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## I. JAKES Take Aim program description

The National Wild Turkey Federation's JAKES Take Aim program was made possible by a generous donation from Larry and Brenda Potterfield, owners of MidwayUSA. The goal of the JAKES Take Aim program is to present opportunities for youth age 17 and under to try target shooting, clay target shooting and shotgunning in a safe, fun environment. We will accomplish this goal through two programs:

- Airgun program- each of the lower 48 state NWTF chapters will receive a fully equipped air gun trailer to use at local JAKES/youth events. The trailer contains everything needed to set up an indoor or outdoor airgun range.
- Shotgun program- through local shooting ranges and gun clubs youth will be given an opportunity to shoot sporting clays. The program will pay for clay targets and ammunition for registered and approved events.

The JAKES program is dedicated to informing, educating and involving North America's youth in wildlife conservation and the wise stewardship of our natural resources. Each year NWTF chapters across the US and Canada host events giving young people a chance to get out doors and try hands on activities. Events are designed to help pass on the traditions of hunting, teach the principles of habitat management, hunting ethics, safety and responsible hunting. Many JAKES events will incorporate the JAKES Take Aim airgun trailers.

## II. Planning your JAKES Take Aim event

Guidelines for JAKES Take Aim:

- a. **Safety first:** Safety is the most important factor when conducting an event. The most critical element of JAKES events is the safety of the participants.

You can have fun and be safe at the same time. Please see the Safety Script (link) in this manual to use for your airgun instruction. When you are planning your event, ask the following questions:

- Is the equipment safe and in proper working order?
- Do you have eye and ear protection for all volunteers and participants?
- Do I have enough volunteers based on the number of children to have small groups?
- Is there a first aid kit available? Does everyone know where it is located?
- Is there one person in charge of handling emergency situations, should they arise?
- Is there a phone nearby to call for assistance if needed?

The Ten Shooting Safety rules should be followed at all times.

- b. **Ten Shooting Safety Rules**

Airguns are real guns, not toys. You or others can be killed or seriously injured if these rules are not followed.

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

There are several safe "carries" depending on the situation. NEVER ALLOW THE MUZZLE TO POINT IN THE DIRECTION OF A PERSON.

2. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.

You can never be positive that you were the last person to handle the gun. Never take anyone's word about whether or not a gun is loaded. Always check a gun to see if it is loaded when removed from storage or received from another person. Even if you have fired an airgun one or more times and no pellet or BB was expelled from the barrel, it does not mean that the magazine of the gun is empty of ammunition. Any airgun can fail to feed for any number of reasons. Continue to treat the airgun as loaded and ready to fire. **ALWAYS TREAT A GUN AS IF IT IS LOADED EVEN IF YOU KNOW IT ISN'T.**

3. Only load or cock a gun when you are shooting.

A loaded gun has no place in your home or other place.

4. Check your target and beyond your target.

Be sure all persons are well clear of the target area before you shoot. Check behind and beyond your target to be certain you have a safe backstop and that no person or property could be endangered.

5. Anyone shooting or near a shooter should wear shooting glasses.

Also, all other persons should remain behind the shooter.

6. Never climb or jump with a gun.

You can't control the direction of the muzzle if you stumble or fall. You should safely lay the gun down or hand it to a companion while you climb or jump over anything.

7. Avoid ricochet.

Never shoot at a flat hard surface or at the surface of water. Ammunition can ricochet off of water just like a skipped rock.

8. Keep the muzzle clear.

Never let anything obstruct the muzzle of a gun. Don't allow the muzzle to come in contact with the ground.

9. Guns not in use should always be unloaded.

Keeping guns unloaded when not in use is critical to the safety of you and others. When you are finished shooting, put the trigger safety in the "on" position and unload the gun. Store guns so that they are inaccessible to untrained shooters and store ammunition separately from the gun.

10. Respect other people's property.

Whether you're target shooting or hunting, if you're a guest on others' land, you should leave it exactly as you found it.

**c. Audience:** All events must be for youth 17 and younger. It is very important that the children who attend your event are accompanied by a parent or guardian. This should be made clear on all registration materials. Remember, we want to give youth an opportunity to shoot, especially those who may not have had an opportunity.

**d. Program:** The JAKES Take Aim program can be part of a larger event or can be a standalone event. Types of JAKES events where JAKES Take Aim can be incorporated:

- Traditional JAKES event - a variety of learning stations that small groups rotate through in one day. The inflatable airgun range, outdoor airgun range or shotgunning event can be one of the stations youth rotate through.

- Festival, fair or expo- many chapters hold JAKES Take Aim Events in conjunction with other conservation organizations or state/community funded events. This is a good option for chapters that do not have the resources to hold an event on their own. The inflatable range is an excellent option for state or local fairs, outdoor expos, etc...
- Ranges can be set up at local sporting goods stores, banquets, schools, or anywhere that children are going to be present (and you have permission to use the range and shoot).
- e. **Membership:** Where applicable the registration charge for a JAKES Take Aim program should include a JAKES membership, this is particularly relatable for the shotgunning events. To accomplish the mission of the National Wild Turkey Federation's outreach programs requires the financial support of membership dollars.

If a participant is a current member, their membership fee will be waived but they will be required to pay the event fee. All memberships should be verified.

- f. **Planning:** You can never start planning too soon. The more involved your activities are and the more participants you have, the more planning time you will need. The following guidelines will help you prepare for a successful event.
  - Chapter Affiliation- All JAKES Take Aim events must be linked to an NWTF chapter. Chapter involvement ensures that outreach events are protected by NWTF's liability insurance coverage, which is extremely important to event participants and the NWTF.
  - State chapters may have funding available through the state Super Fund, the state Outreach Fund and/or the Versa Max Fund. Contact your regional director for information about applying for these funds.
- g. **Program Requirements:**
  - Events must be registered with the NWTF 6 weeks prior to taking place (see forms section)
  - Each participant's parent or guardian must sign a release form (see forms section)
  - Requests for trailer should be made at least 4 weeks in advance through the state contact

To participate in the JAKES Take Aim program the chapter/agency must report the number of youth who shoot at each event using the JAKES Reporting Form in this manual. This information is vital to the program and will help determine the continuation of the grant.

