



SHOOTING SPORTS



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The 4-H Shooting sports program gives youth the opportunity to enroll in up to five different shooting sports project areas including: archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun, and muzzleloading. Youth will learn safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision making, self-discipline, and concentration. In 4-H shooting sports we look to promote the highest standards of ethical behavior, sportsmanship, and safety. Being part of the 4-H shooting sports projects will help you to understand our natural resources and develop a personal environmental stewardship through shooting and hunting related activities.

This project is unique in that it must be facilitated by a UW 4-H certified shooting sports volunteer. To learn more about the program in your area please contact your local Extension Office.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN LEARN...

STARTING OUT

- ✿ Identify parts, uses and care of archery equipment or firearms
- ✿ Learn and practice range commands
- ✿ Learn and use safety rules such as eye and ear protection and correct behavior on the range
- ✿ Learn hunting basics

LEARNING MORE

- ✿ Learn the differences and uses of a variety of equipment, such as types of archery equipment and firearm components
- ✿ Develop shooting skills using different techniques and positions
- ✿ Learn and use hunter safety rules and hunter ethics

GOING FURTHER

- ✿ Make archery equipment
- ✿ Do gunsmithing
- ✿ Demonstrate advanced skills by participating in higher level competitions
- ✿ Do and teach about conservation practices

RESOURCES

- ✿ *Shooting Sports Manual (uwyo.edu/4-h)

TAKE IT FURTHER!

- ✿ Participate in the State Shoot.
- ✿ Qualify or apply to attend the Raton, NM Shooting Sports Award trip.
- ✿ Apply to be part of the First Time Youth Deer Hunt.
- ✿ Complete at the National 4-H Shooting Sport competition.
- ✿ Complete in a postal match.
- ✿ Research colleges you might want to attend with collegiate shooting teams.
- ✿ Observe high level competitive shooting event, such as the Bianchi Cup, State High Power match, state Junior Olympics, etc.
- ✿ Tour a shooting related manufacturing plant or business
- ✿ Visit a large sporting goods retail store
- ✿ Use your skills to get involved in other shooting organizations like Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), National Field Archery Association (NFAA), etc.
- ✿ Subscribe to and read magazines related to shooting sports.
- ✿ Research hearing loss and the importance of using ear protection when shooting.
- ✿ Volunteer at a competitive shoot.
- ✿ Apply to be a National 4-H Shooting Sport Ambassador.

ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Give a presentation on proper gun handling, shooting skills, wildlife, hunting, types of firearms or archery equipment

Do a demonstration on the four shooting positions.

GET INVOLVED IN CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

Clean up at the shooting range where you participate.

LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Plan and organize a shooting match or a postal shoot.

Teach your club members about eye dominance and what it means for shootings sports.

EXHIBIT IDEAS

- ✿ Create an item to assist you in shooting (kneeling roll, quiver holder, rifle stand).
- ✿ Make your own target
- ✿ Compare and contract different types of ammunition
- ✿ Make a poster comparing different types of available equipment
- ✿ Sculpture or art out of used targets or shells
- ✿ Poster on the history of firearms
- ✿ Make a gun cleaning stand or vice
- ✿ Pellet trap backstop
- ✿ Ammunition holder
- ✿ Poster about safety
- ✿ Display on how to fletch an arrow

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