

Who are we – Bexar County 4-H Shooting Sports, a chartered member of 4-H since 2007, a JOAD club since 2012

What is 4-H - 4-H prepares young people to step up to the challenges in their community and the world. Using research-based programming around positive youth development, 4-H youth get the hands-on real world experience they need to become leaders.

What is JOAD? - The Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) is a program that is designed to help both children and teens from the age of 6-18, learn the basics and advancement in archery training either for sport or competition.

Who can join? - 4-H has something for everyone. Youth can start at Kindergarten in the Clover program and switch over to the Youth program at 3rd grade until they are 19 years old. There is even room for the Adult members of the family to participate and assist

How do we join 4-H? - In order to join 4-H, you must first register online at <http://tx.4honline.com> . You will have to pay the State Participation Fee either by credit card or make arrangements with the Bexar County Extension Office prior to registering. The fee is \$20 if you register between August 1st and October 31st. After October 31st, the fee increases to \$25. The fee is per child but there is no limitation on number of clubs or activities the child can participate in.

How do we join JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development)? – In order to be a member of the JOAD part of the club and participate in JOAD competitions, you must register with USA Archery. The cost is \$35.00 for a youth membership or 80.00 for a family membership. The link is below <https://webpoint.usarchery.org/wp/Memberships/Join.wp>

How do we join your club? – To join Bexar County 4-H Fishing and Shooting Sports club you must be a member of 4-H, (JOAD is optional). You must fill out a Family Information Sheet and turn it in with the \$10 dues at one of the general meetings. Below is a link to the family information sheet. http://b4hfss.org/New%20Shooter%20Info/Family%20Information%20Sheet_distributed.pdf

When do we meet? – 2nd Wednesday of every month, 6:30 pm at St George Episcopal Church cafeteria.

What Costs are Involved? - \$20 paid to Texas 4-H yearly, \$10 paid to the club. A \$1 target fee at rifle, pistol, archery, and Muzzleloading practices. Range fees at shotgun practices, \$40 to USA Archery for JOAD members. The cost of tournaments and special events are extra.

When are Practices? - Team practices are usually once a month per discipline, club members are expected to practice at least 3 times a month outside of team practices.

Where are the Practices? – Practices are held at different places, Determined by the coach. Please check the website for directions.

How can I help? - We always need volunteers to coach, to assist coaches at the range or to help with fund raisers. Any adult who will work directly with the kids must pass a background check and also register via 4HConnect, but there is no fee charged for adult participation at the club level.

What Qualifications do the Coaches have? - Each coach has passed a background check and attended 4-H classes in the specific discipline which they coach.

Who Can Become a coach? - Any adult who passes the background check and attends a 4-H class may become a coach

Why can't you have practices near me – We would love to have a practice near you, Please sign up for the next coaches training, and get a background check, we will help you get started (there are probably other members that want to shoot near you as well. team up)

When is the next Coaches Training? - South Region-Victoria – October 13-14, 2012 Registration Closes: Sept. 28, 2012, register on 4-H Connect.

Can I drop my child off at meetings or practices? – The main goal of 4-H is to promote youth development and in Shooting Sports that includes shooting safely. Therefore, parents must stay with their child at practices and assist the coaches with making sure everyone is being safe. (Members that are old enough to drive do not require a parent present, but they cannot be responsible for any younger siblings)

Do we need to provide our own equipment? – Initially No, The club does own several rifles, pistols, bows and a shotgun. You only need to provide your own safety equipment and ammunition. Once your child decides that he/she would like to pursue a certain discipline, we do expect you to purchase your own equipment.

Can we use our own equipment? - Yes. All equipment is subject to coach approval for safe operation

Can my child participate in tournaments? - Yes. There are several opportunities throughout the year to participate in competitive shooting events.

Are tournaments mandatory? - No. Participation is voluntary. Tournaments have entry and sometimes insurance fees which must be paid by the family. These fees can range from \$10 to over \$100.

Local Tournament Opportunities – Shoot-A-Thon, CMP, Archer's Haven, Camp Bullis, 3-D, District Rifle Round Up.

State Tournament Opportunities – Postal League, March Madness, State Indoor Archery, Extravaganza, Charlie Greenway Silhouette, Hot Box, Daisy State BB Gun, JOAD State Tournament, Aggie Invitational, Callaghan County, and many more

National Competition – National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, National and State Ambassadors

Club Parent Expectations

As a club parent in the Bexar County 4-H Fishing and Shooting Sports club there are certain expectations. In order for our club to continue to grow at the rate it is currently growing, we need parental involvement. A normal progression would be as follows.

Months 1 – 3 get to know the club, try out the different disciplines offered by our club, help your kids become comfortable with the firearm of their choice.

Months 4 – 6 Begin to focus on one or two of your child's favorite disciplines and begin setting goals for your child.

Month 6 – 12 – Sign up to become a coach in the discipline(s) that your child is interested in. Register as an adult leader on 4HConnect.

Months 12 –help coach practices, or start your own practice.