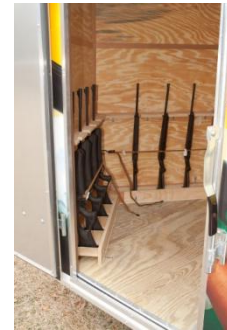
- h. **Location & Facility:** A good location is vital to your event. Determine what type of range you will need using the guidelines in this manual. Once you know what type of JAKES Take Aim event you will host, begin researching locations. Always visit the location prior to the event. You must provide restroom facilities. If your location does not have adequate facilities, portable restrooms can be rented.

National forests, gun clubs, 4-H camps, hunting preserves and private properties often provide the necessary room and facilities required for a quality event. Special consideration should be given to shelter from weather, adequate parking and safety. Also, consider how many participants can be accommodated comfortably at the facility.

Check all facilities at least one day before the event. Make sure to have access to your facility by securing keys to gates or doors, ensure electric power and water is turned on, and the heating/cooling units are operating.

And finally, make sure that the facility is handicap accessible. Even if you do not have a disabled participant registered, you should always be prepared.

### III. Airgun program



#### a. About the trailer

The trailer is the property of the National Wild Turkey Federation and is part of the JAKES Take Aim program, made possible by a generous donation from Larry and Brenda Potterfield, owners of MidwayUSA. Each state chapter is responsible for maintaining, storing, scheduling and restocking the trailer. See detailed instructions in this manual.

The trailer is a 6' X 10.5' V-nose trailer, equipped with a single axle and weighs 1100 pounds unloaded. There are two doors; one on the passenger side (or right side) front of trailer, which permits entry to the front compartment, and a spring ramp door that opens the rear section of the trailer. The trailer has dome lighting and an electrical outlet. A spare tire and mounting kit are included in the front compartment of the trailer.

#### i. Trailer Contents:

Each airgun trailer is equipped with:

- 6 Daisy Grizzly model 840 youth airguns, single-pump pneumatic, BB or pellet (shoot only BBs in inflatable range)
- 4 Daisy Buck or Model 10 youth BB guns, lever-action BB gun (for younger shooters)
- 2 Winchester Model 1028 break barrel pellet rifles ,1000 foot per second velocity, Solid hardwood, TruGlo sights, 4 X 32 scope (outdoor range use ONLY)
- 2 Winchester Model 1029 break barrel pellet rifles ,1000 foot per second velocity, Black composite stock with thumbhole, No open sights, 3 – 9 X 32 variable scope (outdoor range use ONLY)
- 2 Powerline model 953 Target Pro pellet rifle, Single-pump pneumatic, Rifled steel barrel, TruGlo sights, 5-shot indexing clip (outdoor range use ONLY)
- BBs and pellets
- 12 pairs of Daisy Shooting glasses

- Airgun target pads
- 2 pellet traps
- 6 foot table
- 2 metal folding chairs
- Tent
- Removable jack wheel
- Spare tire
- Mounting kit

### **i. Initial setup and checklist**

Once the airguns and supplies are received, there are several items that will need to be assembled before initial use. The guns will need to be removed from packaging. The pellet traps will need to be assembled and the peep sights installed. Do not wait until the day of the event to assemble the products.

We highly recommend storing the Buck and Grizzly airguns in one gun rack and the break barrel airguns in the other. The Buck and Grizzly airguns are the ONLY guns to be used in the inflatable range. The Winchester break barrel guns and Powerline Target Pro models are only to be used on an outdoor range and CANNOT be used in the inflatable range.

Before using the airgun trailer use the following helpful checklist:

- Inspect the trailer to ensure that everything is in working order. Check the tires, doors, etc. If the wheel jack is in place, make sure that it is removed prior to pulling the trailer.
- Safety first. Check to make sure that each of the airguns you plan to use at your event is working properly. If you find a problem, mark the airgun with flagging tape or tape a note on the gun. Guns can be returned using the repair form (see forms section).
- The Buck and Grizzly airguns are the ONLY guns to be used in the inflatable range. The break barrel guns are only to be used at an outdoor range and CANNOT be used in the inflatable range.
- Make sure that you have release forms to be signed by each participant's parent/guardian. If you will have a large number of youth, use the list style release form. These can be placed on clipboards and do not require as much time to complete as the lengthier form.
- Check to make sure that there are enough BBs/pellets, targets and shooting glasses.
- Review the recommendations for airgun ranges in the JAKES Take Aim manual prior to your event.
- If you are using the inflatable range familiarize yourself with the itself and the instructions in this manual prior to setting the range up.

### **ii. Expectations**

Users are expected to:

- inventory supplies and equipment after each activity. There is an inventory and restocking form in this manual. Do not return or send the trailer to the next user without first notifying the next user of missing supplies.
- It is also expected that the outside of the trailer be washed when necessary and the inside swept out. Please keep the trailer neat and tidy for the next user. Use of the trailer will be contingent upon adhering to the guidelines in this manual.
- All doors should be secured with padlocks when not in use.
- A removable jack wheel is provided. **Please remove the wheel before driving with the trailer.**

The trailer requires that the towing vehicle be equipped with:

- A standard 2” ball class II hitch rated to tow up to 3500 lbs.
- A standard 4-pin Flat male/female connector for trailer lighting
- Vehicle hitch must have a minimum tongue weight capacity of 350 lbs.

### iii. Connecting to a Vehicle

Connecting to the trailer is simple if the correct procedure and common sense are used.

