitor chooses to use their own.

**Muzzleloader** – Gib Mach – Seneca Run timed event, including fire starting, hawk/knife throw, longbow and black powder rifles. (You never know what else might be included!)

**Archery** – Linwood Smith –

- Seniors will shoot 10 shots total with 2 each at 60, 50, 40, 30 meters and one 3D target set at a variable distance (closer than 50 meters). Targets will be 4 ft backstop with 12 inch bullseye.
- Juniors will shoot 10 shots total at 20 meters (if using own equipment) and 15 meters if using club or state (Genesis) equipment.
- Novices will shoot 10 shots to 15 meters (own equipment) or 10 meters (state/club equipment).

**Hunting** – Joel Flewelling – Wildlife competition to test your knowledge of Vermont’s wildlife and hunting skills.

- All will be tested in the identification of various parts and pieces of animals including furs, skulls, tracks, scat, bones, antlers and feathers. (Senior 15 questions @ 2 points each, Junior 15 questions @4 points each and Novice 10 questions at 6 points each.)
- Senior will also have 5 three part matching questions @ 5 points each.
- Timed compass course where you will use compasses to either take bearings from marker to marker or you will be given a set of bearings and have to navigate from marker to marker using your compass. (Seniors 4 points each and Junior/Novice @ 3 points each.)
- Shoot/Don’t Shoot walk through. This untimed activity will test hunter safety knowledge and participants will have to decide if the hunting scenarios are safe, legal and ethical. (5 stations @ 5 points each).

**FIREARMS** – You are welcome to bring your own firearms, but we ask that they be in a case with both the firearm and the case CLEARLY MARKED with your name. All firearms must be surrendered to the Lead Instructor for that discipline upon your arrival and may be picked up after the Award Ceremony. NO FIREARMS are allowed at your individual campsites and we ask that you bring NO AMMUNITION of any type with you. If you choose to bring your own equipment, you will have the option to share your equipment during practice and/or competition. Club and State owned equipment becomes available for anyone to use during the practice and/or competition. Please note that after practice on Friday, no leader or parent may do any more adjusting of archery equipment. If a participant needs to adjust equipment, they should plan to do it on their own or ask from help from the range officials during competition.
Friday, July 17, 2015
11:00am-1:00pm  Arrive, Check-in & set up camp

12:00pm -5:00pm  Instruction, coaching practice for all disciplines – If you are a guest or have not had instruction in a particular discipline within your club you need to attend this session. You will obtain a “guest discipline” card to be marked for successful completion at each discipline you wish to participate in on Saturday.

Continue Check-in

5:00pm – 7:00 pm  Dinner on your own

6:45pm  Orientation for anyone wanting to be a group leader for Saturday. Go over score cards & what to expect. Will also give parents an overview on what to expect throughout the weekend.

7:00 pm  Youth Activities

10:00 pm – 6:00am  Curfew – In your own camp & observing “quiet hours”

Saturday, July 18, 2015
6:00am – 7:30am  Rise and Shine!
Breakfast on your own

7:30am – 8:00am  Check in with instructions, group leaders

8:00am  Gather at tent for pledges and Good Morning Welcome
Competition Begins: Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Seneca Run, Archery, Hunting/Wildlife

11:30am-12:30pm  Lunch – Hale Mt Rod and Gun Club MAY be providing Saturday Lunch at a reasonable price for all those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity. They would appreciate knowing an approximate number, so please email slattery@together.net with the number in your family who would like to take advantage of this service

12:30pm – 4:00pm  Competition Resumes & Shoot Offs if any

4:00pm  Swimming at Lake Paran

6:30pm  Potluck Dinner please bring a dish to share

7:30pm  Community Camp Fire

Sunday, July 19, 2015
7:00am- 9:00am  Rise & Shine
Breakfast on your own
Clean up campsites, pack up, etc

9:00am  Recognition, Awards & Closing Ceremony

11:00am  Clean up grounds & homeward bound!! See You Next Year!!!
DIRECTIONS – From Rt 7 North or South – Take Exit 2 Shaftsbury and turn right at the end of the exit unto Rt 7A (Harwood Hill Rd). Turn right at the flashing light in 1.6 miles onto Buck Hill Rd. From this point we will have signs out beginning on Thursday afternoon. Continue on Buck Hill Rd for 1.3 miles and turn left onto Rod & Gun Club Rd (dirt). The Club is on your right approximately .6 mile and camping just beyond on the other side of the road. (Hint – From NE Vermont – cut across Rt 11 in Springfield to Rt 7 in Manchester. It takes approx 1 ½ - 2 hrs from WRJ and 2 ½ - 3 hrs from Groton State Park.)

HOTELS – From Googlemaps, I downloaded the following…sorted from closest to farthest:

- Harwood Hill Motel – 802-442-6278 ($65-85) 4 miles
- Serenity Motel – 802-442-6490 ($75-95 cottages) 5 miles
- Governors Rock Motel – 802-442-4734 ($75-85) 5 miles
- Knotty Pine Motel – 802-442-5487 ($85) 5 miles
- Hampton Inn – 802-440-9862 ($179) 5 miles
- Best Western – New Englander – 802-442-6311 ($149) 5 miles
- Bennington Motor Inn – 802-442-5479 ($89-99) 7 miles
- Paradise Inn – 802-575-5784 ($80-85) 7 miles

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL SOON.