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Arkansas Rifle and Pistol Association
Attn: Chuck Gains/President
ARPA Board Members

Dear Chuck,

Here it is only a few days into 2018 and Arkansas' youth shooting sports has been very active, with many more events coming up in the next few months. The Arkansas BB Gun State Championship was a tremendous success. This event which was held in February drew over 150 young boys and girls to the competition. Medals were awarded to the top competitors in the Individual, Alternate, Alumni Class, as well as to the top 3 teams. The top 3 teams will now advance and represent Arkansas at the Daisy National Championship which will be held in June. ARPA's donation to the BB Gun Competition was really appreciated. "Kids" love to win something and be recognized for their efforts. With your generous support we were able to provide some very nice medals to our young competitors.

Arkansas is also being represented at the upcoming Three Position Air Rifle Regional Match being held at the CMP's "Marksmanship Park" in Anniston, AL. We have a great team from the Ft. Smith Northside High School JROTC team representing Arkansas with hopes to advance to the CMP National Match later this summer.

The NRA's Youth Hunter Education Challenge will celebrate its 22nd year in Arkansas at the State Competition which will be held June 7-9. We are expecting over 250 youth from across the State to attend this match. Arkansas now hosts one of the largest and most successful YHEC programs in the nation. Since the YHEC program began in Arkansas, thousands of youth have completed Hunter Education certification and competed for top awards at the State and National level.

Many of the teams in the BB, 3PAR, and YHEC program apply for and receive grants from the "Friends of NRA". Thank you for allowing these programs and the teams in these programs to use the ARPA 501 c number. It has made applying and receiving these grants much easier. On behalf of the Arkansas BB/Air Gun Program and YHEC and on the behalf of the many teams that use the 501 c , we thank you for your continued support.

Today, more than ever, we are challenged to "Prove Kids and Guns Do Go Together When Given the Proper Training, Teaching, and Mentoring." With the support of ARPA, we are able to reach out to

more youth and do a better job of educating them. Please share this letter of appreciation with all other Board Members and other members of ARPA. Thanks again for the support.

Sincerely,
Gary Jobe
State Director
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