1. Remove the hitch receiver padlock and push forward and lift the locking lever simultaneously to unlock the 2” ball receiver. Raise and lock jack stands at the rear of trailer.
2. Using the tongue jack, raise the trailer tongue until it is slightly higher (1” to 2”) than the top of the ball on the towing vehicle.
3. CAREFULLY back the towing vehicle until the ball is under the trailer hitch receiver.
4. Lower the trailer tongue (using the tongue jack) until the receiver seats completely over the 2” towing ball, pull back and down on the locking lever and insert the padlock and lock it to secure the locking lever in place.
5. COMPLETELY raise the tongue jack as far as possible, remove the wheel and place it in the forward compartment of the trailer.
6. Connect the safety chains from the trailer tongue to towing vehicle hitch.
7. Connect the lighting cable four terminal male flat plug to towing vehicle four terminal female flat plug, then test all lighting system functions for proper operation. (running lights, stop lights and turn signal lights).
8. Check the contents to assure items are stored and ready for travel.
9. Make sure you have keys to the padlocks and then close and lock front and rear doors
10. Drive safely & within appropriate speed limits. REMEMBER you are towing a trailer!

### iv. Disconnecting and Parking

Seek a level, solid parking area and check it for safety concerns.

Disconnect and park trailer as follows:

1. Carefully open the doors, being careful of items that may have shifted during transport. Locate the wheel jack and reattach it.
2. Disconnect the lighting cable and safety chains from the vehicle.
3. Remove the hitch receiver padlock and push forward and lift the locking lever simultaneously to unlock the 2" ball receiver.
4. Using the tongue jack, raise the trailer tongue until it is slightly higher (1" to 2") than the top of the ball on the towing vehicle.
5. CAREFULLY move the towing vehicle forward until the ball is clear from the trailer hitch receiver.
6. Lower the trailer tongue (using the tongue jack) until trailer is level. Lower and lock jack stands at the rear of the trailer.
7. The trailer can now be safely unloaded and setup as shooting range.

#### **v. Licensing and Insurance**

Trailers are licensed and registered in each respective state. The NWTf carries liability and physical damage coverage on the trailers. If an accident occurs trailer please contact your NWTf Regional Director and State JAKES Take Aim contact immediately.

#### **b. Airguns and supplies**

Your air gun trailer is stocked with everything you need for a Daisy indoor and outdoor airgun range. Some of the equipment you receive will require set up before it can be used. Please read the JAKES Take Aim program manual before use of the trailer.

##### **i. Selecting and setting up your range:**

- (a) Indoors- inflatable range
- (b) Outdoor range options-
  - (i) the inflatable range is primarily for use indoors but can be used outdoors with caution in windy weather.
  - (ii) Basic airgun range- using youth BB guns (Grizzly and Buck)
  - (iii) Advanced range- for older, more experienced shooters using high velocity pellet rifles (Winchester Model 1028 and Powerline 953)

##### **ii. Inflatable range**

Equipment for use with the inflatable range:

- 6 Daisy Grizzly model 840 youth airguns, single-pump pneumatic, BB or pellet (shoot only BBs in inflatable range)
- 4 Daisy Buck or Model 10 youth BB guns, lever-action BB gun (for younger shooters)
- BBs
- 12 pairs of Daisy Shooting glasses

- 20 airgun target pads

### Specifications

The NWTF Daisy inflatable BB gun range is designed for use with low-velocity youth BB guns. The Daisy Buck and Grizzly guns provided in your trailer are appropriate for this range as they shoot with velocities below 350 fps. Do not use this range with multi pump airguns, break barrels, firearms or even airsoft guns with velocities in excess of 350 feet per second. Do not shoot pellets in this range. Also note that lead pellets are not for use by shooters ages 12 and under.

### Safety First

- This range is designed for one-on-one instruction.
- The instructor should explain shooting safety rules, hand the gun to the shooter with the safety in the “on” position and cock and load the gun.
- When the range is unattended, all guns and ammunition should be removed and secured.
- Do not use the range itself as storage as it can be lifted and accessed underneath.
- The shooter and the instructor should always wear shooting glasses.
- Only one shooter and one instructor should be at each firing point at any time. (Parents and onlookers must stay outside.)

### Set-up

NOTE: The first time you set up the inflatable range, allow at least 30 minutes. Subsequently, you’ll be able to set it up in less time.

1. Invert the bag and pull it off of the rolled-up range.
2. Untie the cord around the girth of the rolled-up range.
3. Spread the range out completely and drag it into place.



4. Position the air-input tube where you want the rear of the range and close to an electrical outlet.



5. The input tube must be fully-extended and mostly straight.



6. Attach the air-input tube onto the fan nozzle with the Velcro on the end of the tube. Make this connection as air tight as possible.

7. Be certain that you have two feet of clearance around the fan intake and that no fabric can be drawn into the intake. This can burn up the fan quickly. If curtains are nearby, place a box between the fan intake and the curtain to prevent the fabric from being drawn to the fan.



8. Before you plug in the fan, zip the four vents closed. There are two vents under Velcro flaps at the base of the back of the booth and two vents under Velcro flaps inside the firing points on the base at the front of the booth. These must be closed in order for the booth to inflate.

9. Plug in the fan and push the red reset button on the plug. Also there is a rocker switch on the fan itself. The range will inflate in one minute.

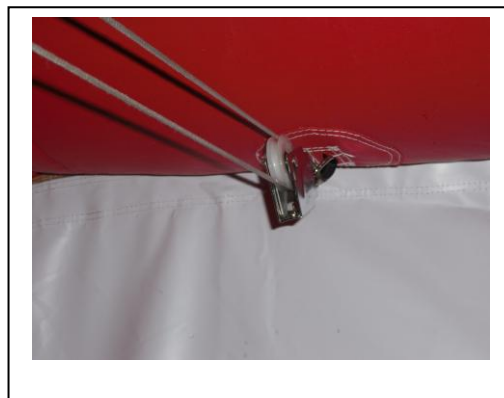
10. After the first thirty seconds, most of the range is inflated but you may need to lift up on the upper "beams" along both sides to complete inflation.



#### Setting up the Target Runners

1. Unzip the right side of the range and step inside.

2. Inside, at the rear of the range, hang one large pulley from each overhead ring using the snap provided



on the pulley.

