

# **YOUTH PROGRAM 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

**SUMMARY:** THIS REPORT DESCRIBES YOUTH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY THROUGH MID-NOVEMBER 2024. THE FINAL VERSION, INCLUDING THE REMAINDER OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE YOUTH PROGRAM WEBPAGE IN JANUARY 2025. THIS YEAR 113 YOUTH PARTICIPATED AT 16 EVENTS, COMPARED TO 226 AT 16 EVENTS IN 2023. THE DECLINE IN PARTICIPATION WAS DUE TO THE LOSS OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW YOUTH TRAP CLUB WHEN RRGCS TRAP DISCIPLINE CLOSED. KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE INCREASING YOUTH PARTICIPATION AT THE SEPTEMBER YOUTH SHOOT FOR FREE EVENT, CONTINUING THE ODFW FIELD DAY PROGRAM AND RELOCATING THE ACTIVITY AREA ON THE CLUB, AND INCREASING DONATIONS FROM THE BEVERAGE CONTAINER COLLECTION AND REDEMPTION PROGRAM. THE YOUTH PROGRAMS TEAM PROVIDED KEY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ARE THE REASON FOR THIS YEAR'S SUCCESSES.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Youth Program supports the Club and community by providing opportunities for families and youth organizations to develop their shooting skills. This year's activities included:

### **GROUP EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

- 1) HUNTER EDUCATION (HE): Five Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) HE Course Field Days occurred from February through September. This is the same number of field days as last year, with 80 students participating compared to 91 in 2023. RRGCSO's assisted ODFW instructors to conduct the field days. With the sale of the northern piece of property, and the construction of the new access road and Rifle/Pistol parking area, the activity area for field days was moved in August to the Cowboy Action bays and the adjacent undeveloped southwestern area of RRGCS. ODFW pays a facility use fee which is described in the financial section.
- 2) RIMFIRE CHALLENGE: This program offers monthly practice and event shooting opportunities for experienced shooters, including youth, from March through October. One youth participated this year compared to none in 2023.
- 3) MOUNTAIN VIEW YOUTH TRAP CLUB (MVYTC): This group started using RRGCS Trap facility in 2020, with youth participation peaking at 112 youth in 2023. Unfortunately, with the sale of RRGCS northern parcel and subsequent closure of the Trap discipline the MVYTC moved to another shooting location.
- 4) YOUTH SHOOT FREE DAY: This September event offered youth the opportunity to shoot for free, and provided instruction, clay targets, ammunition, an assortment of firearms and archery equipment to shoot, and this year included prize raffles for both the kids and the adults that brought them.. This year's event attracted 25 youth compared to 3 in 2023.
- 5) FAMILY SHOOT: This March event provided shooting instruction for a family of two adults and 5 youth at the rifle and pistol ranges.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

1. The Youth Program Team provided essential support and contributions, including: Collecting and redeeming donated beverage containers, and maintaining collection containers; and helping plan, promote and conduct youth events. Members included Linda Redeker, Terry Gibson, Brad Cohen,

Maureen Rogers, Norman Rogers, Brad Davis, Mike Elvass, Rob Purnell, Bruce Stuwe, and Rick Tonkin.

2. Attended Board meetings providing activity and financial reports and coordinating program activities. Arranged with the Highland Baptist Church for the Board to meet at the Church.
3. Provided information to individuals, families, and groups interested in youth programs and shooting at RRG.
4. Purchased ammunition, supplies, and other merchandise used for youth activities.

#### FINANCIAL

Funding for youth programs is from donated beverage containers and from cash donations. These donations are used to offset expenses to RRG from youth activities, and to pay for supplies, materials and ammunition used during youth activities. The table describes 2024 donations and expenditures through mid-November. Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### 2024 YOUTH PROGRAM INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

DONATION INCOME	AMOUNT(\$)
Beverage Container Redemptions	2,993
Cash Donations	0
Total	2,993
EXPENDITURES	
Redemption Prog. Expenses	27
Ammunition, merchandise, supplies, handout copies	486
Total	513

Some large youth programs and organizations are asked to pay RRG facility use fees. This applies to the ODFW's hunter education course field days. This year ODFW used RRG for 20 hours during the five field days conducted at the Club and paid a total of \$400. These funds go into the RRG's general account to maintain the facilities, roads, and ranges; and to provide the trash removal and portable toilet services.

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