

## ABOUT THE COACHES

Our shotgun coaches are certified by either 4-H, NRA/USAS/CMP, ATA, or hold multiple certifications. The SCTP and 4-H programs perform background checks on each coach. Larry and Leslie York are the Conservation Club's Shotgun Co-Directors and on their Board of Directors.



**Leslie York, Head Coach:** Leslie is an ATA and NRA/USAS Level 2 Certified Shotgun Coach. She also has certifications in 4-H and is a Hunter Ed instructor. She shoots trap competitively.



**Larry York, Assistant Coach:** Larry is an ATA and NRA/USAS Level 1 shotgun coach. He is certified by 4-H and is a Hunter Ed instructor and shoots trap competitively.



**Bill Thompson, Asst. Coach:** Bill is an NRA Level 1 shotgun coach, is also certified by 4-H, and is a Hunter Education Instructor.



**Pete Davis, Assistant Coach:** Pete is an SCTP shotgun coach and 4-H volunteer who assists with coaching both disciplines of trap and skeet.



**Jim Perlberg, Asst Coach:** Jim is an SCTP certified Shotgun coach and shoots trap. Jim's wife Karen is currently in the process of certification.



**Charles Fritts, Asst. Coach:** Chuck is an SCTP certified Shotgun coach and Head Coach of the Schoolcraft Eagles High School Trap Team that participates in the High School Clay Target League (HSCTL).

*Note: The HSCTL does not compete with any of our programs and is a separate, nationally recognized, school-sanctioned youth shotgun team program. Check with your school to see if this program is offered at your school.*

## OUR COACHING PHILOSOPHY:

Always "Safety First, Fun Second!" We coach with integrity and respect for all our youth athletes. We coach "two-deep" meaning your child is never alone with one adult, for your child's safety and your peace of mine. 2024

## HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION:

Hunter Education (HE) classes (or an equivalent firearm safety training) are required before participating in the youth shooting sports programs. The Club HE classes are conducted free of charge and several are held at the Club for youth and adults. There are also internet and home study courses. Check the MI DNR website online for class dates.

## ABOUT THE SJCCC CLUB

The St. Joseph County Conservation and Sportsman Club (SJCCC), Inc. currently encompasses 182 acres and was first established in 1937 to promote conservation, fishing, hunting, and the safe, ethical participation in the shooting sports. It is an all volunteer, non-profit, 501 c (4) club.

The mixed club team is the **St. Joe County Straight Shooters** and has certified shotgun coaches. The youth involved are from within our county with some from surrounding areas. We believe the future of our sport will continue if we help our youth become responsible, active participants. These programs are all about youth development. The teams receive **NRA Foundation** and **MidwayUSA Foundation** Grants and donations from others to support youth participation in these beneficial programs.



*The youth programs are equal opportunity activities and do not discriminate by race, sex, religion, ethnicity, national origin; age restrictions may apply, per program or law.*



# St. Joseph County Youth Shotgun Shooting Sports Programs

St. Joseph County Conservation & Sportsman Club, Inc.

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4-H SHOOTING SPORTS



SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM



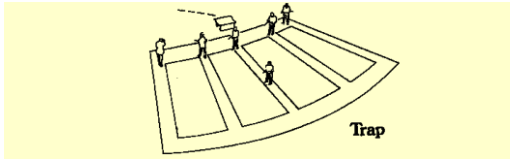
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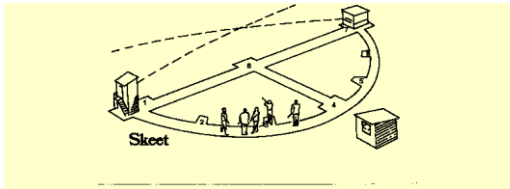
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## THE SHOTGUN “CLAY TARGET” SPORTS

**TRAP SHOOTING:** A “round of Trap” is 25 randomly thrown clay targets shot at from 5 “posts”. 4-H, AIM, and SCTP each have trap shooting at the local, state, and national levels.



**SKEET SHOOTING:** A Skeet round is 25 crossing targets from a high and low house in a semi-circle. 4-H, SCTP, and AIM each have skeet shooting at the local, state, and/or national levels.



**SPORTING CLAYS:** Often called “golf with a shotgun”, as each range you go to is different in layout and target presentation. The Club has a 5-Stand Range for clays practice. Sporting Clays is offered by SCTP and AIM.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

You choose from any of the following:

#### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS:

For youth ages 12-19 the Club offers the shotgun shooting sports of trap and skeet. Double Trap may also be offered at the county level. The Club holds practices on Tuesday nights April through mid-September. The State shoot is usually in July or August and the county shoot is held in September at our Club before the St. Joseph County Grange Fair. A Fair book still project is required for trophy and medal eligibility at the Fair.

#### SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM:

For youth in Grades 12 and under, a Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) team offers shotgun competition in trap, skeet, and/or sporting clays. The breakdown of youth groups is below:

- Rookies: Grade 5 and under
- Intermediate: Grade 6 - 8
- Senior: Grades 9-12

The team practices concurrently with the 4-H & AIM programs to allow youth to participate in all programs. SCTP has a “team” orientation versus an individual orientation. However, some individual awards are available. There are optional competitions at the local, State, and National levels. We choose which competitions we want to participate in. The National Shoot is a multi-day shoot normally held in July in Marengo, OH. There are also opportunities for Olympic “Bunker” Trap and Olympic Skeet.

#### AIM – Trap Shooting from ATA:

AIM stands for Academics, Integrity, and Marksmanship. This program is for youth shooters from grade school through college age. Our Club offers this program for additional optional competitive trap (*and now skeet and sporting clays*) shooting opportunities with the ATA, the Amateur Trapshooting Association. This program offers individual, as well as, team awards. The AIM National Competition is in August in Sparta, IL.

Classification by “age group” for AIM participants are as follows:

- 11 and under – Pre-sub
- 12-14 – Sub-Junior
- 15-18 – Junior
- 19-22 – Junior Gold

The age group categories are based on the youth’s age on Sept 1 of the current ATA “target year” and continues thru Aug 31.

### I Am Interested in Joining!

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size (adult) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: Trap , Skeet , Sp. Clays

Need Hunter Safety? Yes  No

**AIM:** Fee\* \$ 25 for one-year membership. (includes \$12 ATA youth membership)

**SCTP:** Fee\* \$25 for one-year membership. Must add discipline annual dues if not current member. \$12 ATA for Trap, \$20 NSSA/NSCA for Skeet or Sporting Clays

**4-H:** \$20\* if this is your only 4-H club.

\* Fees subject to change. Please do not send fees at this time. Fees collected after joining.

I certify by signing this application that I wish to participate in the shooting sports and agree to follow all safety instruction I am given. I understand the nature of this sport involves the use of firearms, specifically shotguns. I also agree to practice safe gun handling techniques and will respect the instructors, coaches, volunteers, and Club property. I further understand that no horseplay or drug or alcohol use will be tolerated. Our motto is:

*Safety First! Fun Second!*

Youth

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form to:

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