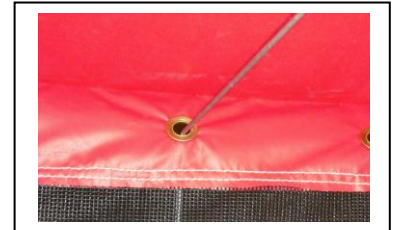
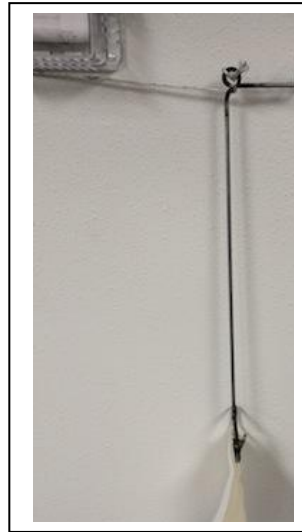
3. Unwrap the cord and target holder .  
Tie one end of the cord to the rear of the target runner – the small loop at the end of the wire. Then thread the cord through the large pulley, going under the pulley wheel, toward the back, then out over the top toward the front.

4. Pass the cord through the right brass grommet located above the firing bench area – from the inside to the outside.

5. There are two sets of two small pulleys attached by a bent wire. These wires each go under a Velcro flap in the shooting area of each firing point.

6. Reach outside (or have another person help you) to run the cord through the two pulleys on the wire as shown then back up and through the remaining brass grommet above, into the range area.

7. Pull the cord back inside the range through the remaining grommet and tie it snugly to the front wire circular hoop of the target holder (the one at the top of the vertical part of the wire).



NOTE: The cord completes a circuit.

When you are outside in the firing bench area and pull down on one side of the cord you will send the target down-range. When you pull down on the other side of the cord you will bring the target back to the firing point.

8. Reach through the firing slit and clip-on a paper target using the clip included with the wire target runner.



When you retrieve each target give the target to the shooter, recognize their ability, discuss actions which may have effected their shooting, and encourage them to continue to shoot at home or in a structured program under adult supervision.

9. Guns can be stored in the scabbards provided on the wall between the two firing points.



10. Targets, shooting glasses and BBs can be stored in the pouches provided on the wall between the two firing points.

### Packing Up

1. Make the range safe by storing all BB guns and ammunition.

2. Enter the range through the zippered side panel. Untie the cords and remove the target holders, and large pulley.
3. Also remove the small wire with pulleys under the Velcro flap in the shooting areas.

**DO NOT LEAVE ANY METAL WIRES OR PULLEYS  
INSIDE OR ATTACHED TO THE RANGE  
AS THEY MAY PUNCTURE IT WHEN STORED.**

4. Using a large magnet (or a cup) collect the BBs from the retention trap below the targets. You can purchase a magnet on a handle (looks like a small broom) at Lowe's or Home Depot for about \$15. Run the magnet inside and around the general area as a courtesy to the property owner.
5. This is a good time to inspect the booth and, using a damp rag, wipe off any dirt and grime so the next user receives the range in a condition which reflects your pride in this program.
6. One person should open the front Velcro flaps at the base of the range and unzip the vents while the other person opens the rear Velcro flaps and unzips those vents. The booth will begin to deflate quickly.
7. Unplug the fan and remove the air intake tube from the fan so that the air in the range can be expelled.
8. Allow the booth to completely deflate.
9. In sock feet, walk on the booth from the center out toward each vent and toward the air intake tube to force air out of the booth. You may do this more than once.
10. Two people, on one side, one at the front and one at the rear, should fold one side of the booth towards and beyond the center point. Then fold the other side toward and beyond the center so that the two sides are overlapped. Once folded, the booth width of the folded booth must be no wider than the height of the bag.
11. Begin at the front of the booth and roll it tightly toward the back, allowing air to escape.
12. Tie the rope around the girth of the rolled booth and stand the rolled booth on end.
13. Slip the bag over the booth, invert and cinch the bag closed.
14. If the booth won't fit in the bag, repeat steps 9 – 11.

### **iii. Setting up an outdoor range**

For use with a basic outdoor range:

- 6 Daisy Grizzly model 840 youth airguns, single-pump pneumatic, BB or pellet
- 4 Daisy Buck or Model 10 youth BB guns, lever-action BB gun (for younger shooters)
- BBs
- 12 pairs of Daisy Shooting glasses

For use with an advanced outdoor range (for older, more advanced shooters):

- 2 Winchester Model 1028 break barrel pellet rifles ,1000 foot per second velocity, Solid hardwood, TruGlo sights, 4 X 32 scope
- 2 Winchester Model 1029 break barrel pellet rifles ,1000 foot per second velocity, Black composite stock with thumbhole, No open sights, 3 – 9 X 32 variable scope
- 2 Powerline model 953 Target Pro pellet rifle, peep sights, single-pump pneumatic, Rifled steel barrel, TruGlo sights, 5-shot indexing clip
- pellets
- 2 pellet traps

Proper advance planning and allowing adequate time to set up your range is important. It is a good idea to visit the range site ahead of time to be certain that your range will be well located and safe to operate.

### 1. Establish a Safe Backstop

When establishing a safe backstop, location and direction of the range are of primary importance. Establish the range in such a way as to be shooting away from congested areas. Ideally, you'll want several hundred yards of open space or unoccupied woods behind your range. NEVER set up the range so that you'll be shooting toward people or a parking lot. Bales of hay make an ideal backstop. Three large round bales (each about six feet in diameter) will create an excellent backstop, eighteen feet wide. Or, you can use eighteen rectangular bales of hay (stacked six wide and three high) to create an adequate backstop.

### 2. Securing the Range

Purchase a roll of orange flagging tape and a dozen plant stakes to rope-off the range area. Your goal is to prevent observers from walking in front of the shooters. Not only will you need to rope-off the sides of the range but you'll also want to cordon-off an area behind the bales of hay so that no one can approach from behind the range. It's a good idea for the roped-off area to be wider than the range itself. Use the tape to completely enclose the range area so that there is only one entrance to the range: from behind the shooters.

### 3. Measuring the range

Measure 16 feet, five inches distance from the bales of hay to the front edge of two tables (the edge furthest from the hay) where the shooter will sit. Sixteen feet, five inches is exactly 5 meters. If you don't have a tape measure but can pace-off fifteen feet, that distance will work. You can accommodate two shooters per table.

