



CHS 2023 Trap Team Student and Parent Information

WHAT:

The CHS Trap Team is a sporting activity offered for 6th – 12th graders by Cathedral High School partnering with St Cloud Christian School 6th – 12th graders and Prince of Peace 6th thru 8th grades. This activity is a club at CHS and therefore receives no funding through the school. Equipment, including firearms and associated necessities must be provided by the student's family. The booster club assists families in the club by fundraising to pay for items such as the team T-shirt, registration fees to various tournaments and other team necessities. All coaches are volunteers and receive no compensation for their time.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Open to students in grades 6 -12.
- Minnesota Firearms Safety Certificate is **required**; NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Students must maintain grades in accordance with the Minnesota State High School League in order to compete. The athletic department will notify Coach Joe if there is a participant not meeting these requirements.
- Students are able to Letter in trap.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration is open for students to begin registering through the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League. Registration runs thru March 20th at Noon. NO EXCEPTIONS ON THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE. **We begin shooting Monday, March 27th**

www.mnclaytarget.com

- FIRST: You will receive an invite once your shooter has been added to the team site. PARENTS PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AS YOU SHOULD ALREADY HAVE IT. If you have not received it, please let us know ASAP!
- NEXT: Follow the invite link, it will take you to sign up where you will pay the State League fee of \$35 and enter the shooters Gun Safety Cert # if you are new shooter. You are then added to the team roster with the State.
 - For new registrations, the team code is **cal094**
 - **If you choose not to participate in Trap this year**, please do not complete that registration process. Please let Joe know that you will not be participating so we know your plans.
 - Each member of the team makes a difference in the scoring process.
 - Please update the profile of the shooter if the shooter is a returning shooter
 - Shirt size – will be used to determine team uniform shirt size and state shoot t-shirt
 - Grade
 - Contact info



EQUIPMENT:

- Eye and ear protection is needed by all shooters.
- Team “uniforms” are provided. Team uniforms are t-shirts: info below related to ordering process and team logoed apparel. The new T-Shirt provided will be different than previous year’s shirt.
- Trap Gun: If students are having trouble finding a gun to shoot with or affording the cost to shoot, please let Joe or Mike know and they will work with you.
- Shells: See below for league and additional purchase info.
- Shell catcher: required for semi-auto’s.

COSTS:

- \$320 will cover a single shooter for the minimum shooting requirement for the league which includes the fun day at the end of the scoring weeks. Checks should be made out to SCPF and can be given to Joe, Mike, Julie Nystrom, Sonny Ricke or Brenda Hagenson. Checks need to be received by or on the first day of practice.
 - The \$320 price includes the following:
 - Range time including targets. Pricing listed below for reference:
 - DelTone: \$8.00 per 25 targets
 - (i) $\$8 \times 20$ (rounds of shooting) = \$160
 - (b) Shooters do not need to enter the clubhouse at DelTone: Joe and Mike will handle all finances during league shooting; unless you shoot extra
 - Shells: enough for the 20 rounds you are expected to shoot for the full league priced at \$8.00 for a box of 25 shells
 - (i) $\$80 \times 2$ (cases) = \$160
 - Ammo will be provided to the shooter from the coaches after the initial payment has been made. The shooter should then bring the ammo each week to shoot.
 - An additional way to acquire ammo for shooting anything over the required minimum amount of shooting for the season would be to sell raffle tickets. Following is the program information:
 - (i) Stearns County Pheasants Forever (SCPF) is a HUGE supporter of our Trap Club as they sponsor a raffle that benefits youth trap. Tickets sold come back to students in a \$1 for \$1 exchange. Tickets come in books of 10 and each ticket is \$10. The raffle typically consists of firearms and larger gift certificates. Books of tickets can be obtained through and are returned to Joe & Mike. More information will be forthcoming as it is available. The proceeds of the ticket sales are exchanged for shells through Pheasants Forever or some form of range time payment at Del-Tone. A flat of shells is now \$80 through Pheasants Forever.



Volunteer Coaching Staff:

- Joe Opitz
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- Liz (Ellie) Nystrom
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SCHEDULE:

- Regular Team Practice: The team will shoot at Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club every Monday at 4PM. The Coaches will be there earlier should the team arrive. **Practice begins March 27th.**
 - An alternative shoot day is Thursday should rounds need to be made up or extra practice is desired. The Coaches are at Del Tone assisting Tech High School with their Trap Team and can have CHS students shoot as well.
 - If there are changes to the schedule, Joe will let the team know typically via email.
- Season officially starts the week of March 26th, 2023.
 - Shoot in rain or snow. Dress for weather
- Scoring for the tournament begins the week of April 16th.
 - This gives the team a few weeks of practice.
- May 14th is the last week of the league scores for state competition submission.
- The week of May 21st will typically have a fun night where the shooters will get to try shooting 5 stand, Annie Oakleys, etc. It's definitely a favorite! In addition, we'll have a pot luck and awards for the season.
- Shooting for the team will continue after this date in preparation for the MN State Championship Tournament. This additional practice is outside of the \$320 season fee paid upfront. Target and ammo will need to be procured. (Purchase your shells through the coaches).
- MN State Championship Tournament: The 2023 MN State Championship Tournament is scheduled for June 12-20st in Alexandria, Mn. Each team will have their specific date and time to shoot. This is an all-day event. We will shoot June 12th.
- The league allows teams to compete against each other by turning in their scores each week. There is not any traveling to other locations for the league play required.



ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

- Tournaments may be available for you to attend. As information becomes available, it will be shared with the team. Some tentative dates to keep in mind:
 - May 6th: ANVIL Foundation Tournament # Del-Tone
 - Youth Shoot Starting at 8am
 - June 10th: DelTone 100 Tournament
- There may be a more informal league competition between the local schools shooting at Del-Tone to make the season more interesting. This will not require additional shooting times or additional rounds. More information will be forthcoming.
- National Championship: In the past, qualifying athletes are invited to participate in the USA High School Clay Target League's National Championship. Unsure of plans for this year's event.
- **2023 AIM Tournament Dates:**
 - January 29th
 - February 26th: 12-2
 - March 19th: 12-2
 - April 23rd: 12-2
 - May 7th: ATA George Victor Shoot
 - Registration opens at 9am
 - June 3rd & 4th: ATA Viking Shoot
 - Registration opens at 9am
 - AIM State Shoot:
 - July 22nd @ Del-Tone

TEAM UNIFORM AND ADDITIONAL APPAREL CLOTHING ORDERS

- T-shirt and additional clothing orders will be available. More information will be distributed separately.

TEAM PHOTOS:

Team Photos: Date and time will be communicated separately. Typically, there is a paper order form that needs to be completed for pictures and payment is due at picture time. Stay tuned!

TEAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

Businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor the team for \$250 and receive their logo and/or family name on the back of the team shooting shirt. The proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the uniforms (t-shirts) for the team as well as tournament entrance fees, ammo as needed for some tournaments, etc. If you are interested in supporting the team or know someone you think may be



interested in doing so, please contact Julie Nystrom at 320.420.8330 or djea@djnystromfamily.com. Every sponsorship or donation dollar is appreciated. Our 2022 sponsors included:

- Mike's Repair
- Erickson Electric
- Mid-State Tile
- Rapid Plating
- Fat Joe's Racecraft
- River City Dental
- Kiffmeyer Plumbing
- Daniel Funeral Home
- Spee-Dee Delivery
- Metro Lions
- Wimmer Opticians
- Create a Legacy In Stone
- Ed Haus Foundation
- Stearns County Pheasants Forever

Booster Club:

The Trap Team is a club for CHS. It receives no funds from the school, nor does it supply coaches, equipment, etc. All coaches volunteer their time and help raise funds to pay for items that encourage the students to be able to shoot (relieving financial costs). The Current booster club includes a few parents who have volunteered their time to make the program the best it can be for the kids. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to join. For each individual, the 'contribution' may be different as we all have different skill sets and time availability. Some examples of the work that needs to be done annually include: uniform and team logoed clothing ordering, scheduled team pictures, student letter coordination including letter acquisition, awards and fun night planning and execution, parent/student meeting and sponsorship opportunity identification and donation acquisition, State shoot team event coordination and assisting coaches with whatever they may need.

Booster Club:

Julie Nystrom

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Brenda Hagenson

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Sonny Ricke

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What is AIM?

Per Del-Tone Facebook page:

What is AIM you ask? AIM is the youth branch of the ATA, or Amateur Trapshooting Association. The ATA is THE governing body for trapshooting in the United States. AIM shooting provides young shooters an opportunity to compete against others in the state and across the country, and really opens up the door to a lifetime of competitive shooting in the ATA.

The AIM season begins in January, and runs into July. We will be throwing both singles and handicap events. Yes, it can be cold but that did not stop us last year, we had some good turn outs, and the "kids" shot very well, hanging right in there with other states further south. We are trying hard to grow this program. We have a shoot scheduled once a month for the entire season. Also, something new and exciting is happening here. Beginning in 2023, Del-Tone will be the new home of the Minnesota State AIM Shoot! Yes, the season will conclude on July 22nd right here in St. Cloud.

Just to be clear, AIM and the ATA are not affiliated with the High School Clay Target Leagues. Registration is separate. In order to compete, shooters must be a member of both AIM & the ATA. To learn more about AIM & the ATA and to get registered, follow this link.

<https://aim4ata.com/>

If you wish to participate, it's best to get registered ahead of time to keep things running smoothly on shoot day. We hope to see all you competitive young shooters out here this year.