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VA 4-H Shooting Education

Spring Air 2025

W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational and
Conference Center, Wirtz, VA

March 15-16, 2025

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*TDD numero es (800) 828-1120

2025 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Fact Sheet

[1-Spring Air Fact Sheet 1-1- 2025.docx]

This is a two day event.
We ask that you treat it as such.

Please read through the registration info and match bulletins. Do not rely strictly on this information. If you find a change that I have missed, please let me know. Age participation policy for all events (except BB) tied to calendar year.

Date: March 14-16, 2025

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational and Conference Center, Wirtz, VA

Driving Directions and Map of Facilities: <http://www.skelton4hcenter.org/>

Registration Deadline: **Tuesday, February 19, 2025**

Registration Process: Counties/teams that competed in 2024 will be sent notification of the registration information. Registration materials can be downloaded from the VA 4-H Shooting Education Website

<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/shooting.html>

or contact Robert Tillotson or Lynn Wheelless; see contact information below.

Eligibility: 4-H members that are: (1) registered in 4-H Online, (2) enrolled in a State 4-H Office approved 4-H Shooting Education Club, and (3) have completed project portfolios in the event(s) in which they are registered to shoot. Portfolios can be downloaded from the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Website (above).

Portfolios for each participant need to be complete and presented at registration.

Lodging, Meal, and Day Use Fees:

Lodging will be \$49.00 night/room in hotel style rooms with 4 or 5 persons per room or \$11.00/night/person in lodge style rooms. This includes a 12.3% lodging tax. Families with shooting competitors will be given priority for the hotel style rooms. (Please do not ask for them for extended family members such as aunts, uncles, and grandparents.) Youth and adults must provide their own bedding, towels and toiletries. For these room rates, you will be responsible for cleaning the trash out of your rooms and making sure everything is in order. You will be responsible for any damages. There is to be **NO SMOKING** in any building or rooms. Please inform your adults of this. Those wanting hotel style rooms for Friday night only, must be out by 10:00 AM so that room can be cleaned for use on Saturday night. Saturday check-in to rooms after 2:00 PM

Meals are: Breakfast-\$9.00, Lunch-\$10.00, and Dinner-\$15.00. This includes the 4% meals tax. Lodging and meal requirements must be made with registration by February 19th.

Day Use: Everyone who is NOT staying overnight at Skelton 4-H Center will be charged a \$5 day use fee (one fee per weekend). This includes parents, guardians, coaches, family members, and any other visitors. Please contact Robert if you have questions.

Use of Skelton facilities for meals. Skelton has allotted a limited number of areas for groups to have their own meals. These will be on a first come basis. Please contact Robert for additional information. This has to be confirmed with Robert by the registration deadline. **Cooking in the living quarters and use of outdoor grills is prohibited.**

Entry Fee: The entry fee for 4-H participants is \$48 per youth and includes all matches and event t-shirt.

Payment: The amount owed will be emailed to the coach of record along with lodging assignments and squad times during the week prior to the competition. **Wait until you receive your final invoice during check-in before initiating payment.**

- Payment by a County/Unit 4-H Office can be by journal entry transfer to Skelton 4-H Center. On the transfer form, in the space for Description, enter the phrase “Spring Air” and your Unit name.
- Payment can be made using 4-H Foundation funds. Complete a Cashnet ticket to accompany the Request for Payment (RFP). On the Cashnet ticket, in the space for Description, enter the phrase “Spring Air” and your Unit name. Make the check payable to Skelton 4-H Center.
- Payment by personal check or from a supporting organization: Make the check for the entire amount payable to Skelton 4-H Center and mail it to: 775 Hermitage Rd, Wirtz, VA 24184. Include this on the memo line: “Spring Air”.

Cancellation Policy:

Clubs will be responsible for payment of any meals and/or lodging not canceled by February 19th. Cancellations to be made to Robert Tillotson at ricochetrobert56@gmail.com

Portfolio Review:

Club Coordinators or Unit 4-H Agents must complete the form *VA 4-H Shooting Education Portfolio Certification Document* form **for each competitor**. These completed forms must be emailed to sb102376@yahoo.com by 8:00 PM on **February 25, 2025**. Additionally, **portfolios must be available for review during the check-in process.**

Check-in: **Only one official coach of record (or their designee) to come through registration line please!** Upon arrival, each club must check-in, **present portfolios and participant registration for review**, pay (if they opted for independent status), receive their housing assignments (if any) and verify the adult(s) who will be providing overnight supervision. As 4-H has gone to online enrollment, health forms, and code of conduct, each club is responsible for either having paper copies of health forms with them or 24 hour access to online health forms for **all** participants commuting or staying at the center and those adults staying at the center. Clubs must provide any additional information necessary to have a safe, productive and enjoyable weekend.

Mandatory Scorer/Stat House Worker: Even though AR, AP, and BB will be scored by scanning, we ask that each county/club designate at least one adult (4-H Instructor and/or 4-H Parent) to assist with tasks as needed throughout the event, such as running targets, sorting targets, and generally being available to help. They do not have to stay in the stat house the whole time. Just check by and see if any help is needed and it does not have to be the same person designated for the whole weekend. The operators of the Orion Systems have asked for assistance with the scanning process so that they might be able to take a break occasionally and also to be able to teach others about the systems. For those clubs or individuals interested in learning more about the Orion system, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

Events: BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Silhouette, Air Rifle Silhouette, Presentation Contest, Public Speaking Contest, and Archery.

BB will use the new age classification. All other events (including public speaking and presentation) will use the calendar year for ages to determine classification where necessary.

Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and BB will all be scored by the Orion system in 2025.

Presentation and Public Speaking Contests. The 4-H Shooting Education Program is a vehicle for teaching life skills and the youth participating in the shooting program need to be able to communicate to others their interest and commitment to the shooting sports. Youth may participate in either the presentation contest or public speaking contest. The rules for each will follow the main stream 4-H contest areas and can be accessed at the Virginia Cooperative Extension site which is listed later in this announcement. Awards will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd individual in each event and each age group: Junior (ages 9 to 13) and Senior (ages 14 – 19).

“Spring Air” 4-H Age Policy: Youth that turn 9 to 13 in 2025 will be considered juniors and those that turn 14 or older in 2025 will be considered seniors. See the BB and Air Pistol sections for additional information.

Birth Year	Age
2006	18+
2007	18
2008	17
2009	16
2010	15
2011	14
2012	13
2013	12
2014	11
2015	10
2016	9
2017	8

Finals: Sunday Afternoon
Air Rifle (top 8 sporter)
Air Pistol (top 8 unsupported/standing)

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At this time of year, some web sites, particularly those for rules, are being updated for the new year. If you find one that has been updated and I have not caught it, please let me know.

