

NRA YHEC & State Qualifier for 4-H Hunting/Outdoor Skills Challenge (An NRA YHEC & 4-H Shooting Sports Event)



April 21 & 22, 2018 Flagler, Colorado Flagler Lake State Wildlife Area

This YHEC/Hunting/Outdoor Skills challenge is being sponsored by Colorado Pheasants Forever, the Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Program and other youth educational organizations.

Shooter Information Packet



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- Saturday & Sunday April 21 & 22, 2018 – Registration (Saturday) 7:00 – 7:30 a.m. Orientation 7:45 a.m. Start 8:00 a.m. - **NOTE: Preference will be given on Saturday to Senior 4-H shooters looking to qualify for the 4-H National Hunting Skills contest.** Open slots on Saturday and Sunday slots are open to all youth and their families.

What is the NRA YHEC/4-H Hunting/Outdoor Skills Event?

First, YHEC is short for Youth Hunter Education Challenge and is a program developed by the NRA exclusively for youth and their families who enjoy hunting and the outdoors. **YHEC is NOT a Colorado Hunter Safety Certification Course!** YHEC provides youth and adults with a unique opportunity to test their abilities at a variety of hunting techniques. Through completing a series of events conducted under simulated hunting conditions, participants walk away with an appreciation of all methods of hunting and gain knowledge of all types of game. This training ensures the future of the American hunting tradition as a safe, viable, recreational activity the entire family can enjoy.



The 4-H Shooting Sports Hunting/Outdoor Skills discipline teaches youth a variety of hunting heritage related skills and decision making abilities. The YHEC and 4-H Hunting/Outdoor Skills programs work hand in hand to promote the American heritage of hunting, outdoor knowledge and appreciation. The goal of all 4-H Youth programs is youth development. Developing the skills youth need to be productive and positive adults in our society. Decision making,

teamwork, problem solving, being responsible and having high self-esteem are just a few of the many skills 4-H helps to develop.

Though youth participants are scored and ranked at this event, the program's competitive edge is diminished as the real "challenge" focuses on personal improvement. By participating in this event, all youth competitors are invited to participate in the annual NRA International YHEC event, conducted in cooperation with the International Hunter Education Association; the event rotates to locations throughout the United States to ensure the greatest number of participants. 4-H youth participants can use this event as a practice event to hone their Hunting/Outdoor skills.

The Challenges consists of:

- Muzzleloading Challenge – Shooting muzzleloaders at targets from a variety of unknown distances.
- Light Rifle Challenge – Shooting .22 rifles at targets from a variety of unknown distances.
- Shotgun Challenge – Shooting at clay targets in a variety of ways ... singles, doubles and even running rabbits!
- Archery Challenge – Shooting at 3-D wildlife targets from a variety of hunter challenging positions!
- Hunter's Safety Trail Challenge – Do I shoot or not? These are some of the real life hunting scenarios that will challenge you!
- Orienteering Challenge – Can you find your way using a compass? Can you read a topographic map? If you hunt ... you should know how!



- Wildlife ID Challenge – What animal left that track? What did that feather come from? As a hunter, you need to be aware of game signs ... this will challenge your knowledge.
- Hunter Responsibility Exam – As hunters ... we are all obligated to take care of our environment. Test your knowledge of hunting and our responsibilities.
- Decision Making Challenge – Held along with the Hunter Responsibility Exam, participants

will need to place a couple of “classes” based on a hunting or outdoor scenario. You’ll need to think through your options and make the best decision!

How many can participate?

Due to the fact that the various Challenge activities require time to complete, we are limiting participation to **50 contestants** (youth and adults) per day. First come, first served!

How much does this cost?

The cost to youth and families is \$45.00 per shooter. This includes muzzleloader powder, patch and ball (.50 cal.) and all targets.

Shooters will need to provide 30 rounds of .22 cal long rifle ammunition and 25 rounds of 12 or 20 gauge shotgun target ammunition (12 gauge - 7 ½ or 8 shot 2 ¾ inch 1 oz, 20 gauge - 7 ½ or 8 shot 2 ¾ inch 7/8 oz.)



What is the deadline to sign up and pay?

