Welcome to the 2015 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

The Nebraska 4-H Youth Development Program welcomes you to the 2015 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships!

We are providing this informational packet to make your trip planning process a little bit easier. Enclosed you will find helpful information such as maps, directions, lodging information, preliminary schedules, area entertainment and attractions, and other details that will make your stay in Grand Island an enjoyable one for the entire family.

Cool off and refresh yourself at the Island Oasis on Sunday night, 8-10 p.m. Admission is free with the coupon included in your welcome packet available at the registration office.

**Teen Social Event** - National participants please join the National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassadors for a social time on Tuesday evening, June 23, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Raising Nebraska. There will be time for socializing, dancing and having some fun together!

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the following offices if you need any assistance in planning your trip to Grand Island. We are here to help you in any way we can.

- Nebraska State 4-H Office - 402.472.2805
- Grand Island/Hall County Convention & Visitors Bureau - 800.658.3178

We are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and lots of new faces in June!

Sincerely,

Steve Pritchard
Match Director
Registration

Requirements:
Registration information and forms have been sent to State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators. Please contact your state coordinator for more details and information.

Other information and details can be found on the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships webpage at –

http://4h.unl.edu/4hssnationalchamp

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or designated person in your state is responsible for completing the on-line registration process. **Registrations will only be accepted through the online registration site.** The registration fee is $145 per competitor for archery (compound and recurve), muzzleloading, smallbore pistol, smallbore rifle and hunting; $165 for air pistol and air rifle; and $185 for shotgun. Registration must be completed by May 27. Registrations received after May 27 will be charged a late fee: $170 per competitor for archery (compound and recurve), muzzleloading, smallbore pistol, smallbore rifle and hunting; $190 for air pistol and air rifle; and $210 for shotgun. There is no fee for coaches.

Media consent will be completed by your State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or designated person as a part of the online registration process. When your State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, or designee, registers you for the 4-H Shooting Sports National Champions, you are agreeing to give to The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, National 4-H Council, National 4-H Headquarters (USDA), Cooperative Extension and units, its nominees, agents, and assigns, unlimited permission to copyright and use, publish, and republish for purposes of advertising, public relations, trade, or any other lawful use, information about you and reproduction of your likeness (photographic or otherwise) and your voice, whether or not related to any affiliation with 4-H, with or without your name. You are waiving any right that you may have to inspect or approve the copy and/or finished product or products that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it may be applied. Media consent must be completed and submitted to your State Coordinator for each participant and coach. Since each state may have a different collection process, your State Coordinator will be communicating to you how your state will submit the Media Consent. A substitute/alternate must also complete a Media Consent to participate at the National Championships.

All registered participants and coaches will receive a complimentary 2015 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships t-shirt. Additional t-shirts can be ordered by completing the form found on the link above. T-shirts will be available for pickup at the registration office. All t-shirts ordered must be picked up at the registration office by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 22nd.
Schedule

Sunday – June 21
- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Registration & Equipment Check-in at Fonner Park Concourse
- 8:00-10:00 p.m. – Water Park Fun at Island Oasis

Monday – June 22
- 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Registration & Equipment Check-in Continues at Fonner Park Concourse;
- 11:30 a.m. - Coaches Meeting at individual ranges conducted by Range Officers
- 12:30 p.m. - Practice at Ranges (See Range Location Schedule)
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. -State Team Pictures for states beginning with letters A-M, Heartland Events Center
- 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. -State Team Pictures for states beginning with letters N-S, Heartland Events Center
- 4:30 p.m. – State Teams assemble for Opening Ceremony in the Fonner Park Concourse; National 4-H Mall open
- 5:00 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies at Heartland Events Center
- 6:15 p.m. - State Team Pictures continue for states beginning with letters T-W, Heartland Events Center

Tuesday- June 23
- 8:00 a.m. - Competition Begins at Assigned Ranges (See Range Location Schedule)
- Practice immediately following competition – (See Range Location Schedule)
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Teen Social at Raising Nebraska;

Wednesday- June 24
- 8:00 a.m. - Competition begins at Assigned Ranges (See Range Location Schedule)
- Practice immediately following competition – (See Range Location Schedule)
- 7:30 p.m. – Day 1 Awards Ceremony & Silent Auction at Heartland Events Center National 4-H Mall Open

