

SHOOTING SPORTS DAY

Lausche Youth Exploration Space

Friday, August 7, 2026

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1. Age of Participants: (4-H age as of 1/1/26)
 - Junior — age 8-13
 - Senior — age 14 -18
2. Participation Guidelines:
 - The winner of any class in 2025 is not eligible to participate in the same class for 2026.
 - No more than one participant per county in any one class is allowed.
 - No individual may participate in more than one class.
 - **A certified shooting sports instructor must sign the cover of the member record book to be eligible to compete in 4-H Shooting Sports (Projects 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756 and 757).**
 - **Guns, bows, arrows, ammunition, and firearms of any kind are not permitted on the Fairgrounds. Participants may not use any of these items or three-dimensional replicas of these items as a part of any display. Displays also may not include any part of an arrow longer than 6 inches.** Displays may not include any 'loaded' ammunition. Any shells or casings must be open so that a visual examination can show that there is no powder in ammunition (the caps must be either absent or expended). Wild bird feathers, except legal game species, and all bird nests and eggs are protected under state and federal laws and are not permitted to be collected, possessed, or presented as a part of any display.
 - Human or humanoid shaped targets are inappropriate in any 4-H program activity and not permitted to be used for project work or added to project posters or displays. Any questions about acceptable targets should be directed to your 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor or local Extension Office.
3. Type of Evaluation:
 - Participants have a personal interview evaluation with a judge.
 - Judge will evaluate participants on the following basis (see sample score sheet):
 - 40% Knowledge (Basic concepts learned in the project)
 - 20% Communication (Interview – presentation of the project)
 - 20% Project Book (Book is complete & provides accurate record of project activities)
 - 20% Project Display (Quality)
4. Participant to bring:
 - Registration information provided by county 4-H educator.
 - Completed project book. **A certified Shooting Sports Instructor must sign the cover of the member record book to be eligible to compete in 4-H Shooting Sports (Projects 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756 and 757).**
 - A display representing the learning experience of the current project. The display should be one used either at local 4-H judging or at county fair. Because of space limitations, each participant removes their display from the judging area when the interview is complete.
5. When you arrive:
 - On the day of the event, please report to registration in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space no more than 15 minutes before your county's scheduled time. You will be directed to the judging area.

CLASSES Junior (ages 13 & under), Senior (14 & older)

J-1	Shooting Sports – Rifle, Junior	J-10	Shooting Sports – Muzzle Loading
J-2	Shooting Sports – Rifle, Senior	J-11	Shooting Sports – Living History
J-3	Shooting Sports – Archery, Jr.	J-12	Shooting Sports – Crossbow
J-4	Shooting Sports – Archery, Sr.	J-13	Shooting Sports – Western Heritage
J-5	Shooting Sports – Shotgun, Jr.	J-14	Safe Use of Guns (Project #630), Jr.
J-6	Shooting Sports – Shotgun, Sr.	J-15	Safe Use of Guns (Project #630), Sr.
J-7	Shooting Sports – Pistol, Jr.	J-16	Basic Archery (Project #631), Jr.
J-8	Shooting Sports – Pistol, Sr.	J-17	Basic Archery (Project #631), Sr.
J-9	Shooting Sports – Hunting		

JUDGING SCHEDULE

The exact schedule of participation will depend on the number reporting at any one time. Members should bring registration information provided by their County 4-H Professional to the registration desk in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space.

9:30 a.m.	Ashland, Clark, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Pickaway
10:00 a.m.	Allen, Champaign, Franklin, Logan, Marion
10:30 a.m.	Coshocton, Crawford, Greene, Licking, Madison, Muskingum
11:00 a.m.	Hardin, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Morrow, Richland, Union
11:30 a.m.	Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Perry, Ross, Wyandot
1:00 p.m.	Athens, Auglaize, Clinton, Guernsey, Morgan, Shelby, Vinton
1:30 p.m.	Highland, Huron, Jackson, Medina, Meigs, Pike, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Williams
2:00 p.m.	Belmont, Hancock, Mahoning, Tuscarawas, Wayne, Wood
2:30 p.m.	Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Hamilton, Harrison, Lorain, Lucas, Warren
3:00 p.m.	Jefferson, Monroe, Noble, Paulding, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Scioto, Van Wert
3:30 p.m.	Adams, Ashtabula, Brown, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Henry, Lake, Lawrence, Trumbull, Washington

AWARDS/SPONSORS

1. All participants will receive a participation ribbon sponsored by The Ohio State Fair.
2. "Outstanding of the Day" ribbons, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair, will be awarded to the top 20% of the class.
3. A clock trophy will be awarded to the class winner. In 2025 the trophies were sponsored by **The Pyles Family, The Sharla House Family, The Osborn Family, Dale Arnold, Mercer County 4-H Shooting Sports, Dean Smith, The Thornton Family, Ohio Township Association, and Precious Gems and Antiques.**
4. Awards will be presented at 5:00 pm (subject to postponement if additional judging time is needed).
5. Those not present for the awards ceremony may pick up their awards, or arrange for another to do so, from the 4-H state fair office located in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space until the conclusion of the fair. Unclaimed awards will be sent to county extension offices after the fair.
6. Results will be posted online at <https://ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair>.

2024 CLASS WINNERS

J-01 Rifle, Jr	Colt Otero, Ashtabula
J-02 Rifle, Sr	William Schmersal, Putnam
J-03 Archery, Jr	Tina Dickinson, Williams
J-04 Archery, Sr	Madison Menke, Fairfield
J-05 Shotgun, Jr	William Weisend, Noble
J-06 Shotgun, Sr	Toliver Smith, Franklin
J-07 Pistol, Jr	Ian Killingsworth, Erie
J-08 Pistol, Sr	Levi Reynolds, Washington
J-09 Hunting	Riley Kirk, Portage
J-10 Muzzleloader	Eva Ferguson, Warren
J-11 Living History	Gracie Weber, Fairfield
J-12 Crossbow	Anna (Christy) Headings, Union
J-13 Western Heritage	Breyer Cooper, Morrow
J-14 Safe Use of Guns, Jr.	Nehemiah Mishne, Franklin
J-15 Safe Use of Guns, Sr.	Laura Wolfinger, Union
J-16 Basic Archery, Jr.	Andie Stanley, Clermont
J-17 Basic Archery, Sr.	Ava Tipple, Muskingum

SAMPLE SCORE SHEET FOR 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS DAY

4-H State Fair Project Evaluation Sheet

Name: _____ Exhibitor number: _____

County: _____ Age as of January 1 (current year): _____

Project name: _____ Number of years in project: _____

Please provide a brief description of what you brought today to display your project (i.e., poster, equipment, etc.):

Keep this sheet with you until the judge calls your exhibitor number.

Judges—Please place an “x” in the column that most closely describes this entry.

Judging Guidelines	Excellent Outstanding work that exceeds expectations	Very Good Well done, with few minor if any errors	Good Appropriate for member’s age and experience	Average Solid grasp of fundamentals
Knowledge (40%) Member demonstrates knowledge of basic concepts, skills, safety protocols (if applicable), and other project information.				
Communication (20%) Member communicates effectively with a positive attitude and with appropriate personal appearance.				
Project Book (20%) Project book is completed appropriately and provides an accurate record of project activities.			(book is complete)	(book needs some work)
Display (20%) Content is accurate, complete and displayed in a way that is neat and creative. It showcases knowledge and skills gained through project work.				
Strengths:				
Areas for improvement:				

White copy – 4-H member, Yellow copy - Judge