You will need to fill out the attached form and send it along with your check for the shooting fees to arrive at the address below by no later than April 13, 2018. This is first come first served. You will need to make your checks payable to the **Colorado NRA YHEC**. Send your registration form and check to:

Colorado NRA YHEC Event
c/o Perry Brewer
19550 County Road 40
Bethune, CO 80805

If you have questions or need more information on the YHEC Hunting/Outdoor Skills Challenge you may call Perry Brewer at (719) 349-1358 or email at perry.d.brewer@gmail.com.

What do I need to bring?

Shooters will need to bring their own sporting arms (shotguns, .22 rifles & muzzleloaders) and bows (with arrows). In addition, shooters will need to provide adequate eye and ear protection and:

- .22 cal. long rifle ammunition
- 12 gauge. or 20 gauge light field/target loads

We will be providing the following:

- Shotgun clay targets
- .50 cal. round ball, Pyrodex black powder, caps and patches
- All targets for the various shooting challenges

Due to differences in and variety of bows, we **will not** be supplying arrows!



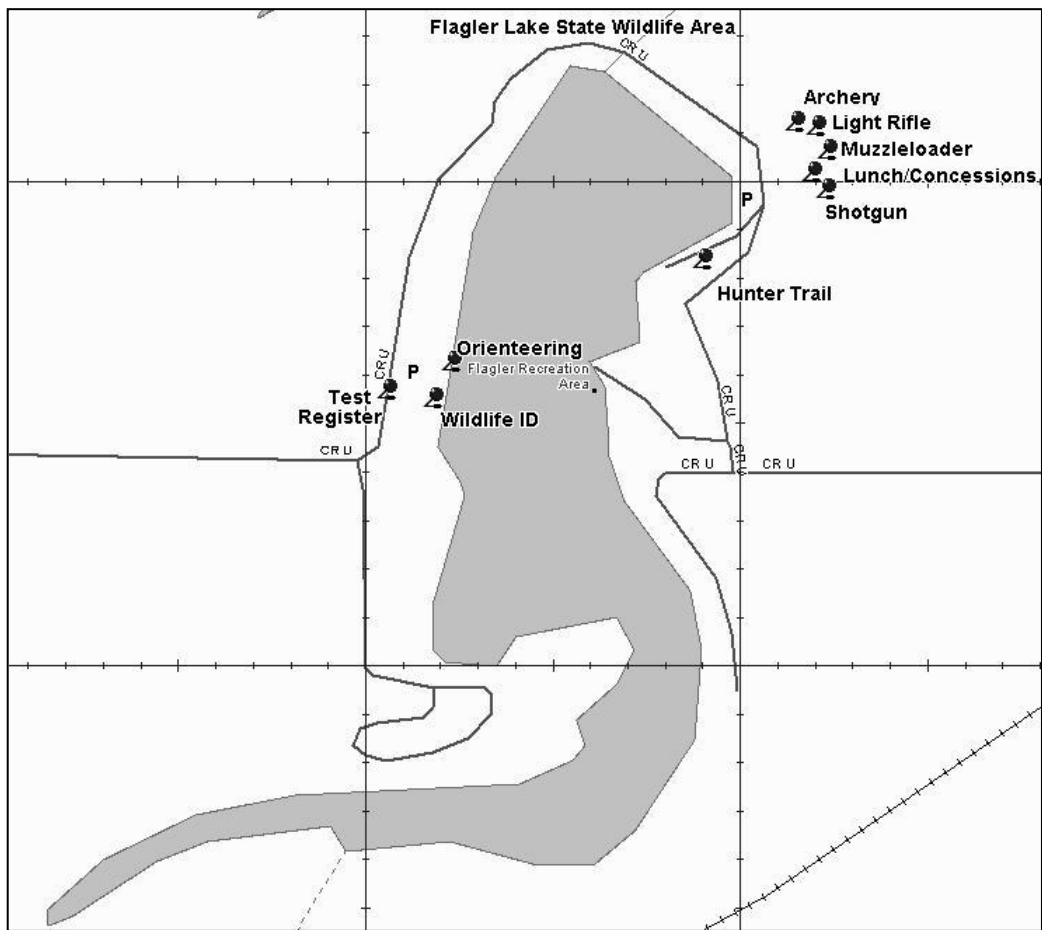
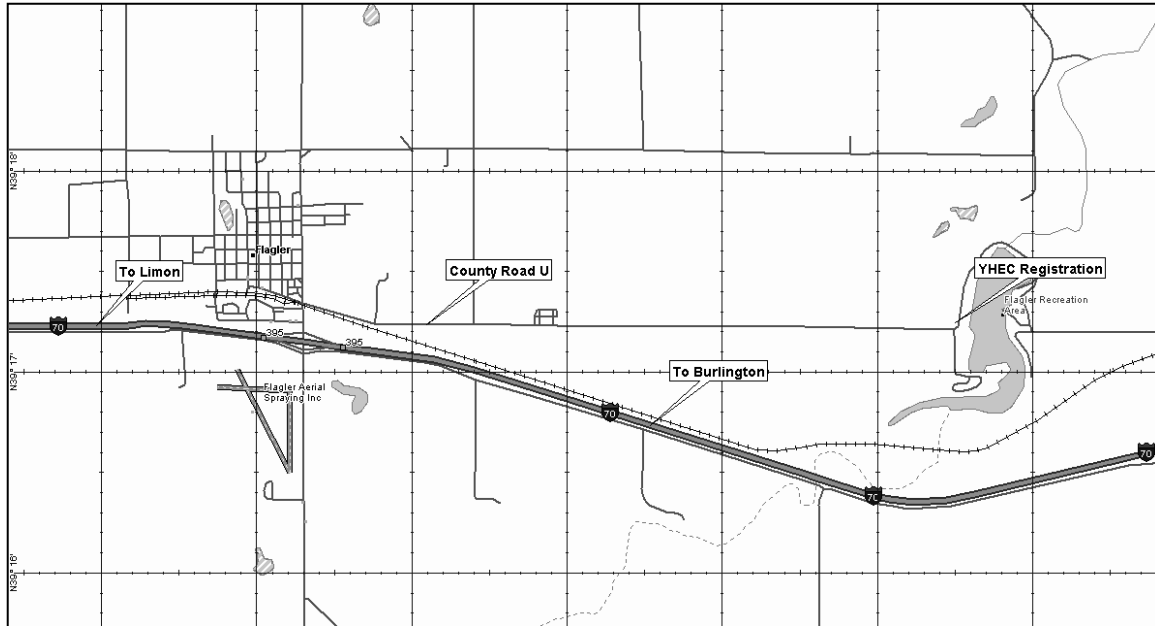
What if I don't have everything?