#### 4. Targets

Paper targets can be pinned to 2 large pieces of corrugated board. You'll need one sheet of cardboard for each target/shooter. Use plastic pushpins (not metal thumbtacks which might cause a ricochet) to pin paper targets to the cardboard.

#### 5. Getting Ready

Shortly before your event begins you should place one gun at each firing point. Also, at each firing point, you'll need to place one package of pellets/BBs and two shooting glasses (one pair for the shooter and one for the instructor who is working with that shooter). It is necessary for one instructor to work with each shooter, regardless of the shooter's level of experience. Once the guns and ammunition are on the table, it will be necessary for one adult instructor to guard the range. If they need to leave the range, even for a short length of time, simply secure the airguns.

#### 6. The Event

The airgun range is an excellent activity for young and first time shooters. We recommend that young people over the age of ten be allowed to shoot at the range under the supervision of adult instructors. The Daisy Airgun Range provides an excellent opportunity for you, the rangemaster, and instructors to teach valuable safety lessons and marksmanship skills that will last a lifetime.

#### 8. Safety script

Before the students can shoot at the range, you must cover important safety rules. This can be done at the range location but before they are allowed to sit at the firing points. Make sure to avoid using the word "weapons." Weapons have a negative connotation and insuate that the guns will be used to hurt people. Call them airguns, guns, or rifles instead.

Below is a sample script:

Welcome

Welcome to the NWTF/Daisy Airgun Range. We're going to have some fun today and everyone here is going to get to shoot a Daisy air gun.

How many of you have an airgun – a BB gun or a pellet rifle? Good. We have some experienced shooters and some first-time shooters. These are the airguns we'll be shooting today (hold one up). (NOTE: Be certain that the gun remains on safety and that your finger is never on the trigger during all of the following demonstrations.) It's a single pump airgun. It also shoots pellets but we'll be shooting BBs today. These guns don't make loud noise and they don't have any recoil.

One thing I really like about shooting is that almost anybody can do it. You don't have to be the most muscular, or the fastest or the smartest. Shooting just takes concentration. The mechanics of

it are easy. And you'll learn a lot from shooting – like discipline, self-control, responsibility and patience. Parents, those are personality qualities every one of you would like for your kids to have. Here's where they can learn it.

### Safety First

We're going to talk a lot about safety today. Airguns are not toys...they're guns. And, when carelessly used, misused or criminally used, they can cause serious injury or death. That's why learning to be a safe gun handler is so important to you and to others around you. Airguns are not firearms, in that they don't use black powder nor have an explosion in the chamber. But they are a gun. They use compressed air to send the BB/pellet down the barrel. We have to treat them like a gun. The way you handle this airgun and the safety rules we'll be following will be the same ones you'll use with a firearm someday. So, this is an excellent time to start building some good gun handling habits.

### Ten Shooting Safety Rules

Who thinks they know the number one rule? By following this one rule we'll always be safe. Who knows what that rule is? Who can tell me what the potentially dangerous end of the gun is? That's right it's the muzzle – or the end of the barrel. So what do we need to control at all time? Right. If we keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, we'll be safe and so will everyone around us. (Now review and discuss each safety rule. Ask the students what each one means and how it would keep them and others safe.)

### Safe Carries

Let's come back for a minute to that first safety rule: Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. What does that mean – a safe direction? (Allow student input.) Of course you should never allow the muzzle to point at a person – not at yourself and not at anyone else. But how can you do that? (Take a gun and, with your other instructors, demonstrate some safe "carries" in various situations.) If I'm on the first floor or a two-story building, is this a safe carry (have gun over your shoulder)? No, it's not. If I'm on the second floor of a building, is this a safe carry (have gun cradled with the muzzle pointing down)? If we're walking behind each other in the woods and someone's behind me is this a safe carry (have gun over your shoulder again)? How about if we're walking side by side in the woods? Can I cradle it in my arm – pointing out to the side? I think you get the idea. A safe carry is really based on your surroundings. You have to be constantly aware of where that muzzle is pointing.

### Building a Correct Sight Picture

To accurately shoot this or any other rifle, you have to build a correct sight picture. That means lining up the rear sight with the front sight and properly lining those sights up with the target. Being "off" just a degree or so can mean that, by the time your BB gets downrange and hits the target, the impact of that BB may be several inches off the bullseye. So, let's take a minute to learn about the sights on this particular gun.

This gun has sights on it that are pretty typical of what you'll find on most hunting rifles. These are sometimes called "iron sights". The rear sight is called an open sight and looks like this. Notice that it has a notch in the middle. The front sight is a blade sight. When you look down the barrel, you'll see the notch in the rear sight and you'll see the front sight, which looks like a blade.

When you look down the barrel and properly align them they should appear like this (show illustration #3) on next page. Notice that the front sight, the "blade" is lined up inside the "notch" of the rear sight and that the top of the blade is level with the top of the notch. See that?

Let's look at our target now. When you look down your sights and have them properly aligned, you want to put the top of that "blade" just under the center ring. (Show illustration #4 on next page). Does everyone understand how to build a proper sight picture? It can make the difference in how well you shoot so don't hesitate to ask a question

### Building a Proper Sight Picture

#### Dominant Eye

How many of you have heard of dominant eye? Do you know which one of your eyes is your dominant eye? Let's do an exercise and find out which is our dominant eye. Let's break up into five small groups so each of you can work with one of my instructors.

First, extend your arms all the way, open your hands and overlap the web between your thumb and forefinger - like this. Just leave a small hole. Now hold your hands up straight out in front of you and look through that small peephole at my nose.

(Insert illustration of hands in correct position)

(NOTE TO INSTRUCTOR: As the students look at you, from about ten feet, you'll only be able to see one of their eyes - their dominant eye. Point at each student and tell them which is their dominant eye, right or left. Now, bring your entire group back together.)

