

SHOOTING SPORTS

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be BOLDDED and ITALICIZED! Pay special attention to any projects with BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS because they have changed from last year.

The 4-H shooting sports project teaches safe operation of firearms and archery equipment. Volunteer instructors must be certified at a workshop. Six disciplines are offered at the state level: archery, outdoor skills, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. The disciplines offered in Hendricks County depends on the availability of certified 4-H shooting sports instructors to teach the classes, ranges, and equipment.

<i>Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Shooting Sports</i>			
<i>Division/Level</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Completion Activities Needed*</i>	<i>Maximum State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Record Sheet and Attend Safety Meeting for Discipline</i>	<i>1 Entry</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Record Sheet and Attend Safety Meeting for Discipline</i>	<i>1 Entry</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Record Sheet and Attend Safety Meeting for Discipline</i>	<i>1 Entry</i>
<i>Independent Study</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Record Sheet and Attend Safety Meeting for Discipline</i>	<i>1 Entry</i>

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

RULES:

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Requirements.
 2. 4-H'ers who enroll in this project may enroll in the Hendricks County 4-H Shooting Sports Club. (You may enroll in another 4-H Club for other 4-H projects or the 4-H Shooting Sports Club leaders will sign records for your other 4-H Projects, but cannot be relied upon for information and assistance with these projects.)
 3. 4-H members are required to attend one safety meeting annually before participating in discipline meetings.
 4. In addition to discipline sessions, the club will tentatively meet monthly from March thru December and include shooting sports topics of interest to the 4-H'ers. 4-H'ers in this club will be notified of club meetings at a later date.
 5. To participate in this project, each 4-H'er is expected to pay a materials fee for each discipline to help cover the cost of award patches, other awards, basic equipment, etc. The Instructor will collect the fee at the first discipline session the 4-H'er attends. Fees must be paid or financial arrangements must be made before participating.
 6. 4-H'ers members are recommended to attend all of their discipline meetings/shooting matches/club meetings offered. It is recommended that youth interested in participating in the County Fair Tournament attend two-thirds (2/3) of firearms meetings and/or half of archery meetings.
 7. For safety reasons, all 4-Hers participating in firearms and/or archery live fires must wear appropriate attire. (Shoes must be fully enclosed at the toe and heel, no dangling earrings and drawstrings on sweatshirt or jacket, hoods must be tucked in, etc.).
1. Additional details and project guidelines are available in the 4-H Shooting Sports Project materials at the Extension Office.
 2. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.

EXHIBIT:

Create an exhibit that shows the public what you learned in shooting sports education this year. Exhibits must be displayed horizontally, sized 22" x 28", mounted on a firm backing (foam-core board or other), and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Be sure to include a label with your name, grade, and county. **Title your exhibit with one of the following: archery, outdoor skills, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, or shooting sports.** You can use a subtitle, if you wish.

Important Notes:

- Firearms or ready to shoot bows are not allowed to be exhibited. Unstrung bows are permissible.
- Live ammunition is not allowed to be exhibited (no powder or primer)
- An arrow with its arrowhead attached must be displayed in a secure case. An arrowhead without an arrow attached must be displayed in a secure case. An arrow may be displayed unsecured if its arrowhead is removed. Modern broadhead arrows are not allowed to be exhibited.
- Displays involving firearms or bows may be exhibited as a photographic display on a poster or in a notebook following grade level guidelines.

Level 1: Grades 3-5

One (1) State Fair entry

Exhibit

- Display a poster showing what was learned in the 4-H Shooting Sports project.

Level 2: Grades 6-8

One (1) State Fair entry

Exhibits MUST meet the size restrictions or be presented in a notebook. Choose one (1) of the following options:

- Poster
- Small project or model no larger than 18 x 18 x 36 inches. Handmade items must include information explaining how the project was made and its intended use. Photos are required.
- Notebook, showing how a shooting sports item was made, or project completed.

Level 3: Grades 9-12

One (1) State Fair entry

Choose one (1) of the following options:

- Poster
- Project or model (any size). Handmade items must include information explaining how the project was made and its intended use. Photos are required.
- Notebook, showing how a shooting sports item was made, or project completed.

Level: Independent Study: Grades 9 – 12

One (1) State Fair entry

- **Advanced topic** - Learn all you can about an advanced shooting sports topic and present it on a poster. Include a short manuscript, pictures, graphs, and list of the works cited to describe what you did and what you learned. Title your poster, "**Advanced Shooting Sports – Independent Study.**"
- **Mentoring** - exhibit a poster that shows how you mentored a younger 4-H member. Include your planning, the time you spent, the challenges and advantages of mentoring, and how the experience might be useful in your life. Photographs and other documentation are encouraged. Title your poster, "**Advanced Shooting Sports - Mentor.**"