

2025 District IV 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Certification Training

DATE

Saturday, October 11, 2025 & Sunday, October 12, 2025

LOCATION

Bowie County Courthouse
710 James Bowie Drive
New Boston, Texas 75570

REGISTRATION

Registration is open from September 10, 2025 through September 24, 2025 at midnight on 4H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com/#!/user/sign-in> **Registration is non-refundable.**

**ONLINE GREEN INJECTION MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE TRAINING.
THERE IS A \$20.00 REGISTRATION FEE.**

INFORMATION ON HOW TO TAKE THIS TRAINING CAN BE FOUND AT

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/>

REGISTRATION AT <https://4-hshootingsportscollege.com/>

Adult 4-H Certified Coach

This individual will lead the program or have direct supervision of the youth.

- A volunteer must be 21 years of age or older to be a 4-H Certified Coach
- Currently enrolled as a 4-H Volunteer in 4HOnline
- Have up-to-date Youth Protection Standards background check completed on 4HOnline
- Annual enrollment as a 4-H Volunteer is required to maintain certification
- Complete the attached forms and bring to the training:
 - Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Form
- Cost: \$125.00, which includes meals and resources

Assistant 4-H Coach

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 Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program Office.

- Ages 14 – 20
- Currently enrolled as a 4-H Member or Volunteer in 4HOnline
- Volunteers must have up-to-date Youth Protection background check completed on 4HOnline
- Annual enrollment as a 4-H Member or Volunteer is required to maintain certification
- Complete the attached forms and bring them to the training:
 - Assistant Youth Coach Acknowledgement Form
 - Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Form
- Cost: \$125.00, which includes meals and resources

If the individual is under the age of 18, they must be accompanied to training by a previously certified Shooting Sports Coach OR an Adult Leader/Extension Employee participating in this training. Must be 14 years of age or older by September 1 of the current 4-H year.

Previously Certified Coach ONLY

Not seeking certification. Must be a previously certified Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Coach AND must ONLY be participating in this training to accompany an Assistant Coach Candidate (who is under the age of 18).

- Registration is required
- Cost: \$25.00, which includes meals
- Complete the attached forms and bring to the training:
 - Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Form

Extension Personnel

Seeking training and Shooting Sports Coach certification. May also accompany an Assistant Coach Candidate (who is under the age of 18). MUST BE MINIMUM 21 YEARS OF AGE TO BECOME A CERTIFIED SHOOTING SPORTS COACH.

- Registration is required
- \$25.00, which includes meals

TRAINING DISCIPLINES

You will choose **ONE** discipline in which to receive classroom and range training. Volunteers can only receive certification in one discipline per workshop.

- Shotgun
- Rifle
- Pistol
- Archery

COURSE COMPONENTS

All course components must be completed to receive your certification.

Green Injection Training Module	Online Prior to Training Date
Discipline Classroom Training	In-Person
Range Training	In-Person
Testing	In-Person

CERTIFIED SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES INFORMATION

Coach Certification

- A 4-H Certified Coach must be 4-H certified in the specific discipline (shotgun, rifle, pistol, or archery) 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, or shotgun) is obtainable per participant per regular training.
- Separate specific trainings are offered for the hunting & wildlife and muzzleloading disciplines.
- Certification is only acquired at this time through a 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Training run either by the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program Office or one of the 12 District Extension Offices.
- Equivalent certifications through other entities (NRA, USA Shooting, USA Archery, etc.) are not allowed to replace 4-H Coach Training at this time.

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 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 re-certification 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.

For more information contact:

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SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES TRAINING

AGENDA

Saturday, October 11, 2025

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| 8:00 a.m. | Participant Check-In |
| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome and Site Orientation |
| 9:00 a.m. | Discipline Training – Classroom |
| 12:00 p.m. | Catered Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Discipline Training – Range |
| 6:00 p.m. | Catered Dinner |
| 7:00 p.m. | Discipline Training – Classroom |
| 9:00 p.m. | Adjourn for the Evening |

Sunday, October 12, 2025

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| 8:30 a.m. | Discipline Training Review |
| 9:00 a.m. | Discipline Testing |
| 10:30 a.m. | Wrap-Up and Evaluation |
| 11:00 p.m. | Depart |

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WHAT TO BRING

Everyone attending should bring the following:

- Signed Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form (attached)
- Assistant Coach Acknowledgement Youth Form (if youth candidate; attached)
- Writing materials, highlighters, and extra paper for notes
- 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
- Closed-toed shoes
- Range chairs, snacks, and drinks (for between meals) if desired

Shotgun discipline participants:

- 20- or 12-gauge shotgun, any action type
- Ammunition pouch or vest
- 1 boxes of shells

Archery discipline participants:

- Bow of any style
- Appropriate arrows, practice points only, no broadhead hunting points

Rifle discipline participants:

- .22 caliber small bore rifle, of any style, preferably bolt action
- Rifle that can be loaded one shot at a time; no semi-automatic or pump rifles
- 1 box of .22 ammunition

Pistol discipline participants

- .22 caliber small bore pistol, of any style
- 1 box of .22 ammunition

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LODGING

Lodging is not provided in the registration fee and must be arranged by the participant.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites New Boston

1018 N Center St, New Boston, TX 75570
(903) 628-7805

Hampton Inn & Suites Mount Pleasant

2504 W Ferguson Rd, Mt Pleasant, TX 75455
(903) 572-7100

Towne Place Suites by Marriott Texarkana

5020 N Cowhorn Creek Loop, Texarkana, TX 75503
(903) 334-8800

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Texarkana, TX

1918 University Ave, Texarkana, TX 75503
(903) 280-7433

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Texarkana East

5210 Crossroads Pkwy, Texarkana, AR 71854
(870) 216-0083

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