Spring Air 2025 -- Overall Event Schedule [2-Spring Air 2025 Schedule.docx] [1/16/25]

Friday, March 14

3:00 PM - until finished Ranges Set-up
7:00 PM to 10:30 PM Registration (Reid Jones Jr. Lodge)
10:30 PM Lights out and quiet

Saturday, March 15

7:00 AM to 7:45 AM Breakfast
7:15 AM to 8:00 AM Late Registration (Reid Jones Jr. Lodge)
8:15 AM **Range Officers & Coaches Meeting** (Taubman Conference Room)
8:30 -8:45 AM Participants with 9:00 AM relays need to move equipment to the ranges (leave guns cased)
9:00 AM Ranges Open and Relay Start Times
BB(1:15)(16) 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM (Rocovich Range)
BB Test 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Reid Jones Jr. Lodge – lower conference room) (If you shoot on Saturday, please take the test on Saturday. If you shoot on Sunday, you can take the test either day.) Test Times will be posted at the Stat House.
Air Rifle (1:45)(16) 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM (Smith Building)
Air Pistol (1:30)(13) 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM (Welcome center basement, please use downstairs entrance located on back of building, upstairs is not a lounge area)
AR/AP Silhouette 9:15 AM to 4:30 PM (Rocovich Range) (Walk in)
Archery 9:15 AM to 4:30 PM (Rocovich Range) (Walk in)
All Day Please have adult(s) check by the registration room to see if help is needed

You are invited and encouraged to come watch the presentation and public speaking contests but please do not enter or leave the room when a contestant is speaking.

9:30 AM **Presentations** - All contestants to Taubman Conference Room

1:00 PM **Public Speaking** - All Contestants to Taubman Conference Room

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Lunch -- Dining Room Small end - Please keep noise down as consideration for AR shooters

6:30 PM to 7:15 PM Dinner

All Day AR, AP, and BB will be scored by scanning with the Orion System – if an “obvious” error is made by the system, which is possible when a BB tears a hole, then that target needs to be brought to the attention of the statistical officers. Targets w/ individual score sheet will be available for coaches inside Reid Jones, Jr. Upper Conference Room for inspection after each relay is recorded. Please do not take targets with you.

7:15 – 8:30 Social Mixer JOCO Hall

10:30 PM Lights out and quiet

Sunday, March 16

7:00 AM to 7:45 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Ranges Open (Same locations as Saturday)

BB 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (If needed)

BB Test 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (If needed) Test Times will be posted at the Stat House.

Air Rifle 8:00 AM

Air Pistol 8:00 AM
AR/AP Silhouette 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Rocovich) (Walk in)
Archery 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Rocovich) (Walk in)

Take down BB and AP ranges as soon as events are over

10:30 AM Take down Silhouette and Archery ranges

12:00 to 12:45 PM Lunch – Dining Room Small End

10:30 AM Air Pistol Finals (only for one-handed) (Smith Building – AR range)

12:00 Noon Air Rifle Finals (Smith Building – AR range) (Earlier if possible)

Take down AR range as soon as Finals are over

3:00 PM Awards (will start following finals, AR range teardown, awards calculation completion, and facilities cleanup)

Sunday afternoon events will be moved earlier if at all possible but will not start until all ranges are taken down and facilities clean.

NOTE: Help knocking down ranges, packing that equipment up, and cleaning rooms is very important to having the awards in a timely manner.

2025 Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Championship
March 15-16, 2025
W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational and Conference Center
[3A-Spring Air 2025 Registration Instructions.doc] [1/20/25 v1]

This is a two day event.
We ask that you treat it as such.

Registration Form Instructions

Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
Any forms with names and addresses typed in all caps will not be
accepted.

DO NOT email information back on “strings” of emails as it gets lost
with so many on the string!

There are five spread sheets [in excel] that need to be completed for registration. **RETURN IN EXCEL – not pdf., scanned, or any other language or format**

[1] Club Registration:

- Line 1:** Unit (County or Club) Name
- Line 2:** Name of coach of record
- Line 3:** Electronic signature of Certification by Coach or Club Coordinator signifying that all the competitors are knowledgeable of the use of their equipment and of the competition in which they are entered. (BB, supported Air Pistol positions, and AR & AP silhouettes may have coaches.) *Air Rifle and unsupported Air Pistol positions must be able to handle their equipment without coaching on the firing line. If a competitor is not able to handle their equipment or know the competition process, they will be asked to leave the firing line.*
- Line 4:** Contact Name
- Lines 5:** Address
- Line 6:** City
- Line 7:** State
- Line 8:** Zip Code
- Line 9:** Phone Number
- Line 10:** Email for questions on registration
- Line 11:** Name(s) of individual(s) from the club that can help with stat house. Also, data entry help needed.
- Line 12:** Total number of 4-H competitors. Automatically computed from Competitor Info page

- Line 13:** All Adults and Non-competitors attending Spring Air must be included on this form. **There is a \$5 day use fee for each attendee that is NOT lodging with the Center.** (One fee for one or two days.) All attendees must be registered on this form. This form can be updated after the registration deadline but before the final check in of the weekend. Automatically computed from information on page.
- Line 14** Children under 4 years of age. Automatically computed from information on page.
- Line 15:** Fees for additional areas of Center that are used
- Line 16** Lodging needed. Automatically computed from Lodging & Meals sheet
- Line 17** Meals needed. Automatically computed from Lodging & Meals sheet
- Line 18:** Day use fees for competitors that are not lodging on the Skelton 4-H Center.
- Line 19:** Danish Ribbons, Medals, and Trophies will not be mailed if not in attendance at awards ceremony. They will be available at the next State Function (State Shoot)).
- Line 20:** Grand Total
- Line 21:** Method of payment.
- Due to the financial guidelines for 4-H clubs, shooting clubs that opted to become activities of VA TECH will receive an invoice for their total fees due. Payment of these fees will need to be processed through the shooting club's local extension office in a **timely** manner.
- Shooting clubs that opted to apply for independent 501(c)3 status with the IRS (or their county 4-H volunteer Leaders group applied for independent status) will pay at check in on Friday night or Saturday morning. **One check per county/club please!** Make check payable to "Skelton 4H Educational Center." There will be a \$35 fee on any returned check.
- The amount owed will be emailed to the coach of record along with lodging assignments and squad times during the week prior to the competition.**
- Line 22&23:** Office Use

[2] Competitor Info:

Please follow the instructions in parenthesis in each column of the registration sheet. For more than 30 participants please add additional lines or sheets.

Do not put additional information in columns (such as days they would like to shoot that discipline or email that information to Robert. **That information needs to be put on the notes worksheet (not in separate email.)** (Additional information may be put in an email but may be missed as registrar is working from registration sheets.)

Competitor Information:

All information for every competitor must be entered. Do not type using all capital letters. Instructions for each column are in each column. **Start on line one and do not leave blank lines for competitors.**

For all disciplines put a "1" in the block if the competitor is shooting that event. Do not put "no" if not shooting that event.

In the column for pistol position place the letter "BS" for Basic Supported, "SS" for Standing Supported, and "1ST" for One Handed Standing.

In the column for Air Pistol Silhouette, select either "Supp" for Supported or "Stand" for Standing.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

[3] Adults & Non-competitors

All adults and Non-competitors attending Spring Air must be included on this form. There is a \$5 day use fee for each attendee. (One fee will cover for one or two days.) **All attendees must be registered on this form!** This form may be updated after the competitor registration deadline but must be finalized before final check-in for the weekend.

