South Dakota State University Extension

2025 Hunting Team Application

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships will be held on June 22-27, 2025. South Dakota will send a Hunting Team made up of 4 youth to next summer's event. This application will show your interest in selection to the team. If selected for the team there will be an expectation to attend/participate in practice sessions if/when scheduled. The national trip is self-funded, except for registration, trading pins and state shirt which are provided by the State Committee.

This is a skill and knowledge-based contest including animal identification (wings, fur, and skulls), orienteering and map reading, and hunting knowledge (based on the NRA Hunting guide), as well as shooting ability. The 2024 hunting contest included 3D (Archery), Hunting Clays (Shotgun) like a walk-through sporting clays course, and Paper Animal Targets (Rifle). A basic comfort level with all three disciplines would be helpful but is not required.

Part of the selection formula is the completion of a test. **The test will be administered at 1:00 p.m. September 7, 2024, at the club house of the Mitchell Shotgun Range, during Fall Shot.** All applicants must take the hunting skills test at that time. There will be no exceptions!

Please include a reference letter from one of your shooting sports coaches with this application. Applications are **due September 1, 2024, to State 4-H Office Attn: John, Berg Agricultural Hall 112 Box 2207E, SDSU, Brookings, SD 57007.** Incoming Seniors (current JR's aging up to SR) may apply. Current Seniors will have preference on team selection.

Name: _____ Contact email: _____

County: _____ Years in Shooting Sports: _____ Age as of 1/1/2025: _____

What disciplines are you currently involved in?

Discipline	Number of Years Involved	Rank your Strongest Disciplines 1-5 (1 being the strongest, 5 being the weakest)
Archery (Compound, Recurve)		
Shotgun		
Muzzleloading		
Rifle (22, Air)		
Pistol (22, Air)		

Previous National Team Experience (Team/Year):

Why would you be interested in being on the “Hunting Team”?

Member Signature

Parent Signature

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