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Maryland 4-H Shooting Shotgun Team Places at National 4-H Invitational

Maryland sent four youth to compete at the 4-H National Shooting Sports Invitational held in Grand Island, Nebraska the week of June 23-29. 558 youth, 156 4-H Volunteer Coaches & over 1200 family members & 4-H volunteers from 34 states participated in the National 4-H Invitational shoot.

The shotgun competition was comprised of 100 targets each in Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. There were 27 Shotgun teams with 97 youth representing states entered in this event.

The Maryland 4-H Shotgun Team Placed 13th Overall. Team placing by events: Sporting Clays 10th; Skeet 14th; and Trap 14th.

Shotgun Team members included: (L to R) Tim Duley (Frederick Co.); Robert Jordan (Howard Co.); Coach Jack Kemp; RJ Baldwin (Kent Co.); Tori Mann (Carroll Co.)
Shotgun Team members included: (Front L to R) Tori Mann (Carroll Co.); Robert Jordan (Howard Co.); (Back L to R) RJ Baldwin (Kent Co.); Tim Duley (Frederick Co.); & Team Alternate Garrett Buckmeier (Frederick Co.)

Full event results found at http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingsportsinvitational/results

Congratulations to all the team members on their awesome performances at the Nationals!! Lots of event photos in two locations: https://www.facebook.com/National4HShootingSports http://bradmellema.smugmug.com/2014-4H-National-4H-Shooting-S

On Tuesday, the Maryland delegation toured Hornady Manufacturing where they observed the process of how this company manufactures two million bullets a day. The next stop for the group was when the group toured the Case International plant to observe the manufacture of combines. Case produces 25 to 27 combines daily at this plant. Our Maryland 4-H delegation included 4 team members, 1 coach, 7 parents & family members and Conrad Arnold, Extension 4-H Educator, Dorchester County & Maryland State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.
This trip would not have been possible without donations from the following: Maryland 4-H Foundation, Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, Maryland Ag Fair Board, Chesapeake Chapter Safari Club International, Beretta USA, Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Hayward Baker Inc., Hoober Inc., NWTF, Kent County 4-H, Carroll County 4-H, Charles County 4-H, Kent County Gun Club, Sudlersville Skeet Club, Southern States Cooperative, Maryland 4-H Center, the University of Maryland College of Agriculture & University of Maryland Extension and many additional donors and supporters of the MD 4-H Foundation Sporting Clays Fundraiser.

Team members and coaches also wish to say Thank You to Shotgun Team Alternate, Garrett Buckmeier (Frederick Co.), and other members of the State Teams Practice Squad.

For additional information about 4-H Shooting Sports programs visit the National 4-H Shooting Sports website at www.4-hshootingsports.org