[4] Lodging, Meals, & Day Use Info:

Any competitor that wants to "shoot four or more "squadded" events must lodge both nights. Squadded events include: Presentation/Public Speaking, air rifle, air pistol, and BB. Please record all information for all competitors. Also enter any coach, family member, etc., that will be staying at Skelton 4-H Educational Center. Place a "1" in column for each night's lodging for one member of a family (group) desiring a "hotel style" room and a "1" for each person for lodge style room. Place a "1" in column for each meal for each person to be reserved. Form will automatically compute total if "1s" are placed in column. Totals will automatically be entered on Club Registration page. **Place a "1" in Day Use columns for participants who are not lodging with the Skelton 4-H Center.**

Lodging will be assigned at check-in. (Families may stay together in one room for \$49.00/night. A limited number of these rooms are available.) Those wanting hotel style rooms for Friday night only must be out by 10:00 AM so that room can be cleaned for use on Saturday night. Saturday check-in to rooms after 2:00 PM

[5] Notes or Comments:

Please record additional information on this sheet such as special needs, requested shoot days, etc.

[6] Invoice will be automatically computed for information from other pages

Cancellation Policy

Clubs will be responsible for payment of any registrations, meals or lodging not canceled **by February 19th**. Cancellations to be made to Robert Tillotson, ricochetrobert56@gmail.com

Return completed forms to
ricochetrobert56@gmail.com
by **midnight, February 19th.**

VA 4-H Shooting Education Portfolio Certification Document

Name of Competitor: _____ County/Unit _____

Shooting Year: _____ Competitor must be **enrolled** in 4-H Online for the current year.

<u>RIFLE</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>Minimum Score State Shoot</u>
BB		_____	
Air Rifle 3P		_____	
Air Rifle Silhouettes		_____	
3P .22 Light Rifle		_____	Jr 100/300 Sr 150/300
.22 Rifle Silhouettes (two scores required!)		_____/_____	Jr 8/20 Sr 12/20

<u>PISTOL</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>
Progressive Position Pistol (Air Pistol PPP)		_____
Air Pistol Silhouettes		_____
.22 Camp Perry		_____
.22 Smallbore Hunter Pistol Silhouette		_____

<u>SHOTGUN</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>	
Trap		_____	Jr 8/25 Sr 12/25
Skeet		_____	Jr 8/25 Sr 12/25
Sporting Clays		_____	

<u>ARCHERY</u>	JR / SR (circle one)	<u>SCORE</u>	
10 Yards		_____	
15 Yards		_____	
20 Yards		_____	
25 Yards		_____	
30 Yards		_____	
30/40/50/60 Meters		____/____/____/____	
3D Archery		_____	Jr & Sr 30/100

<u>MUZZLELOADING</u>	JR / SR (circle one).	<u>SCORE</u>
50 yds x 12 shots		_____
Silhouettes (bottles & critters)		_____

<u>HUNTING</u>	JR / SR (circle one).	<u>SCORE</u>
None required for 2024		_____

By signing this document, I certify that I have reviewed the member's portfolio and determined the member has met all competition and safety requirements listed on the discipline project portfolios. The member is enrolled in 4-H Online. The coordinator or 4-H Agent guarantees the Coach of Record will have hard copies of the competitor's project portfolio at the competition available for inspection at match officials' request.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Coordinator or Agent: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Have instructors fill out each competitor's project portfolio and turn into you.
2. Review each competitor's project portfolio for competency & safety in each event the competitor is registered to compete in.
3. Ensure the member is registered in 4-H Online for the current year.
4. Neatly fill in the competitor's name, county, and the year where indicated.
5. Neatly fill in competitor's consistent scores at practice/competitions in the space labeled SCORE.
6. Circle JR if the competitor is a Junior competitor, and SR if the competitor is a Senior competitor in disciplines where asked.
7. If any areas in the project portfolio are not filled in correctly, please contact instructors to fill them in as required before signing page 1 of this document.
8. Sign and date
9. Scan and email page 1 to match officials before the required deadline.
10. Ensure project portfolios are with the Coach of Record at each match.

Only 1 form needs to be filled out per shooting year. Take note of minimum score requirements for each discipline and ensure the competitor has consistently met these in practice. Please fill out each blank correctly. It is not the match official's responsibility to go on Orion and look up previous match scores. As stated on both page 1 and 2, this sheet does not replace the requirement of the project portfolios. The coach of record must have the full project portfolios on hand at every competition. The portfolio review process is a risk management issue with up to 6 or 7 pages to review per competitor per match. This ensures coordinators have reviewed each competitor's portfolio before registering them in a match. The failure to complete page 1 completely and correctly could result in the competitor being pulled from events.

2025 VIRGINIA 4H “SPRING AIR” 4-P BB GUN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

[6A-Spring Air 2025 BB Gun Match Program.docx]

Date: Saturday, March 15 & Sunday March 16, 2025

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center, Wirtz, VA24184

Sponsor: Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council

Open to: Youth ages 9 to 15.

The rule is “The age of the competitor shall be determined by the date of the first shot going downrange for each tournament. The limiting out age is still fifteen. However, it has been decided by the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council that if a participant turns sixteen between the State Championship and National Championship, then they will be ineligible to compete for the club team awards. They may still compete at this State Championship as an individual.

Teams will be composed of the top five shooters from each club using scores from the match. Clubs with 10 or more shooters may have multiple teams.

Rules: Current NRA BB Gun Rules (Effective January 2020, Rules date maybe updated if posted) will govern with exceptions from the match program.

<https://competitions.nra.org/media/8919/2023-bb-gun-rules.pdf>

Match Course: 10 shots in each position (prone, standing, sitting, and kneeling) with 10 minutes for each position plus a 50 question test.

Target: AR-4/10 at 5 meters (Orion scoring system targets)

Relays: First relay starts at 9:00 am and successive relays beginning every 75 minutes thereafter. Competitors and coaches need to be at the range 30 minutes prior to relay start time.

Safety: Eye protection will be required on the firing line and for anyone supervising or working on or around the firing line including Shooters, Coaches, and Officials. No talking, electronic devices, or flash photography please.

Scoring: The Orion scoring system will be used. Targets will be scored, and scores posted after each relay. Targets may be reviewed in the Stat House until 60 minutes after the last relay ends. Competitors or coaches may be allowed to view that shot in Orion if there is an error. The score of an individual shot may be re-evaluated by the Statistical Officer on request from an athlete. An athlete must designate the specific shot(s) to be re-evaluated. a) The Statistical Officer must evaluate the indicated shot by examining the original scanned image to determine if

the shot location was correctly identified. To evaluate, the Statistical Officer must decide if there is an obvious error, that is when the scored shot is not a reasonable interpretation of the actual shot location. If the Statistical Officer concludes that there is an obvious error, they must make a manual correction of the shot location. b) Only manual modifications for correcting obvious errors are allowed. Rescoring a shot is prohibited. c) Statistical Officers are authorized to inspect any shot fired by any competitor and make manual modifications in cases of obvious errors. Frivolous or excessive challenges are prohibited. Targets will not be allowed to be removed from the scoring room. Supersedes NRA rule 14.3.1.