Why is it important to know which is your dominant eye? That's the eye you'll look down the sights with. You'll close your other eye. Some of you will be right handed and have a dominant right eye. Some of you will be left-handed and have a dominant left eye. And some of you will be right handed and have a dominant left eye - that's called being cross dominant. What can we do about our dominant eye? Really nothing. That's just the way we were born. But, if you're cross dominant, you might want to think about shooting with the other hand. It's easier to learn to shoot with the other hand than it is to shoot with the other eye. Our instructors will work with you and talk to you about dominant eye and which hand you should shoot with.

#### Demonstrating the Gun

This is a single pump, single shot pellet rifle. The first thing I'm going to do is put this gun on safety. When I push this button and the red doesn't show, the safety is in the "on" position. This gun will not fire. When I push this button the other way and the red shows, the safety is in the "off" position and the gun will fire when I pull the trigger.

I never put my finger on the trigger until I'm ready to shoot. What does the red mean on the safety? That's right: it's "off" safety and ready to fire. You should never rely on this or any other mechanical safety. Who can tell me the best safety device? (Point at your own head). You are the only "safety" you should ever count on. Never go by what any other person tells you or solely rely on what any mechanical device indicates. You alone, by controlling this gun and its muzzle direction, will keep it safe.

To cock the gun, I simply pull this bolt back all the way. That opens the chamber where I will eventually load a pellet. (Do not actually load the gun at this time.) You'll notice that the pellet has a small solid head and a flared "skirt". The pellet flies through the air in this direction - head first with the flared skirt trailing behind. While I have the bolt open and the gun not loaded, I'm going to pump the forearm one time to give it power. If I put a pellet in the chamber now - I'm not actually going to do that - and pushed the bolt forward, the gun would be loaded, pumped and

on safety. Once I've sighted my target, I'll take the gun "off" safety, put my finger on the trigger and pull the trigger.

### Trigger Pull

When I've sighted my target, should I yank on the trigger? No. If I do that, I'll disturb my sight picture. My shot will not be accurate. When you're ready to pull the trigger you should take a deep breath, let about half of it out, and then squeeze the trigger.

### Shooting

It's now time to begin our shooting instruction. We have two firing points and an instructor to work with each of you. So, we can take two shooters at a time. I'll ask you two to take a seat at the tables but don't touch the guns until I tell you to. Now we're all seated. Everyone has to wear our shooting glasses. Instructors, please open the bolt, pump then load the gun for your shooter – keeping the safety "on" at all times. Shooters, let's go through these steps and shoot – whenever you're ready. Shoot at your own pace until you've put five shots in your paper target. (Allow them adequate time to shoot).

### Making the Range Safe

ANNOUNCE: Shooters, take your final shots at this time if you are not already through. Open the bolts on your rifles. Put the safety in the "on" position. Hands off the guns please. Shooters stand up and step behind your chairs for me. Thank you. (Instructors should verify that all guns are on safety and bolts open.) Instructors, the range is safe. You may now go downrange and retrieve your student's paper target.

### Scoring the Target

(INSTRUCTION FOR INSTRUCTORS: Add up the total points scored by determining where the pellet hit the target. You can usually see the point of impact from these flathead pellets. If not, use your own best judgement. If a pellet breaks the ring it earns the next highest score even if the majority of the impact is in the lower score ring.)

### Safety Review

(After all students have had the opportunity to shoot, reassemble your class.)

How many of you had a good time shooting? Who shot the best score on a paper target? Do you remember the ten safety rules? What's rule number one? Take those rules with you. It makes a great small wall poster in your room. Be sure to tell your parents what you learned here today.

Those of you who like shooting competitively might consider getting involved in a marksmanship program. Most of today's best shooters started shooting early – like you. Today, most of the members of the USA Shooting Team, the team that trains at the Olympic Training Center and represents our country at World Cup and in the Olympic Games, got started with an airgun. Airgun competition is an Olympic event.

But, whether you want to compete, set your sights on a Gold Medal in the Olympics, want to hunt with your parents or just shoot for fun in the backyard, shooting provides a lifetime sport and a lifetime of fun.

Thanks for your attention today. I enjoyed working with each of you. Shoot Safely.

#### **iv. Restocking and reporting problems**

BBs, pellets, targets and shooting glasses are replenished through the JAKES Take Aim program. Please use the restocking form in this manual for ordering supplies. Always inventory supplies and equipment after each activity. Do not return or send the trailer to the next user without first notifying the next user of missing supplies.

If you should experience problems with your equipment please use the repair form in this manual to report problems and return equipment. It will be returned to the manufacturer for repair.

#### IV. Shotgun program

##### a. Overview

The shotgun portion of JAKES Take Aim will be event specific and all events must be approved through the program coordinator, Rhett Simmons. Shotgunning requires a larger demand for space and specialized equipment. You should contact local shooting ranges and shooting clubs to assist in these events. The JAKES Take Aim program will pay the club for clay targets and ammunition. Of course, these funds have limits and we ask that you negotiate with the host range or club for the best possible prices.

##### b. Getting Started

1. Find a shooting range in your area. There are many ways to find a shooting club close to you. On a national level, there are several websites that can help you get in contact with a local range or shooting club. Here are a few examples you might try.

a. National Shooting Sports Foundation –[wheretoshoot.org](http://wheretoshoot.org)

b. National Sporting Clays Association and National Skeet Shooting Association –[nssa-nsca.org](http://nssa-nsca.org)

c. Amateur Trapshooting Association –[shootata.com](http://shootata.com)

##### Getting Started

2. Contact the range and explain the JAKES Take Aim program. These shooting ranges are quite familiar with the problem facing the shooting and hunting world –the participants are getting older and fewer younger people are shooting. Many of these clubs and organizations have started programs in an attempt to get younger people involved in shooting. Many are working closely with local youth shooting organizations such as 4-H, Scholastic Clay Target Programs (SCTP), and Youth Shooting Foundation programs. They may be hosting and sponsoring youth shooting teams from area schools. If so, they should be receptive to hosting a JAKES Take Aim shotgun event. Negotiate a price for target fees, based on the type of clay target event the club specializes in.

a. Trap –trap is a shooting event where 5 shooters take turns shooting targets presented from machines located a short distance in front of the shooter in a bunker or trap house. These targets are going away targets at varying angles. The 5 shooters rotate through 5 positions, attempting 5 targets at each position. A “round” of trap entails 25 targets and a typical price for a round of 25 is \$4 -\$7.

b. Skeet –skeet is a shooting event where shooters attempt crossing targets presented from two machines in “houses” a short distance on either side of the shooters, called the High House and Low house. Shooters rotate through 8 positions with different distances and angles. A “round” is 25 targets and typically costs \$4 -\$7.

c. Sporting Clays –sporting clays is like “golf with a gun”. Targets are presented on a course where participants rotate from station to station and targets are presented in a myriad of combinations. They are designed to mimic hunting situations and use the terrain and specialized targets and machines to accomplish this goal. A typical “round” is 100 targets, however, this can be modified to suit the participant. Prices range from \$20 to \$45 per round of 100.

