

A 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

A 4-H'er can enroll in any club and take a Shooting Sports Project. In order to complete the project the 4-H'er must be under the adult guidance of a 4-H Certified Shooting Sports Instructor. Instructors have completed a weekend training workshop in each regiment. They learn techniques necessary to teach 4-H'ers the basic fundamentals of shooting or archery.



AT PROJECT MEETINGS, 4-H'ERS...

- ◆ Practice safety techniques and response to range commands
- ◆ Learn basic shooting fundamentals
- ◆ Clean and maintain firearms and equipment
- ◆ Learn about eye and ear protection
- ◆ Explore wildlife conservations
- ◆ Take field trips

SHOOTING CLUB REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Must be a member of any Union County 4-H Club
- ◆ Must complete Safe Use of Guns or Basic Archery
- ◆ Must attend one of the safety meetings along with at least 1 parent or guardian
- ◆ Must attend a minimum of 6 out of 10 range events
- ◆ Does not need to own a firearm or bow to be a participant
- ◆ Must be 12 years old and have completed a firearm project previously to be eligible for pistol



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More information about Shooting Sports is available at:

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WHY SHOOTING SPORTS?

About two thirds of the homes in the U.S. have firearms. Exposure to safe and responsible handling is vital to preventing accidents in or out of the home.

Shooting is the second most popular international sport behind track and field. It is nearly unique in being a lifetime sport.

Shooting Sports attracts new audiences to 4-H and creates adult-youth bonds.

WE BELIEVE...

Human growth and youth development is the primary goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

Shooting Sports is an outstanding way to provide human growth and development opportunities.

Introducing safety and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment opens valuable avocational and life-long recreational education.

CAN PARENTS PARTICIPATE?

Yes! 4-H is family oriented and parents are encouraged to come to the meetings. They may act as range safety officers, assistant instructors, or club leaders.



PROGRAM GOALS

1. To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision-making, self-discipline, and concentration.
2. To enhance development of participant's self-esteem, character, and personal growth through safe, educational, and socially acceptable involvement in a shooting activity.
3. To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior.
4. To encourage understanding of natural resource concepts through participant's interests in shooting and hunting.
5. To expose participants to the broad array of lifelong activities related to shooting sports.
6. To strengthen families through life-long recreational activities.
7. To compliment and enhance the impact of existing safety and hunter education programs.

SHOOTING SPORTS DISCIPLINES

- ◆ Rifle
- ◆ Pistol
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Shotgun
- ◆ Hunting and Wildlife
- ◆ Living History

Each discipline teaches safety, concentration, self-discipline, self-confidence, goal-setting, decision-making, and courtesy as the young people learn basic skills and build toward more advanced activities. Both cooperative and competitive skills are included. Participants are exposed to local policies, regulations, laws, and ethical behavior both by repeated demonstration and through personal practice.



PARTICIPANTS GAIN

- ◆ A lifelong sport
- ◆ Useful knowledge and skills
- ◆ Leadership skills
- ◆ Safe habits
- ◆ Self-discipline and self-esteem
- ◆ Respect for themselves and others
- ◆ Personal responsibility
- ◆ Confidence, concentration, and poise
- ◆ Opportunities to set and achieve goals
- ◆ Sportsmanship
- ◆ Reasoning skills
- ◆ Ethical standards
- ◆ Friendships
- ◆ Opportunities to win awards
- ◆ Growth opportunities within the sport