Test: Each competitor will take a test worth 100 points. Source material for the test will be the Daisy 10 Lesson Curriculum Guide, and the current NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rule Book. The test will consist of 40 T/F and 10 multiple choice questions. Test sessions will be scheduled for each relay.

<https://www.daisy.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Daisy-Ten-Lesson-Curriculum.pdf>
<https://competitions.nra.org/media/8919/2023-bb-gun-rules.pdf>

For the state test, questions will be from the **Avanti-Daisy 10 Lesson Curriculum Shooting Education** Lessons 1 through 10; from the **NRA 5-Meter BB Gun Rule Book** sections Revisions, Safety is Shooting's Most Important Rule, and Sections 2.3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.1, 11.4.1, 11.5, 14, 15, 18.

Awards: Medals or plaques will be awarded to top teams and individuals as follows:

Individual Awards –

1st to 3rd place in each; prone, standing, kneeling, sitting, and test;

1st to 10th place in the aggregate; and

1st to 3rd place age 10 and under in the aggregate.(No older than 10 in the year of

competition.)

Team Awards – 1st to 3rd place 5-member teams

Achievement ribbons will also be awarded.

BB will be shot as the 4-H 4P State Championship in 2025. The top three BB teams will be invited to the Daisy National BB Championship, June 29 through July 2, 2025 in Rogers, AR.

Range Officer: TBD

Official Program for the 2025 Virginia 4-H State “Spring Air” 3-Position Air Rifle

[4A-Spring Air 2025AR Program.doc] [1/14/2025]

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center
775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA24184

Dates and

Relay Times: See schedule. All times are subject to change if necessary.

Sponsor: Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H Shooting Education Program

Events: Sporter: 3x20 individual and 4-member team
Top 8 individuals shoot finals
Precision: 3x20 individual only. Due to limited participation there will be no team competition or finals.

Competition This event is restricted to Virginia 4-H Shooting Education participants Please note that the Air Rifle event is a 60 shot match and is NOT recommended for novice Air Rifle shooters

Rules: The 15th Edition 2024 National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules will apply. <https://thecmp.org/youth/air/national-standard-three-position-air-rifle-rules/> The wearing of eye protection is mandatory. Scoring will be done utilizing the Orion Scoring System.

3 x 20 COURSE of Fire		
STAGE	POSITION	TIME LIMIT
PREPERATION AND SIGHTING	Kneeling Unlimited sighting shots	8 minutes
RECORD FIRE	KNEELING, 20 record shots	20 minutes
CHANGEOVER	KNEELING TO PRONE	5 minutes
SIGHTING	PRONE Unlimited sighting shots	5 minutes
RECORD FIRE	PRONE, 20 record shots	20 minutes
CHANGEOVER	PRONE to STANDING	5 minutes
SIGHTING	STANDING Unlimited sighting shots	5 minutes
RECORD FIRE	STANDING, 20 record shots	25 minutes

Teams must consist of **four** members and must be declared Saturday morning, March 15th by the coach's meeting before the first shot is fired (9:00 AM)

Targets: NC-AR10 (Orion Scoring System Targets)

Equipment: Competitors must furnish their own rifle, pellets and equipment.
Compressed air/ CO2 will not be furnished. Blaze orange clear barrel Indicators (CBI's) are required.

Ammunition: 100% lead wad cutter pellets are the only approved pellets for the match. Targets shot with round or pointed pellets will not be scored.

Finals: Finals will be shot Sunday following the last air rifle relay and air pistol finals and will consist of the top eight sporter competitors.

Awards: Sporter: 1st to 10th individual overall
1st to 3rd in each position
1st to 3rd teams overall
Sub age 14 and under – 1st to 3rd individual overall
(No older than 14 in the year of competition)

Precision: 1st to 3rd individual overall

Qualification for Air Rifle State Development Team: The guidelines for the 2025 Virginia Air Rifle Development Team for the 2025 National Invitational have been developed. If you would like a copy, contact Lynn Wheelless.

Range Officer: Jim Wolfe



State Three-Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics Team Registration Card



Name of School or Club		Team Contact	
Daytime phone		Email	
Mailing Address		Classes <input type="checkbox"/> Sporter OR <input type="checkbox"/> Precision <input type="checkbox"/> Scholastic OR <input type="checkbox"/> Club	
Please provide the name and competitor number of each person who will represent your school or club.			
Last/Family Name	First Name, MI	*CMP Comp #*	Position
			Instructor/Coach <i>(to be listed as head coach on results)</i>
			Team Member
			Team Member
			Team Member
			Team Member

The four members of this team must be selected prior to the event. Should the team qualify for Nationals, the members may be changed.

Look up CMP Numbers at:

<https://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/CreateACMPNumber.pdf>

This form must be submitted by the match director to CMP with the match results.

Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Air Rifle Silhouette, 2025

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Targets: 1/10 scale metallic silhouettes

Course of Fire: Twenty (20) shots, four stages, 5 shots each.

Stages: 5 shots chickens at 10 yards
 5 shots pigs at 12.5 yards
 5 shots turkeys at 15 yards
 5 shots rams at 18 yards

Position:

All stages will be standing, unsupported position. No part of the shooter's body or clothing may touch the bench.

Equipment: Any .17 air rifle, any sights. Shooters must furnish their own air rifle, pellets and equipment. No shooting jackets, gloves or slings allowed. No air rifles exceeding 800 ft/second velocity. **Air rifles must not exceed velocity of 800 fps**

Time Limits: For each string of 5 shots, there will be a 30 second ready (preparation time) and a 2 minute 30 second fire. One shot will be fired at each metal silhouette starting on the left and moving left to right.

Awards: First, second, and third place individual in each age division (junior & senior). The air rifle silhouettes will be divided into two groups: juniors will be those that are thirteen and under and seniors will be those 14 and older in the calendar year 2023. Achievement awards will be given to each individual based upon individual score. Ties will be broken by long run as follows - 1) Ram, then if still tied by 2) Turkey, then 3) Pig, then 4) Chicken.

Rules: Based on the NRA Air Rifle Metallic Silhouette Rules.

Coaches' Responsibility: Coaches are allowed (and encouraged) to be on the line and may coach their shooters while firing. Coaches are allowed to cock and load air guns for junior competitors. It is the responsibility of each coach to insure that each of their competitors have met the minimum requirements including knowing how to follow range commands and practice safe firearms handling. Competitors must come with experience shooting the firearm they will be using and should have sight settings for the four distances.

Range Officer: Alan Lerch

Match Program

2025 Virginia 4H “Spring Air” Air Pistol

Skelton 4-H Center March 15 & 16, 2025

[5A-Spring Air 2025 AP Match Program v1.docx] (1/20/25)

Rules: Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation’s Progressive Position Air Pistol Rules --January 1, 2025 PPP Rule Book as updated, will govern:

<https://mysasp.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/PPP-Rules-Jan-1-2025.pdf>

Positions and Ages: There are three positions authorized:

- Basic Supported – Maximum age is 12
- Standing Supported – Maximum age is 14
- Standing – No minimum age for Spring Air

Targets: Orion Air Pistol Targets. Scoring by Orion Scoring System.

