

A 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB ...

- Is made up of five or more young people ages 9 to 18 and two to four trained adults.
- Meets at least six times for a shooting discipline during the 4-H year.
- Has meetings that may consist of an hour of supervised shooting and a short program.
- Is taught by adult volunteers who have completed a weekend training workshop to learn techniques necessary to teach youngsters the basic fundamentals of shooting.

AT CLUB 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
- Develop shooting skills
- Explore wildlife conservation
- Take field trips

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OHIO 4-H



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INTERESTED IN
KIDS, SHOOTING,
SAFETY, LIVING
HISTORY,
HUNTING?

READ ON...

WHY SHOOTING SPORTS

About 2/3 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 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 safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment opens valuable avocational and life-long recreational education.

CAN PARENTS BE INVOLVED?

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-concept, 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 vocation and lifelong avocational activities related to shooting sports.
6. To strengthen families through life-long recreational activities.
7. To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety and hunter education programs.

SHOOTING SPORTS INCLUDES:

- **Archery**
- **Hunting and Wildlife**
- **Living History**
- **Muzzle Loading**
- **Pistol**
- **Rifle**
- **Shotgun**
- **Reloading**
- **And much more!**

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:

Lifetime sports
Useful knowledge & skills
Leadership skills
Safe habits
Self-discipline & self esteem
Respect
Personal responsibility
Confidence, concentration & poise
Opportunities to set & achieve goals
Sportsmanship
Reasoning skills
Ethical standards
Friendship
Opportunities to compete in matches
Exposure to careers
Opportunities to earn awards