



Colorado 4-H Members Earn Overall 2nd Place Honors at National Shooting Sports Invitational

A total of 28 youth and 7 coaches from 12 counties represented Colorado at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational recently held in Rapid City, South Dakota. Overall, 417 4-H members from 27 states competed. The competition was held June 26th through June 29th, 2006. There were nine different disciplines: Compound Archery, Recurve Archery, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Muzzle Loading Rifle, .22 Smallbore Rifle, .22 Pistol, Hunting Skills and Shotgun. This is the seventh year for the Invitational which was held in Rapid City, South Dakota. The event will be hosted in South Dakota again next year before it moves to a new location.

Three separate Colorado teams took 2nd place overall in the nation including: Air Pistol, .22 Smallbore Rifle and Recurve Archery. One Teller County youth and two Larimer County youth also earned overall individual honors placing them among the top ten in the nation individually in their respective disciplines. Jesse Strait of Florissant earned 1st place overall individually and Collene Kiefer of Wellington brought home a 9th place overall title for their skills in the Air Pistol discipline while Derrick Brown of Fort Collins received 8th place overall for Recurve Archery.

The photo shows the 2nd Place Overall Air Pistol team receiving their honors from the Air Pistol Discipline sponsor Joe Murfin (left), Vice President of Marketing of Daisy Outdoor Products. Team Members left to right are: Brianna Villyard, Elbert County; Collene Kiefer, Larimer County; Jesse Straight, Teller County; Russell Miskulin, Larimer County and Coach Steve Villyard, Elbert County.

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