Equipment: Competitors must furnish their own pistol, pellets, and equipment. Any .177 caliber pneumatic, spring piston, or CO2 air pistol as defined by the Progressive-Position Air Pistol Rules. Competitors shooting in the Standing Supported position must use a counter-balance support (T stand) that provides a limited amount of support for the pistol’s weight. The force provided by the counterweight must not exceed the weight of the pistol. Range officers may place the pistol in a cloth bag attached to the support point to ensure the force is appropriate. All rigid support stands, such as air rifle offhand stands are not allowed. If a T stand is used, the support point may be anywhere between the muzzle and the elbow.

Compressed air / CO2 will not be furnished. **Blaze orange** Clear Barrel Indicators (CBI’s) are required. If a competitor needs to fill or change air or CO2 during a match, once the preparation/sighting period starts, they must ask Range Officer for permission. Non-refillable CO2 cartridges may be replaced on the firing line. Cylinders filled from a scuba tank shall be refilled off the line. Following replacement of the cylinder or cartridge, gas may be released as necessary under the supervision of the range officer before record fire is commenced. Competitors must ask permission from the range officer. Gas shall not be discharged behind the firing line. Only normal low-cut, street-type or light athletic shoes are permitted. Shoes may not extend above the ankle and must have a flexible sole.

Ammunition: 100% lead wad-cutter pellets are the only approved pellets for use during the match. Targets shot with round or pointed pellets will not be scored.

Course of Fire: 40 Shots plus sighters

Fifteen minutes for preparation period and unlimited sighting shots on two sighting bulls

Twenty minutes for twenty record shots on the first set of four targets.

Twenty minutes for twenty record shots on the second set of four targets.

Finals: Finals will be shot Sunday morning on the air rifle range once air rifle is finished. Finals will consist of the top 8, International Standing competitors.

<u>Awards:</u>	Individual:	Basic Supported	1 st to 3 rd
		Standing Supported	1 st to 3 rd
		International Standing	1 st to 3 rd
	Team:	Supported Position	1 st to 3 rd
		Mixed Position	1 st to 3 rd
		International Standing	1 st to 3 rd

Teams: Air Pistol teams for “Spring Air” may be formed as follows:

Supported Position Teams consist entirely of members who shoot in a Supported position.

Mixed-Position Teams must have: a) One member who shoots in a Supported position and the other two members must shoot in the International Standing position, or b) Two members who shoot in a Supported position and the other one member must shoot in the International Standing position.

International Standing Position Teams are composed entirely of members who shoot in the International Standing position.

Air pistol teams must be designated on the AP Teams form, submitted and must be declared Saturday morning, March 15th by the coach’s meeting before the first shot is fired (9:00 AM)

AIR PISTOL TEAM ENTRY FORM

**“Spring Air”
2025 Virginia State 4H
Progressive Air Pistol Championship**

***COACH – PRINT CLEARLY
ALL INFORMATION (Except Score) IS REQUIRED***

MARCH 15-16

CLUB TEAM NAME: _____

COUNTY: _____

AIR PISTOL TEAM TYPE: _____ **(Check One)**

Supported Position _____

(Any combination of Basic Supported or Standing Supported)

Mixed Position _____

(1 Standing & 2 Supported or 2 Standing & 1 Supported)

Standing _____

(All team members shoot from Standing/Unsupported)

TEAM MEMBERS: (Must have three)

COACH'S NAME: _____

Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Air Pistol Silhouette, 2025

[5C-Spring Air 2025 4H Air Pistol Silhouette Match Program.doc v1]

Note: This is an unsquadded event, competitors must be registered during the registration process and the club's coach must have the competitor's portfolio available during check-in.

Targets: 1/10 scale metallic silhouettes

Course of Fire: Twenty (20) shots, four stages, 5 shots each stage.

Stages:
5 shots chickens at 10 yards
5 shots pigs at 12.5 yards
5 shots turkeys at 15 yards
5 shots rams at 18 yards

Shooting Position: **New for 2025** Competitors will register and compete as either Supported or Standing. Those 13 and older must shoot standing using either one-hand or two-hand holds.

Standing Position: No part of the competitor's body or clothing may touch the bench. One or two hands allowed per NRA Rule 5.8

Supported Position: All stages will be seated (in chair at table). The competitor may use supporting material. The competitor may rest any part of either or both hands and forearms and the butt of the pistol on the supporting materials.

Equipment: Any air pistol, any sights. Competitors must furnish their own pistol, 100% lead pellets and equipment. No shooting jackets, gloves or slings allowed. All competitors will be required to use **BLAZE ORANGE CLEAR/OPEN BARREL INDICATORS** (CBI's).

Time Limits: For each string of 5 shots, there will be a 30-second ready (preparation time) and a 2 minute 30 second fire. One shot will be fired at each metal silhouette starting on the left and moving left to right.

Awards: First, second, and third place individual in each age division; Achievement awards will be given to each individual based upon individual score.

Rules: *NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules* (Air Pistol)

Ties: Utilizing best score from longest to shortest distance.

Coaching: Spotters are encouraged to be on the line to spot for their competitors. Competitors in supported positions have the option to follow the rules of PPP regarding loading and pistol adjustments. The standing competitors must load the pistol at the proper time and must independently make all adjustments to the pistol to include sight/scope settings. It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that each of their competitors have met the minimum requirements including knowing how to follow range commands and practice safe firearms handling. Competitors must come with experience shooting the air gun they will be using and should have sight settings for the four distances.

Match Program

2025 Virginia 4H "Spring Air" Archery

(6- Spring Air 2025 Archery Match Program)

Target:

Junior / Senior Traditional – **NEW since 2025** 80 cm target (10 points through 1 from center outwards, with inner 10's scored as X's).

Junior / Senior Genesis– **NEW since 2025** 80 cm target (10 points through 1 from center outwards, with inner 10's scored as X's).

Junior Compound – **NEW since 2025** a 40 cm target (80cm 5 ring) (10 points through 6 from center outwards, with inner 10's scored as X's).

<https://lancastrarchery.com/collections/target-faces/products/morrell-80cm-5-ring-paper-target-face>

Senior Compound– **NEW since 2023** a 40cm 5-spot target (10 points through 7 from center outwards, with inner 10's scored as X's).

NOTE: 5-spot target will be a Vegas face but may be red/yellow or blue/white as needed <https://lancastrarchery.com/products/maple-leaf-5x40g-5-spot-vegas-face>
https://lancastrarchery.com/products/maple-leaf-40cm-nfaa-5-spot-target-face?srsId=AfmBOoqID17ne_GsI9670ZiOU8bfdz4UN5vRIEnlah1Qjtfbv7M4pOj7

Course of Fire:

Junior Compound / Traditional/ Genesis- Five (5) shots each at 4 distances: 10, 15, 20 & 25 yards.

Senior Compound / Senior Traditional/ Senior Genesis– Five (5) shots each at 4 distances: 15, 20, 25 & 30 yards

Time Limit: 3 minutes per 5-arrow end.

Categories:

Junior Traditional – Only recurve and long (straight) bows without pulleys or cams are allowed. Pin sights are permitted. Recurve equipment allowed is as permitted in the following rules: <https://worldarchery.org/Rules>.