3. Contact area youth shooting groups. Begin by asking local shooting clubs and ranges if there are any existing youth shooting programs. Contact them and fill them in on the program and your desire to host an event at a local club. These groups are an important component for the success of your event. They will bring their youth shooters to the event, thereby guaranteeing a good turnout. Also, these groups have certified coaches and instructors as leaders and a great avenue for volunteer recruitment to assist during the event. If the club does not have any leads, try contacting state-level leaders for these groups, like the state director for 4-H shooting sports. College extension offices are also a great place to start.

4. Choose a date. Ask for assistance from the youth shooting groups for possible dates for your event, so as not to conflict with another youth shooting event. You, shooting club management, and youth shooting leaders should work together to set a date for the event that minimizes competition for attendance.

5. Set an agenda for the event. The following is a typical agenda: 9 am –Registration opens. 9:30 – Safety meeting (required). 9:45 –Range is open for all established shooting teams with certified coaches. 9:45 –Shooting clinic for all new or inexperienced shooters. 12 –Lunch on your own. 1:00 pm –Shooting resumes. 4:00 pm –Wrap up/Clean up. The shooting clinic needs to be staffed with certified youth shooting instructors. We have found that many of the new or inexperienced shooters are intimidated by the organized portions of clay target shooting and will prefer to stay with the shooting clinic targets. These targets need to be relatively easy targets, either slow, incoming targets or slow, straight away targets, preferably both would be available. It is imperative that new shooters have early success at breaking targets. This is something that must be discussed with the host club, are there target machines available to set up a shooting clinic area?

6. Advertise the event. Flyers and posters, available on our web site, can be posted throughout the community and the host club’s lodge. If you have the capability, create an electronic version and post it to the JAKES website, community websites, and host club’s newsletter or internet bulletin board. Send it to all the state level youth shooting program directors. They can disseminate it to all of their organization’s members across the state. These groups view this as a great opportunity for “free” practice and will travel quite a distance to take advantage of this program.

## Requirements

1. Requirements. JAKES Take Aim has few requirements, however, they are extremely important. We must document the number of participants. Please find attached a copy of the JAKES Take Aim Registration/Release Form. Have every participant complete this form to make sure we have a written record of their participation. It also serves as a photo and liability release. For the events we have hosted in the Southeast, we are requiring that the participants be JAKES or Extreme JAKES members. We still have all participants complete the form. If they are already a JAKES member, we write their membership number in the upper right corner. If not, we collect the \$10 annual membership fee and mark the form paid. This form contains all the information needed to complete the

membership record. Keep all your receipts for travel, food, and costs associated with the event. Be sure the host club understands that this is a reimbursement type grant and the NWTF will issue a check for the cost of shooting based on the invoice they supply to us.

2. Volunteer assistance. Depending on the number of participants, several volunteers will be needed to ensure a smooth event. Events over 100 participants will require 3 people to assist in Registration, 2 dispensing ammunition, and 4 certified instructors for the shooting clinic. The host club should provide trap mechanics and loaders as part of their contribution. If under 100 participants, 2 people helping with Registration, 1 dispensing ammunition, and 2 certified instructors will be required. We allow the experienced shooting teams to trap and score for themselves, however, an adult coach or volunteer must accompany each group.

3. Ammunition and Supplies. Please contact Rhett Simmons, Mandy Harling, or Chris Piltz for assistance in ordering ammunition, registration forms, hearing and eye protection. We have arranged for these items to be drop shipped to an address you provide. We are working with national sponsors who represent these products in order to get the best price possible and thereby stretch the granted funds as far as possible, allowing us to support even more events.

4. Prizes are completely optional. We do not encourage awarding prizes based on shooting ability. If donated items are available to award as prizes, we use different colored theatre tickets to determine the prize that is won. If the participant picks a red ticket out of the bucket, they win a prize designated for red tickets, and so on. This alleviates the necessity of participants waiting until everyone is done shooting. They can draw for a prize and leave, if necessary.

5. Ask for help from the participants. In order to reduce clean up, at the beginning of the event during the welcome, remind the participants that we are guests of the host club and want to make sure that we leave the facility the way we found it. Ask them to pick up their spent cartridges and dispose of trash appropriately. Be sure to thank the club, your volunteers, sponsors, and organizations that have helped make the event happen.

#### After the Event

1. Opportunities for Fundraising and “other” events. These events can lead to more and bigger events in the community. Often times, when we are seen to be giving back to the community, you will see more willingness to work together on other or similar events. The contacts you make through this event can lead to banquet committee growth, new banquets, and/or other fundraising events. Many of the people you will meet at these events are not banquet attendees and this may be their first exposure to the NWTF. Also, many of the shooting clubs who host these events lend themselves well to other events like a fundraising shooting event or a gun blast. Many have large lodges or pavilions where events could be held and a new audience to attend them.

2. Fundraising during the event. Organizers need to weigh the cost/benefit of attempting fundraising during the event. Remember, the participants are all young and even though they have their parents with them, they are usually focused on the shooting activities happening around them. A dinner with a Silent Auction and raffles after the shooting event would work in some instances.

3. Be sure to turn in the paperwork. It is imperative to the success of this grant that event organizers complete and turn in the registration and reporting forms. If a membership is

collected, be sure to get them in to Headquarters so they can be processed and be sure to include the local chapter where the new members will be assigned. This can lead to an increase in incentives earned by the local chapter.



