

OUTDOOR SKILLS TRIATHALON

Contest Description:	The contestant will be required to take part in a performance challenge trail that involves shooting and orienteering challenges. They will take a test related to ethical and environmental decisions in the outdoors. Teams will be required to give a 5–7-minute oral presentation on a real-life situation involving an outdoor adventure.
Superintendent(s):	David Boldt
Award:	Louisiana 4-H Educational Trip
Grade/Age Requirement(s):	Must be enrolled in 8 th to 12 th Grade as of August 1, 2021.
Team or Individual Contest:	Individual or Team of 3 or 4
Number of Entries Per Parish:	Two (2) Entries

Contest Rules:

1. Refer to Louisiana 4-H University General Rules and Guidelines for a complete set of event rules and guidelines.
2. Teams will need to be assigned when registering for 4-H University.
3. Topics that teams will be tested on may include:
 - a. ethics,
 - b. orienteering,
 - c. hunting dilemmas,
 - d. safety trail,
 - e. fur identification,
 - f. wildlife maps,
 - g. shooting, and/or
 - h. camping.
4. Each team member will be required to bring ONE compass for use during the contest.
5. Any other supplies, materials, etc. that may be needed during the contest will be provided.
6. Teams will be involved in this event all day Wednesday and possibly Thursday, depending on the number of teams involved.
7. The team will be judged on safety, teamwork, practical information, and presentation.
8. The high individual score will be determined on the participant's score in the performance Challenge Trail and the Written Test.
9. Total possible score for a team will be 800 points.

Contest Format:

1. Performance Challenge Trail – 270 points (an individual may earn a total of 105 points). As a team, the participants will proceed to different checkpoints. At each point, they will be presented with a challenge related to:
 - a. Archery
 - b. Shotgun
 - c. Rifle (BB or pellet)
 - d. Outdoor Safety/Skills
 - e. Wildlife Identification
 - Orienteering
At each station, the team may earn up to 45 points (15 per individual) for successfully completing the challenge.
 - In shooting challenges, each team member will have five (5) shots valued at three (3) points

- each.
- In the Orienteering challenge, each individual will be given three points. They must then determine the bearing and distance for each.
 - NOTE: In a shooting situation, penalty points may be given if a non-killing, illegal, or unsafe shot is fired.
2. Ethics/Environmental Awareness Test – 300 points (an individual may score up to 100 points for their team). Each individual team member will take a test related to ethical and environmental decisions facing hunters, campers, and other outdoor situations. Team member scores will be compiled for a team score.
 3. Applying Knowledge, Skills, and Ability to Reality – 185 points. Following an educational program, the teams will work together to apply their knowledge, skills and abilities to a real-life situation. The scenario will deal with an outdoor adventure – hunting or camping trip, etc. The team will make a 5-7 minute oral presentation in which all team members will participate. They may also be asked to physically work together to plan for and/or assemble necessary equipment, supplies, etc. needed for the situation.

Contest Resource(s):

- Louisiana Hunter Education Guide, The NRA Hunter’s Guide, 4-H Outdoor Skills Project Book