Junior competitors using bows fitted with magnified or non-magnified sights, a single stabilizer that may not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the bow frame, vibration dampeners, or other devices (mechanical releases, multiple stabilizers, clicker, etc.) will compete in the Junior Compound category.

Junior Compound Bow – Compound bows and modified Genesis-type bows using pulleys or cams are allowed. Any compound bow fitted with magnified or non-magnified sights, a single stabilizer that may not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the bow frame, vibration dampeners, or other devices. Compound equipment allowed is as permitted in the following rules: www.ibo.net (pg. 12, Hunter Class, 2021 rulebook) with the following exception: hunter style single pin sights will be allowed.

Junior Genesis **NEW since 2025** includes competitors using Matthew Genesis-type stock bows without sights or other added devices. The Genesis Pro and GenX are prohibited from use in this division. Sights, mechanical releases, draw stops, and stabilizers are not permitted. Archers must wear finger tabs, finger saver guards, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers. Metal, tied, or heat-shrink nock locators may be used.

Senior Genesis **NEW since 2025** includes senior competitors using Matthew Genesis-type stock bows without sights or other added devices. The Genesis Pro and GenX are prohibited from use in this division. Sights, mechanical releases, draw stops, and stabilizers are not permitted. Archers must wear finger tabs, finger saver guards, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers. Metal, tied, or heat-shrink nock locators may be used.

Senior Traditional **NEW since 2025** Only recurve and long (straight) bows without pulleys or cams are allowed. Pin sights are permitted. Recurve equipment allowed is as permitted in the following rules: <https://worldarchery.org/Rules>.

Senior competitors using bows fitted with magnified or non-magnified sights, a single stabilizer that may not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the bow frame, vibration dampeners, or other devices (mechanical releases, multiple stabilizers, clicker, etc.) will compete in the Senior Compound category.

Senior Compound includes all senior competitors using any compound bow fitted with magnified or non-magnified sights, a single stabilizer that may not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the bow frame. Vibration dampeners or other devices are not allowed. Compound equipment allowed is as permitted in the following rules: www.ibo.net (pg. 12, Hunter Class, 2021 rulebook) with the following exception: hunter style single pin sights will be allowed.

Type of Bow (not Category)	Competition Category and Distance	
	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Recurve/Longbow with no sights or other devices	Junior Traditional 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	Senior Traditional 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards
Recurve/Longbow with sights, non-magnified	Junior Compound 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	Senior Compound 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards
Genesis Type – stock bow with no modifications	Junior Genesis 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	Senior Genesis 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards
Genesis Type – with any additional devices or changes	Junior Compound 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	Senior Compound 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards
Compound with sights, non-magnified	Junior Compound 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards	Senior Compound 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards

Awards:

First, second and third place individual in each age division and each category.

Team Awards in Junior Compound, Senior Compound, Junior Genesis, and Senior Genesis categories only.

Achievement award to competitors based upon individual score.

Achievement Award Criteria			
	Minimum	Maximum	Award
Jr Compound	181	200	Gold
	161	180	Silver
	141	160	Bronze
	0	140	Green

Sr Compound	165	200	Gold
	140	164	Silver
	90	139	Bronze
	0	89	Green

Jr/Sr Genesis and Jr/Sr Traditional	115	200	Gold
	90	114	Silver
	40	89	Bronze
	0	39	Green

Ties: All individual ties to be broken by determining which competitor had a greater number of X's, 10s, 9s, through 1's. If a tie still exists, the scores from the fourth end will be compared, then the third end, etc. If tie still exists, the competitors will remain tied, and both will receive the award for that place. Team ties broken by the same procedure.

Rules: When shooting, the archer shall straddle the shooting line. Participants will be instructed with voice commands as follows:

- "Archers to the shooting line"
 - a) Archers walk carefully to the shooting line
 - b) One foot on either side of the shooting line
 - c) Keep arrows in quiver, fingers off string, bows on toes
- "Commence firing"
 - a) Remove arrows one at a time from quiver, load bow, shoot at target
 - b) When all arrows have been shot, step behind waiting line, place bow on toes, wait for signal to walk forward to remove arrows from the target
- "Retrieve arrows"
 - a) Walk carefully toward your target to retrieve arrows
 - b) Stop at the Target line for additional instructions.
- "Cease fire"
 - a) Dangerous condition
 - b) Stop shooting, even if ready to release
 - c) Place arrow back in quiver
 - d) Wait for signal to resume shooting
 - e) Anyone who detects an unsafe condition can call a "Cease Fire" using a voice command

Finger protection is mandatory unless using a mechanical release. Silicone finger guards on the bow string are allowed. Arm guards are recommended. Back quivers are not allowed.

"Sky-drawing", also called a High Draw, is strictly prohibited.

Competitors will be warned once, but a second violation will result in immediate disqualification and removal from the range.

"Sky-drawing"/High Draw as defined by World Archery Rule Book 3, art. 12.9: *An athlete, when drawing back the string of his bow uses any technique which, in the opinion of the Judges, could allow the arrow, if accidentally released, to fly beyond a safety zone of safety arrangements (overshoot area, net, wall, etc.)*

For a visual reference on Sky-drawing, Lancaster Archery has published a short video on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/jgobp-ei7AE>

An arrow leaving the bow is considered a shot unless the competitor can reach it from their position with their bow.

An arrow shaft (not fletching) cutting two (2) colors shall count as hitting the inner one.

An arrow going through the target paper shall be scored if the line scoring judges can identify and determine the value of the mark left behind of the arrow that passed through the target paper. If the line scoring judges are unable to identify and/or determine the value of the mark left behind of the arrow that passed through the target paper, that arrow shall be shot again.

An arrow bouncing off the target paper shall be shot again regardless of where it hit the target. Exception - arrows shot from Genesis, recurve, and long bows will not be shot again if a “visible mark” where the arrow impacted the target can be scored.

Prior to the competitor pulling their arrows, the judge shall orally count the score at the target. Any protest by the competitor must be taken up at this time. Final decisions rest with the Match Directors. The score shall then be recorded, and the arrow pulled.

Equipment:

Competitors **must** provide their own bows, arrows (each competitor must bring a minimum of 5 arrows to the shooting line), accessories and other equipment described for the categories below. All arrows should be labeled with an identifying mark so if shooters are sharing targets they can determine whose arrows are whose. For youth who use club arrows, we will try to make sure two shooters with the exact same arrows do not shoot together. Quivers are required for all competitors. Eye protection is recommended but not required.

Maximum draw weight is 60lbs.

Arrows larger than 27/64ths (0.42”) in diameter are not permitted.

Arrows must weigh a minimum of 5 grains per pound of draw weight.

Crossbows are prohibited. Broad head (blade) points are strictly prohibited. Equipment deemed unsafe by the Match Directors shall be prohibited.

See the table below, “VA 4-H Shooting Education Archery Equipment Safety Specifications”.

Note: Bows and arrows will be spot checked periodically and randomly by match staff to ensure the competitor’s equipment does not violate any match rules or regulations. Any competitor found with equipment violating any match rule or regulation will be immediately disqualified.