Don't worry! We will have a limited number of sporting arms and bows for contestants to use for the various challenges! We want all contestants to try all the challenges ... so if you don't have something and you can't borrow one ... come anyway, we'll make sure you have something to shoot with! Just bring .22 and shotgun ammunition with you and you can use one of our firearms or bows.

Miscellaneous items:

- Concessions may or may not be available so be flexible (Bring enough nutrition for the day). Since our weather is variable, have plenty of hydration liquids with you.
- Restrooms are available at various locations in the contest area (you may have a short hike to them in some instances!).
- Be prepared for a variety of weather conditions ... including rain and snow! (Remember, this is still only April and anything can happen!) Bring your coats & rain gear!
- If there are parents, adults or older youth who would like to help run a challenge, let us know! You do not have to have experience! We will teach you what you need to know.
- If at all possible we will not cancel events! Unless roads are closed because of blizzards!

2018 YHEC/Hunting/Outdoor Skills Event Flagler Lake Map



Contest Notes:

Flagler YHEC Challenge Event

2018 YHEC/State Hunting/Outdoor Skills Event Registration

April 21 & 22, 2018

Contact Person (Adult): _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Choose the day you will participate: Saturday ____ Sunday ____

Please Check All That Apply: (Deadline: April 13, 2018)

Name:	Age	4-H (Y/N)	HSC (Y/N)	Contest Fee
				\$45.00
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Age = Age of Youth Participants as of December 31, 2017. Adults indicate "A". 4-H = Current Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Member. HSC = Does the Youth Shooter have a Hunter Safety Card?

Grand Total Cost: \$ _____ ← Please Enclose This Amount with this Form

Make Checks Payable To: Colorado NRA YHEC

Mail to: Colorado NRA YHEC, c/o Perry D. Brewer, 19550 County Road 40, Bethune, CO 80805

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Check Number: _____
 Receipt Number: _____ Contestant Number: _____