

Allegany County 4-H Shooting Sports

2008 Report

Coordinator – Debra Padden

Instructors:

Chambliss, Mel : Shotgun, muzzleloading

Chambliss, Kathi : Archery

Mayo, Blake : Rifle, Archery

Ordway, Kenneth: Archery

Padden, Debra : Shotgun

Padden, Larry : Shotgun

Padden, Megan : Shotgun (Teen Instructor)

The Allegany County Shooting Sports Program solely participated in the shotgun sports during the 2008 season. A core group of 21 active 4-H members participated in trapshooting – with cross registration with the Scholastic Clay Target Program. Fourteen practice sessions were hosted at the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club trap field in Wellsville, NY. In July, seventeen club members, as well as family members, traveled to the New York State SCTP championship meet in Cicero, NY

Our club was the only participating 4-H shooting sports participating at the SCTP championship. As is the norm for 4-H shooting sports members, the club represented 4-H with determination, sportsmanship, character and poise under pressure. At the end of the day, our intermediate novice team took home second place trophies and our intermediate senior team carried away third place trophies. Two team members shot their first perfect “25” round. Our Senior Experienced team consisted of three lady shooters and two guys. They shot in the highly competitive senior league and came in 4th.

The hosting Wellsville Rod and Gun Club applied for and received a “ Friends of the NRA ” grant to promote youth shooting opportunities. Our team members, as well as other local youth were provided shotgun shells and free targets through the grant. The benefits were not only financial support to team members, but also the promotion of recreational shooting to youth in the local area. The possibility is tremendous for a huge increase in membership created by the Wellsville grant.

The Allegany County 4-H Shooting Sports prides itself in the additional experiences provided to our team members. Two of our club members have advanced and are shooting with the Junior Olympic Development Program – competing in International Trap. Colton Yehl and Megan Padden competed in the New York State Junior Olympics. Colton took the Silver Medal and Megan earned the Bronze. These two shooters also represented the Western New York Region, shooting Olympic Trap in the Empire State Games. Once again, after a hard fought, close scoring competition, Colton earned the Silver Medal and Megan the Bronze in an exciting shoot-off. Both of these 4-H shooting sports members act as ambassadors for the 4-H shooting sports program and recruit friends and interested persons to join in on the fun of sport

shooting. Megan is currently enrolled at RIT and is working at starting a collegiate clay target team there.

Goals for 2009:

Rifle and Muzzleloading: Additional instructors are needed.

Archery: The Wellsville Rod and Gun Club is constructing an archery range and we hope to utilize it with our 4-H program

Shotgun: We would like to expand the clay target program and introduce skeet and sporting clays.