VA 4-H Shooting Education Archery Equipment Safety Specifications

Draw weight	*Minimum arrow weight		Draw weight	*Minimum arrow weight	
	Pounds	Grains		Grams	Pounds
15	75	4.9	38	190	12.3
16	80	5.2	39	195	12.6
17	85	5.5	40	200	13.0
18	90	5.8	41	205	13.3
19	95	6.2	42	210	13.6
20	100	6.5	43	215	13.9
21	105	6.8	44	220	14.3
22	110	7.1	45	225	14.6
23	115	7.5	46	230	14.9
24	120	7.8	47	235	15.2
25	125	8.1	48	240	15.6
26	130	8.4	49	245	15.9
27	135	8.7	50	250	16.2
28	140	9.1	51	255	16.5
29	145	9.4	52	260	16.8
30	150	9.7	53	265	17.2
31	155	10.0	54	270	17.5
32	160	10.4	55	275	17.8
33	165	10.7	56	280	18.1
34	170	11.0	57	285	18.5
35	175	11.3	58	290	18.8
36	180	11.7	59	295	19.1
37	185	12.0	60	300	19.4

* Complies with National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee rule for a minimum arrow weight of 5 grains per pound of draw weight

Arrows larger than 27/64ths (0.42") in diameter are not permitted.

Maximum draw weight for bows is 60 pounds.

Finger protection is mandatory unless using a mechanical release. Arm guards are recommended.

Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Public Speaking, 2025

[7A-Spring Air 2025 4H Public Speaking.docx]

The Public Speaking Competition will follow the *Virginia Public Speaking Judging Rubric Suggested Criteria* and will use the *Virginia Cooperative Extension Publication 388-066 (4H-258NP) 4-H Public Speaking Score Sheet* found at:

https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/388/388-066/388-066_pdf.pdf

The only additional requirements to compete at "Spring Air" are that the topic has to be shooting related and contestants may not use the same speech that they used in a previous year.

Appropriate Times for speeches are:

Elementary School age - 2 to 5 minutes

Middle School age - 3 to 6 minutes

High School age - 5 to 7 minutes

Awards:	Junior	1 st to 3 rd
	Senior	1 st to 3 rd

Spring Air 4-H Age Policy: The public speaking competition will be divided into two groups: juniors will be those that are thirteen and under and seniors will be those 14 and older in the calendar year 2025.



4-H Public Speaking Score Sheet

Speaker's Name: _____ Age Category: Jr. 9-11 Int. 12-13 Sr. 14-19

Age by Sept. 30 of 4-H year: _____ Date: _____ Unit/County: _____

Speech Title: _____ Length of Speech: _____

	Blue 5 points	Red 4 points	White 3 points	Constructive Comments:
General Appearance, Poise, Posture (10 pts possible)				
Neatly dressed, well-groomed, good posture				
Calm, pleasant, confident, at ease				
Speech Selection (5 pts possible)				
Age-appropriate topic, one theme				
Voice (30 pts possible)				
Pitch, volume, speed, tone, rhythm				
Clear pronunciation				
No long pauses, no "extra" words (um, uh, you know)				
Audible at all times, distinct, natural voice				
Enthusiastic, personality shows through				
Speaker captures and retains audience attention				
Speech (25 pts possible)				
Well-organized, logical order				
Introduction, body, conclusion				
Up-to-date, accurate, relevant information				
Sticks to subject				
Adheres to time limits (5 pts. deducted for speeches outside of range.)				
Use of Language (10 pts possible)				
Appropriate word choice, clear, correct phrasing				
Uses correct grammar				
Expression (10 pts possible)				
Good eye contact				
Appropriate gestures, body language				
Response to Questions (10 pts possible)				
Adequate, complete answers				
Timely, spontaneous response				

of check marks from red and white columns

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X1

X2

Time Ranges: Junior (9-11) = 2-5 mins., Intermediate (12-13) = 3-6 mins., Seniors (14-19) = 5-7 mins.

Scores: Blue = 100-90 Red = 89-75 White = 74 and below

Five points will be deducted for speeches outside the time range.

Category criteria: use the Public Speaking Judging Rubric to clarify.

Components of a speech: speaker, audience, speech; no props or costumes.

100 - _____ = _____ **Final Score**



Public Speaking Judging Rubric: Suggested Criteria

Use the following criteria as a baseline for scoring and providing constructive feedback. Keep in mind that the rubric provides a set of guidelines for judges; use age-appropriate terms when phrasing feedback to youth.

Criteria	Blue	Red	White
General Appearance, Poise, and Posture	Neatly dressed and well groomed – good posture; smiled when appropriate; seemed confident and at ease throughout speech.	Adequate dress and grooming; posture varied – affected by nervousness or stumbling; overcame initial nervousness; spoke with a few pauses or fill words.	Dress was sloppy, disheveled, or distracting; cleanliness or grooming an issue; was visibly stiff and nervous (e.g. slouched, paced).
Speech Material Selection	Material was age appropriate, easy to follow, evidence of unity, coherence, and emphasis	Although material was age-appropriate, it was somewhat hard to follow, lacking aspects of unity, coherence, and emphasis.	Material was age-appropriate for audience; difficult to follow, little to no evidence of unity, coherence, and emphasis.
Voice: Projection and Volume, Fluency, and Control	Speaker's voice varied effectively with clear expression, clear pronunciation, speed, tone, and volume to engage and keep audience's attention and be heard across the room. Speaker talked enthusiastically with appropriate pauses. Tone of voice, pace, and emotion enhanced the impact of the speech.	Speaker attempted to vary voice, expression, tone, and volume, but was occasionally too loud or too soft to be easily heard. Clarity of speech was inconsistent. The speaker's personality was not used as effectively as it could have been to convey the message. Although the speaker captured the attention of the audience, s/he did not maintain it; inconsistent pausing was noticed.	Speaker attempted to vary voice tone, but with little effect. Audience was inconsistently engaged. Speaker was not loud enough/ clear enough for the judges to hear and did not convey personality. Speaker spoke in a monotone voice, spoke haltingly, or was hard to understand.
Speech	Material organized around a clear purpose with one basic theme; topic was narrow; information was accurate, relevant to topic, and up-to-date; speech had clear steps and logical order; speaker stuck to the subject and conveyed extensive knowledge of topic; speech was complete with introduction, body, summary, and conclusion; speaker stuck to time requirements; highly effective use of speech notes or notes not needed.	Although theme was evident, material could have been more clearly organized or material seemed organized, but theme was not evident. The topic could have been more specific. Information was accurate but out-of-date or information was up-to-date, but could have been more accurate. The speech did not consistently follow a logical order or show clear steps. Although the speaker conveyed knowledge of the topic, s/he did not stick to the subject. Although time limit was adhered to, the speech did not seem complete; needed stronger summary/conclusion.	Purpose and basic theme of speech unclear; topic was too broad; information was incorrect or not relevant to topic; logical order of speech was not evident; speaker did not convey knowledge of the topic and meandered; speech was missing an introduction, body, summary, or conclusion; speaker did not adhere to time requirements.
Use of Language	Speaker's use of language was excellent; the words were put together well to convey meaning without appearing to be memorized. Effective use of language without being too technical or flowery. Correct grammar used.	Speaker did not read entire speech, but hesitated and stumbled to some degree. Sounded memorized. More technical or "flowery" terms used than needed to provide effective information. Grammar was inconsistently correct.	Speaker read speech from cards and stumbled with frequent hesitations and filler phrases: "aaa," "like," "you know." Speaker used technical terms or "flowery" terms without explanation or out of context. Words were not put together well – meaning difficult to understand. Grammar was weak or incorrect.
Expression: Appropriate Gestures and Eye Contact	Used natural movement and descriptive gestures that displayed energy, created mood, and helped audience visualize. Only occasionally glanced at notes; made consistent, meaningful eye contact with audience.	Used some movement and gestures, but they didn't enhance the speech; some eye contact, but relied on notes to a level of distraction.	Used movement and gestures that distracted from the speech (stiff, unnatural body movement and gestures were not coordinated with speech); little or no eye contact (speaker looked at the floor or at notes).
Response to Questions	Speaker seemed well prepared and handled questions with ease. The speaker was able to offer more information than was originally covered in speech. The speaker displayed creative, spontaneous problem solving in response to questions.	Speaker answered questions honestly and appropriately and exhibited knowledge of topic. Some creative thinking and problem-solving skills evidenced; offered few spontaneous responses	Speaker seemed unprepared for questions and had difficulty formulating answers. Little evidence of spontaneity. Very little creative thinking and problem-solving skills evidenced.