# NWTF OUTREACH EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

All NWTF chapter events are covered by a blanket insurance policy IF they are registered with the national office **at least 30 days prior to the date of the event.** To register, please complete the form below and submit to headquarters.

**REGIONAL DIRECTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAPTER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT TYPE: (Check all that apply)**

- JAKES Event     
  X-TREME JAKES Event     
  JAKES Hunt     
  JAKES Take Aim

**Project Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City/State/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT INFORMATION:**

**Date of Event:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check one:**    First Time    Repeat  
**Event Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Event Location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City/State/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this event location (check one):**    Private    State Property    Forest Service Property  
     Military    Other Property? Please list specific location names

**EVENT DESCRIPTION (Including activities planned and/or species hunted)**

\_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No **Do you want this event posted on the NWTF Web Site?**

**Are there any US Forest Service, USFWS, or state agency partners working with you on this event?**  
 (If yes, please specify which ones.)   **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many participants do you anticipate/can you accommodate at this event?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be requesting Super Fund money for this event?**    YES    NO  
 (If yes, please make sure you also submit the Super Fund request to your state chapter)

**Are you charging participants a registration fee?**    YES    NO **Amount Charged:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail, Fax, or Email completed form to:**  
 NWTF Conservation Outreach Programs  
 PO Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824  
 Fax: (803) 637-9180   Email: [tcondrey@nwtf.net](mailto:tcondrey@nwtf.net)







# JAKES® Reporting Form

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Check All That Apply:  First Time Event  Repeat  
 JAKES Take Aim  Xtreme JAKES

Did you partner with the US Forest Service (i.e., Smokey Bear appearance or learning station Forest Service staff)?  Yes  No

Did your event take place on US Forest Service land?  Yes  No

Did you partner with a state agency (Dept. of Natural Resources/Fish and Wildlife Agency)?  Yes  No

Total Number of Children Who Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Children Who Shot Airguns, Shotguns/Rifles: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Number of Males: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Females: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages: Ages 0-8 \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 9-12 \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 13-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of adults (include parents, volunteers, chapter leaders): \_\_\_\_\_

**Memberships:**

- I am not enclosing memberships.
- I am enclosing JAKES® memberships that have been paid through a NWTF Hunting Heritage Banquet.

Date of Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am enclosing memberships and a check for the total amount due.

Number of JAKES® memberships enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of JAKES®/Xtreme JAKES® Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Adult Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NWTF Merchandise Purchased for Event: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Restock request**

**JAKES Take Aim airgun trailer**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

NWTF chapter making request: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address where items should be shipped : \_\_\_\_\_ (no PO boxes)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

QTY	Limit	ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
	Limit 2 per order	45829022010000	Daisy BBs ( 1 bottle= 6,000 BBs)	0	0
	Limit 2 per order	45829028010000	Daisy Pellets (tin=500 pellets)	0	0
	Limit 4 per order	45829023010000	Daisy Shooting Glasses	0	0
	Limit 10 pads per order	098989805B010000	JAKES Take Aim targets (each pad contains 50 targets)	0	

\*requests that exceed limit require approval

Mail form to: NWTF/JAKES Take Aim  
 PO Box 530, 770 Augusta Rd.  
 Edgefield, SC 29824

\*Items take 3-6 weeks processing/shipping



**Repair request**

**JAKES Take Aim airgun trailer**

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

NWTF chapter making request: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

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

Address where items should be shipped : \_\_\_\_\_ (no PO boxes)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

QTY	ITEM#	Daisy Airgun	Problem Description
	45829021010000	Daisy Buck Model 10 BB Gun	
	45829020010000	Daisy Grizzly 840 Youth Airgun	
	45829026010000	Powerline Model 953 Target Pro pellet rifle	
	45829024010000	Winch model 1028 Break Barrel Pelet rifle	
	45829025010000	Winch model 1029 break airgun	

Mail form and airguns to: NWTF/JAKES Take Aim  
 PO Box 530, 770 Augusta Rd.  
 Edgefield, SC 29824

\*Items are returned to Daisy manufacturing for repair



**Inventory sheet**

**JAKES Take Aim airgun trailer**

QTY	DESCRIPTION
4	Daisy Buck Model 10 BB Gun <b>(for use with inflatable range and outdoor range)</b>
6	Daisy Grizzly 840 Youth Airgun <b>(for use with inflatable range and outdoor range)</b>
2	Powerline Model 953 Target Pro pellet rifle <b>(for use on outdoor range ONLY)</b>
2	Winch model 1028 Break Barrel Pelet rifle <b>(for use on outdoor range ONLY)</b>
2	Winch model 1029 break airgun <b>(for use on outdoor range ONLY)</b>
Bottles	Daisy BBs
Tins	Daisy Pellets
2	Daisy Pellet Traps
12	Daisy Shooting Glasses
1	Tent
1	Table
2	Chairs



**Request for loan of the JAKES Take Aim Trailer**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Contact responsible for operating the range/trailer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

I, (contact name) \_\_\_\_\_, affiliated with (name of organization) \_\_\_\_\_ request the use of the (state) \_\_\_\_\_ JAKES Take Aim Airgun Trailer.

Approx # of youth who will shoot airguns: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please submit this form to the state JAKES Take Aim contact which can be found on the JAKES Take Aim website at [www.nwtf.org/jakestakeaim](http://www.nwtf.org/jakestakeaim) Requests require approval by the state NWTF chapter and require a signed release form from each participant.



**Volunteer/participant release of liability & photo release**

As a volunteer or parent/ legal guardian of the child listed below, I certify that said child has my permission to attend and participate in all activities (insert date) at (insert location) sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation. By signing this form, I hereby waive and release all other participants, the host, sponsors and all other officials or parties involved in the event from all claims and/or damage incurred in connection with this event. I also hereby grant the sponsor and co-sponsor the unconditional right to use the name, voice, and photographic likeness of the above said child, in connection with any of the articles, press releases, and audio/video productions.

Volunteer/Participant Name (print)	Parent/Guardian Signature
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