Thursday- June 25
- 8:00 a.m. - Competition Begins at Assigned Ranges (See Range Location Schedule)
- 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Industry Event at Heartland Public Shooting Park
- 4:00 p.m. - Coaches Meeting at individual ranges conducted by Range Officers
- 7:30 p.m. – Day 2 Awards Ceremony at Heartland Events Center National 4-H Mall Open

Friday- June 26
- 8:00 a.m. – Day 3 & Closing Awards Ceremony at Heartland Events Center
Getting Here

The **Heartland Events Center** is located on Fonner Park, 700 E. Stolley Park Road, and approximately 10 minutes north of I-80. Registration, equipment check-in, opening ceremony, evening awards, and final awards will take place in the Heartland Events Center.

The **Pinnacle Bank Expo Center**, a 100,000 sq. ft. structure, is located directly west of the Heartland Events Center. It will be the site for all air rifle and air pistol competitions.

The **Heartland Public Shooting Park (HPSP)** is approximately 10 minutes west of Fonner Park. Directions to HPSP from the intersection of Hwy 281 and Hwy 30 travel west/southwest on Hwy 30 approximately 2 miles to the Husker Hwy exit. Turn right onto Husker Hwy and travel west for approximately 2 miles. The entrance and signage will be on the north side (right) of Husker Hwy.
Airlines & Car Rental

The Central Nebraska Regional Airport is located north of Grand Island, approximately 15 minutes from Fonner Park. Please contact American Airlines to check for special group or zone fares for your flight. You can access American’s fares by going to www.aa.com to book your flight.

Car rental is available at the airport. Thrifty Car Rental has provided the following rates for the 2015 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships –

- Daily Rates:
  - Midsize - $37.99/day
  - Fullsize - $41.00/day

- Weekly Rates:
  - Midsize - $205.00/week
  - Fullsize - $219.00/week

Make sure you select the Grand Island Airport (flying through Dallas) or the Kearney Airport (flying through Denver), and do include “4-H-Shoot” in the comments section to guarantee the rate.

To access their direct web site - https://www.thriftyne.com/rentals.php

More information on airlines, camping, motels and car rental can be found at -

http://4h.unl.edu/4hssnationalchamp

Lodging

Hotels

The Grand Island area offers hotels to fit every budget. Call the Hotel Hotline at 888-985-5620 and they’ll help you find a room that fits your needs.

www.VisitGrandIsland.com/visitors

Boarders Inn & Suites
3333 Ramada Rd
Grand Island, NE
308-384-5150
Comfort Inn
3535 W State Street (Hwy 281 in mall area)
Grand Island, NE
(308) 381-7788, 800-221-2222

Days Inn I-80
7838 Highway 281
Grand Island, NE
866-384-5006

Fairfield Inn & Suites
805 Allen Drive
Grand Island, NE
308-381-8980

Hampton Inn
504 N Diers Ave.
Grand Island, NE
308-384-9777

Island Inn
2311 S Locust
Grand Island, NE
308-382-1815

MainStay Suites
3051 South Locust
Grand Island, NE
308-227-9976

Motel 6
7301 Bosselman Ave
Grand Island, NE
308-384-6666

Quality Inn I-80
7838 Highway 281
Grand Island, NE
308-384-7770

Regency Inns of America
3021 S Locust St.
Grand Island, NE
308-384-4100
Rodeway Inn
3205 S Locust St.
Grand Island, NE
308-384-1333

Super 8
2603 S. Locust Street
Grand Island, NE
(308) 384-4380

The Kearney area also offers hotels for 4-H shooting sports participants.

Best Western Plus Mid Nebraska Inn & Suites
224 2nd Avenue South
Kearney, NE 68847
888-253-1628

New Victorian Inn & Suites
903 2nd Avenue South
Kearney, NE 68847
308-237-5858

RV & Camping

Fonner Park
Reserve a space by contacting Bruce Swihart, email address (bruceswihart@aol.com), or by phone (308-382-4515). The fee will be $30.00/night and must be made in advance. Space will be provided on a "reservation first" basis only. They will need to provide the nights they need reserved along with their permanent mailing address and phone number. Payment will be made to Fonner Park and mailed to PO Box 490, Grand Island, NE 68802.