Developed by the *Communications: Public Speaking Task Force*

Chair: Kathleen Jamison, Ph.D., Virginia 4-H Curriculum and Learning Specialist

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Virginia 4-H "Spring Air" Presentation, 2025

[8A-Spring Air 2025 4H Presentation.docx]

The Presentation Competition will follow the *Virginia Cooperative Extension Communication and Expressive Arts Publication* and will use the *Virginia Cooperative Extension Publication 4H Presentations Scoring Aid 388-062* found at:
https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/388/388-062/388-062-pdf.pdf

The only additional requirements to compete at "Spring Air" are that the topic has to be shooting related and contestants may not use the same presentation that they used in a previous year.

A 4-H presentation should be long enough to make all of your steps clear and easy to follow, but not so long that it bores the audience. In most cases, the time range will be:

2 to 5 minutes for ages 9 to 11 years

5 to 10 minutes for ages 12 to 13 years

10 to 15 minutes for ages 14 - 19 years

Adequate practice will guarantee your timing will be perfect.

Awards:	Junior	1 st to 3 rd
	Senior	1 st to 3 rd

Spring Air 4-H Age Policy: The presentation competition will be divided into two groups: juniors will be those that are thirteen and under and seniors will be those 14 and older in the calendar year 2025.



4-H Presentations Scoring Aid

Name _____ Age as of Sept. 30 _____ Date and year of birth _____

Unit _____ Club _____

Presentation category/topic area _____

Title of presentation _____

Each person evaluating a presentation is to score all items in divisions I, II, III (see reverse side). It is important that each item be scored and additions be checked for accuracy. The scoring team should compare scores and arrive at a combined score for each presenter, blue, 90-100; red, 75-89; white, 74 or below. Time requirements: Juniors (9-11 Yrs) 2-5 minutes, Intermediates (12-13 Yrs) 5-8 minutes, Seniors (14-19) 8-15 minutes. Time deductions: :01 - :60 seconds outside the limit is deducted 2 points, 1:01 minutes or outside the range is deducted 5 points.

Factors for Scoring Place a ✓ in the appropriate category	Blue 5 points	Red 4 points	White 3 points	Constructive Comments:
I. The 4-H Member (25 pts)				
A. Appearance				
B. Voice				
C. Poise				
D. Grammar				
E. Eye Contact				
II. Presentation (35 pts)				
A. Introduction				
B. Method				
C. Verbal Presentation				
D. Teaching Aids/Audience View				
E. Organization				
F. Audience View/Staging of Materials				
G. Summary				
III. Subject Matter (40 pts)				
A. Selection of Subject				
1. Reason for Choice				
2. One Basic Theme				
3. Practical				
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8. Practical Application				

of check marks from red and white columns

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X1

X2

Final Rating:

Blue – 100-90

Red – 75-89

White – 74 or below

100 - _____ = _____ **Final Score**

Points to Consider in Scoring

Two Kinds of Presentations - (1) Illustrated Talk and (2) Demonstration

I. The 4-H Member (25 points)

- A. Appearance - Neat, appropriate dress, good posture. Is the 4-H'er well groomed? (5 points)
- B. Voice - Distinct, forceful, yet natural. Does the 4-H'er have a clear, reasonably strong voice with distinct enunciation? Is he/she enthusiastic? (5 points)
- C. Poise - Calm, pleasant, confident. Does the 4-H'er keep his/ her composure even when something appears to go wrong or does go wrong? Does he/she have self-assurance, yet a pleasant manner? (5 points)
- D. Grammar - Correct, well chosen words. Does he/she use correct grammar and choose words that make the meaning clear? (5 points)
- E. Eye Contact - Did the 4-H'er maintain consistent/effective eye contact during the presentation? (5 points)

II. Presentation (35 points)

- A. Introduction - Effective, interesting. This is an explanation of the presentation, not an introduction of the 4-H'er. Does it get the attention of the audience? (5 points)
- B. Method - Did the 4-H'er demonstrate when the illustrated talk would have enabled him/her to do a better job or vice versa? (5 points)
- C. Verbal Presentation - Steps, illustrative material, and explanation coordinated. Does the 4-H'er talk about what he/she is showing and explain the procedure? If information given is to fill time during the process, is it related to what is being shown? (5 points)
- D. Teaching Aids, illustrative aids and supplies are large enough for audience to see and are well-arranged. Did the 4-H'er choose the teaching aids that would best tell the story? (5 points)
- E. Organization - Presentation well organized, steps clear and logical, not memorized. Is evidence shown that the 4-H'er has planned the presentation? (5 points)
- F. Audience View (5 points)/Staging of Materials – can the audience and judges view your materials and actions appropriately?
- G. Summary - Are key points summarized? (5 points)

III. Subject Matter (40 points)

- A. Selection of Subject (15 points)
 - 1. Reason for Choice - Why did the 4-H'er choose this particular subject? This can be implied in talk. (5 points)
 - 2. One Basic Theme - Is the presentation confined to one theme or is it so broad in scope that it cannot be covered in the allotted time? (5 points)
 - 3. Practical - Is the subject important to the project area and to the 4-H'er? (5 points)
- B. Information Presented (25 points)
 - 4. Accurate and Current - Is the information correct? Could you follow directions or information given? - Is it the most current information to which the 4-H'er would have access or is obsolete information given? (5 points)
 - 5. Complete - Are all the steps in the process shown? Is given information adequate to cover the topic? (5 points)
 - 6. Appropriate for Experience - Is the presentation appropriate to the experience of the 4-H'er? (5 points)
 - 7. Knowledge of the Subject - Is there evidence that the 4-H'er understands the topic being discussed? (5 points)
 - 8. Practical Application - Did the 4-H'er explain how the topic relates to real life situations? (5 points)

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