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Dear 4-H Shooting Sports Members and Parents –

Welcome to the Lake County 4-H Shooting Sports Program! We are glad that you have chosen to enroll in this program and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

As a part of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, we will be helping the 4-H members to reach the following objectives:

- To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, including sound decision making.
- To enhance development of self-concept, character, and personal growth through safe, educational, and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activity.
- To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, self-discipline, and concentration.

We will be emphasizing the importance of safety throughout the 4-H Shooting Sports program as we follow the 3 Rules for Firearms Safety:

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
3. Keep the gun unloaded until ready to fire.

These and other important safety rules will be taught and followed in order to keep the 4-H members' safety as our most important and constant priority. Each of your 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers has been approved as an adult 4-H Volunteer by the Lake County Extension Office on behalf of the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program. Each 4-H Shooting Sports discipline instructor has been certified to lead the discipline they are teaching by completing a training sponsored by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Your 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors recommend that each 4-H member wears hearing protection and safety glasses. These items are also important for activities such as mowing the lawn, using power tools, etc. You may purchase these items in youth sizes at most sporting goods stores and some of the larger department stores (such as Wal Mart and Meijer).

For your convenience, we have included a list of the Lake County 4-H Shooting Sports meeting dates with this letter. Also provided is a list of the 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteers who will be working with each of the disciplines. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering time as an Adult 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer, please encourage them to contact the Lake County Extension Office or the Lake County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator for more information.

Please let us know what additional questions you have about the Lake County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Again, we thank you for your participation!!

Sincerely,
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