Grand Island KOA
1-80 Exit 318
402-886-2249, 800-562-0850

Hall County Park
3138 W Schimmer Dr.
Grand Island, NE
308-385-5087

Heartland Public Shooting Park
6788 W. Husker Hwy
Grand Island, NE 68803
308-385-5048
**Mormon Island State Recreation Area**
I-80 Exit 281, N Hwy 281
308-385-6211
State permit required

**Wood River Campground**
I-80 Exit 300
308-583-2256, 800-967-9961

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**Places to Eat**

Dine around the world in Grand Island, from meat and potatoes to international cuisine. You'll find stone oven pizza, gourmet burgers, Nebraska steaks, homemade pies and old-fashioned malts. Relax and enjoy award winning Nebraska wines and specialty coffees. Most of these food venues are within 10 minutes of the Heartland Events Center.


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**Photography**

**Action Shots**
There will be photographers on site capturing daily shooting events. Every attempt will be made to upload the photographs to the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships web site at [http://4h.unl.edu/4hssnationalchamp/media](http://4h.unl.edu/4hssnationalchamp/media) on a nightly basis.

**State Team Pictures**
Each state team will have an opportunity to have their team photograph taken at the Heartland Events Center on Monday, June 22. The photographs will be available on the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships web site at [http://4h.unl.edu/4hssnationalchamp/media](http://4h.unl.edu/4hssnationalchamp/media). The schedule for team pictures is as follows:

- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. State Team pictures for states beginning with letters A-M
- 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. State Team pictures for states beginning with letters N-S
- 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. State Team pictures continue for states beginning with letters T-W

Teams should plan on arriving 10-15 minutes before their appointed time.
Range Accessibility

The Heartland Public Shooting Park allows use of golf carts, ATV’s, club cars and similar vehicles on site. Individuals can rent two seat golf carts from the Heartland Public Shooting Park for a fee of $50 per day. There are no half day rentals. Contact the Heartland Public Shooting Park (308.385.5048) directly if you are interested in renting a golf cart. This request must be made by May 8, 2015 to guarantee availability. Operators of all vehicles at the Heartland Public Shooting Park must be 18 years of age or older and hold a valid driver’s license. Violation of this rule is grounds for disqualification for any individual or team involved. No golf carts, ATV’s, club cars or similar vehicles will be allowed on the 3D and Field Archery ranges during competition this year.

Area Attractions

The city of Grand Island and Hall County offers attractions for the diverse interests of visitors. The Grand Island & Hall County Convention & Visitors Bureau website contains helpful information for visitors planning their trip to the area. Please visit their web site at – http://www.visitgrandisland.com/visitors/attractions

Contacts for Gun & Bow Repair

GUN REPAIR
Wade Bentley – Cairo NE (308) 485-4280 or (308) 379-6635
Darlo Beasley – Grand Island (308) 382-9573 - GI Loan
Boops Shooters – Grand Island (308) 675-1745
Afflicted Applications – Grand Island (308) 381-2755

BLACK POWDER GUN REPAIR
Bob Watts – Cedar Rapids NE (308) 358-0426 or (308) 750-9000
Afflicted Applications – Grand Island (308) 381-2755

GUN STORES
G.I. Loan Shop, Inc., 1004 W 2nd St., Grand Island (308) 382-9573
Old Market Firearms, 713 West 1st St., Hastings (402) 461-4527
Old West Guns, 924 Central Ave., Kearney (308) 237-7900
Boops Shooters, 924 Concord Ave., Grand Island (308) 675-1745
Afflicted Applications, 2401 E Hwy 30, Grand Island (308) 381-2755
Forms

Please click on the link below to access the *Extra T-Shirt Order Form*.

http://4h.unl.edu/4hssnationalchamp/forms-rules

Silent Auction

The popular silent auction will be held on Wednesday evening, June 24. All states are invited to donate at least one item representing their state to put on the auction. This could be a gift basket, t-shirt, hat or any item that is appropriate for an auction. *Please turn items into the Registration Desk by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22.*