

Texas 4-H Family Archery Camp
2015
(formerly known as 4-H Archery Camp)

WHAT is the Texas 4-H Family Archery Camp?

A weekend camp open to any 4-H member currently in a bonafide 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Project desiring to improve their shooting skills and knowledge and any associated adult family member currently enrolled as a 4-H volunteer desiring to learn more about archery skills, archery equipment, and archery events. Youth participants must have beginning or intermediate experience in shooting archery and must understand basic archery safety, range rules, and whistle commands. Youth must be accompanied by at least one family adult.

The 2016 Camp has evolved into a 'family style' camp meaning Mom and Dad (or other family adults) will attend along with their kids and learn the same knowledge and skills. This also means that lodging will be family style, all family members lodge in the same room. This style of camp requires all youth campers to be accompanied by an adult family member. One adult may accompany multiple family youth. In compliance with the American Camping Association, this camp is not available to family members who are not enrolled as 4-H youth or adults including youth under age to be 4-H members.

WHEN: January 22-24, 2016

LOCATION: The Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood. 5600 FM 3021, Brownwood, TX, 76801 (<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>)

ELIGIBILITY: The camp is open only to 4-H enrolled family members as described above.

- Enrolled 4-H member with basic to intermediate archery skills/knowledge; safety, range rules
- 4-H members must be accompanied by at least one adult family member
- Adult family member must be an enrolled 4-H adult leader
- Prior to attending the camp, all adult participants must complete the online Child Protection Training found under the 'Training' tab on their personal profile on 4-H Connect; this is not the same as a background check

REGISTRATION PROCESS: Texas 4-H Conference Center website (<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>)

- Registration will be open **November 9th through December 31st**
- Select the 'Register Now' button to go to the registration page
- Scroll down to the camp title and age division to register each family participant individually
- Registration includes Friday/Saturday night lodging, meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday breakfast, archery instruction, handout materials and other expendable materials
- Registration options include:
 - Room in the **Leadership Lodge** (hotel style with two full size beds) + meals, etc. - \$165.00/registrant
 - Room in **Camp Dorms** (dorm half, one large room, with 14 twin beds and private bathroom) + meals, etc. - \$140.00/registrant
 - Both options offer private family sleeping rooms and bathrooms

- An option for **4-H Archery Coach Certification** is available to any adult participant (21 years of age or older) wanting to become a local coach. This option will carry an additional charge of \$10 and will also cover the original costs of lodging, meals, etc. as in the options listed above (i.e. – 2015 Adult Participant – Coach Certification - Leadership Lodge - \$175.00; 2015 Adult Participation – Coach Certification – Camp Dorms - \$150.00)
- Registration maximums are the first 25 youth and first 25 adults. Registration will close when these maximums are reached or by the closing date, whichever comes first.
- For questions concerning the registration process, contact the Texas 4-H Conference Center; 325-784-5482

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING TO CAMP:

- Youth participants should take their own archery equipment. It is also recommended for adults if equipment is owned. Loaner equipment will be available at the camp but may need to be shared.
- Eye protection if desired.
- Refillable water bottle for use on the range
- Portable range chairs
- Appropriate clothing to be comfortable for the temperatures and exposure to the current weather
- Appropriate shoes (no open toe shoes during classes and on the range)
- Other personal items needed (toiletries, etc.)
- Personal spending money for Camp Store
- Additional information will be sent to participants following the close of registration

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

- Friday - 6-10pm Check-in (*no meal provided)
- Saturday - 7:30am Breakfast; 9am-12noon Instruction; 12noon–1pm Lunch; 1pm–6pm Instruction; 6pm Dinner; 7pm–8pm Instruction
- Sunday - 7:30am Breakfast; 8am–12noon Review & Questions/Wrap Up; 12noon Depart for home

BASE TOPICS COVERED:

- Introduction to Archery Equipment including maintenance and tuning.
- A 30 Arrow Baseline Round to review archers' skill level at the beginning of the camp.
- Steps in Shooting: Shooting Technique Development and the Importance of Repetitive Practice.
- On Range Practice of Steps in Shooting; Video of youth archers (on a volunteer basis) will be taken at this time to be used in later Video Evaluation Training.
- 4-H Competitions: Discussion of various tournament opportunities, rules, and procedures offered.
- Preparing for Tournaments: physical demands of archery and exercises to improve shooting abilities.
- Video Evaluation Training: Review of camp participant videos as a learning tool.

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