

The National Congress of Old West Shootists, Inc.

Youth Apprenticeship Program

NCOWS has established an Apprentice-Youth program which will act through Posse mentors to train and educate young people under 12 years of age to become safe, responsible and involved members of NCOWS. Further, NCOWS has approved guidelines for the Youth-Apprenticeship Program. These are:

1. Youth participants are under 12 years of age
2. The Parent/guardian must be an NCOWS member in good standing
3. To shoot, they must present an approved Hunter Safety Education Certificate from their state of residence and be approved by the Mentor and Range Safety Officer/Posse Marshal

Apprentice-Youth Mentors: Will be selected by each participating Posse. These will be the members that will actually run the program at the posse level and work in combination with the parent/guardian to train and educate the Apprentice-Youth. They should be experienced members of NCOWS who are familiar with the NCOWS Bylaws, safety guidelines and their Posse' range rules. They should also possess the ability to work with youth of this age and develop an effective training and Old West educational program for the individual Apprentice-Youth. They will additionally serve as members on the Apprentice-Youth Committee.

Parent/Guardian: Must be a current NCOWS member. They will work in conjunction with the Mentor to allow their child to learn all aspects of the Apprentice-Youth Program. Their ongoing participation with the Apprentice-Youth and the Mentor is required throughout the program.

Posse: The participating posse leadership will work with the mentor to assist in the administration of the program. The Posse will be responsible to request a greenhorn/.22 specialty shoot or side match variance for all events (Posse level, Regional or National Shoot) involving the program.