

Introducing On-Demand Shooting Sports Training for Alaska 4-H

It has become clear to me that my initial thought of offering regional, statewide, multi-discipline training for shooting sports volunteers will not wholly meet the need for Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports. I have put together a plan for On-Demand (single discipline) training to meet your needs, while also assuring the fidelity and risk management requirements of the program. In the 4-H Shooting Sports Projects (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzle Loading, Hunting and Wildlife Skills) it is necessary to manage risk and liability. To be a Shooting Sports Leader, Alaska 4-H requires 12-hours of training in a specific discipline and they must agree to adhere to the National 4-H Shooting Sports National Committee Minimum Standards. All training must go through the Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator to be recorded in our training log and assure risk management and program fidelity.

We will continue to hold at least one (and hopefully two) statewide trainings a year, that offer every discipline (provided there are enough registered participants to make it cost effective). Locations and dates to be determined, but they will be on set dates annually, and announced well in advance to give participants time to plan to attend. (e.g. Spring training in Palmer the 3rd weekend in April – every year).

To supplement the statewide training, we will also offer the ability to do On-Demand training. On-Demand training allows district staff to host a smaller training, in a specific discipline, for your local leaders that utilizing Level 2 trained shooting sports instructors. On-Demand trainings must still be run through the Shooting Sports State Coordinator (just like the Statewide trainings) to assure that risk management standards and program fidelity are being met. District staff will be responsible to cover all costs associated with hosting an On-Demand training through District budget, sponsorship, donation and participant fees.

To conduct an On-Demand Training, please follow these steps:

1. Contact the Alaska 4-H State Shooting Sports Coordinator to express your intent, set dates, develop budget, identify instructor(s), and agenda
2. Use the online registration system to document your training and participants
3. Assure that participants successfully complete the online Shooting Sports eModules (that count as 3 hours of PYD and Risk Management) and 9 hours of discipline-specific training (required to meet the 12 hour National Minimum Standard)
4. Document participants that successfully complete training by submitting their student assessments to the Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator upon completion of the class

Simple sample budget (actual expense will vary)

Instructor Travel	\$400 (subject to distance traveled to training location – cost will vary)
Instructor Meals while traveling	\$ 75 (depending on distance and time traveled to location – costs will vary)
Participant Meals	\$ 60 (\$15 x 3 students and one instructor for lunch)
Student Manuals	\$ 90 (\$30 per student – this cost is fairly consistent)
Incidentals	\$ 50 (range fees, ammunition, targets, etc. – will vary by district/discipline)
TOTAL	\$675

Student Fees	\$ 75 (\$25 per student)
Donations/Sponsorships	\$350 (e.g Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Donation)
TOTAL COST OF TRAINING	\$200 (covered by District)

If you would like to conduct an On-Demand Training for your leaders, please do not hesitate to reach out to me for questions, more information, or help in planning. Attached is a spreadsheet with simple plug-and-play formulas to help you estimate the cost of your training.

For more information or help with the process, contact the Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, S. Todd Williver stwilliver@alaska.edu, 541-815-1515