**2019 National 4-H Western Heritage Conference & Match**

**Things You Should Know Prior to the Event**

* The temperature in Winton, CA in July and August can push over 100 degrees during the day and range from 60 – 70 at night. So stay in the shade when possible and drink plenty of water. We will be doing all of the shooting in the morning to beat the afternoon heat. Therefore, we will be keeping to a tight schedule.
* When you arrive you will need to sign two waivers. One is for the facility we will be using and the other is the National 4-H Shooting Sports photo image waiver.
* Bring lawn chairs for yourself. There are picnic benches at the shooting facility. However, for your comfort over a long day it is best to have a lawn chair to your liking.
* We are pleased to have cowboy entertainer Dave Stamey perform for us on Tuesday evening. He is a crowd pleaser and you can hear some of his work on YouTube or visit his website at: <https://www.davestamey.com>
* Free camping is available on site for tents, RVs, or trailers with advance notice. It is dry camping so you will need your own water, electricity, etc. <http://safetyfirstshooting.net/html/directions.html>
* There are plenty of motel accommodations nearby depending on your taste and budget. Communities near the range facility include:
	+ Merced (20 minute drive)
	+ Atwater (10 minute drive)
	+ Turlock (20 minute drive)
	+ Livingston (15 minute drive)
* Transporting firearms into California is not difficult. Just follow the procedures outline by the State of California Department of Justice at: <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/travel>
* Winton is located in Merced County California, which lies in the center of the state. The area relies on agriculture as one of its major industries. Positioned in the center of the state, it affords travelers the opportunity to visit some famous sites within a few hours drive. These include:
	+ Sacramento (95 miles – 1 ¾ hours)
		- Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park <https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=485>
		- California State Railroad Museum [www.parks.ca.gov/?page-id=668](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page-id=668)
		- Old Sacramento State Historic Park <http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=497>

California State Capitol Museum <http://capitolmuseum.ca.gov/>

* + - California Automobile Museum <https://www.calautomuseum.org>
		- Sacramento Zoo <https://www.saczoo.org>
	+ Castle Air Museum (10 miles – 15 minutes) <https://www.castleairmuseum.org/>
	+ Yosemite National Park (114 miles – 2 ½ hours) <https://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm>
	+ Monterey Bay Aquarium (130 miles – 2 ½ hours) <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/>
	+ Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk (143 miles – 2 ½ hours) <https://beachboardwalk.com>
	+ Winchester Mystery House (110 miles – 2 hours) <https://winchestermysteryhouse.com/>
	+ Columbia State Historic Park (60 miles – 1 ½ hours) <http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=552>
	+ Jamestown & Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (60 miles – 1 hour) <http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=491>
	+ Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park (165 miles – 4 hours) <https://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/index.htm>
	+ Please take the time to visit these additional tourist information sites:

<https://www.visitcalifornia.com/>

<https://industry.visitcalifornia.com/About/Welcome-center>

<https://www.facebook.com/VisitCalifornia/>