

2018 Lake County 4-H Shooting Sports

Basic Information:

- Safety and responsible behaviors are emphasized at all times. Regular attendance, timely arrival, and a good attitude are expected
 - Verification of active 4-H membership and enrollment in the project are required before participants will be allowed to shoot at a meeting. Enroll at <https://in.4honline.com>
 - Equipment is provided via generous support from sponsors (Friends of the NRA and Cabela's). A fee to off-set cost of ammunition and other supplies will be charged for each discipline and is to be paid by March 6th (to the Extension Office or at the meeting). Space is very limited and adjustments may need to be made to the schedule so late sign ups may not get to participate in workshops.
 - No personal fire arms will be allowed to be used for the shooting sports project, all fire arms and ammunition will be supplied through the Lake County 4-H Shooting Sports project. Archery will be determined at a later date.
 - Minimum age for introductory projects, Air Rifle and Archery, is 3rd grade and experience requirements for other disciplines will be evaluated after the pilot year of the project
 - A poster/project for display at the Lake County 4-H Fair is highly recommended for completion of the project.
 - All members are REQUIRED to take a shooting safety class for each discipline they plan to participate in before shooting at our workshops. There are two (2) options to complete this requirement:
 1. Participate in one (1) of the workshops offered by the 4-H Shooting Sports Committee (dates to be determined). Safety will be given as a part of the first year class separate from Hunter's Education for those who do not want to take Hunter's Education. Second year and above disciplines must attend their discipline's safety class before they will be allowed to shoot. Passing a safety test is required before shooting annually.
 2. Participate in the Department of Natural Resources Hunter Education shooting sports safety course (it covers all of our disciplines). It is an excellent program and is free. Visit <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana/103-indiana-hunter-education/agency:25> for class schedules.
- NOTE: Members only need to complete item #1 or #2 listed above to be able to participate in live fire at our 4-H Shooting Sports workshops
- Members may try both disciplines offered.

AIR RIFLE: \$10.00

ARCHERY: \$10.00 TBD

Resources:

- 4-H Manuals: "Safe Use of Guns" and "Basic Archery". Ohio State University Extension
- "Today's Hunter" free with DNR Hunter Education Course
- Our workshops, instructors, books and videos

Internet:

www.4-hshootingsports.org

www.four-h.purdue.edu/shooting_sports

NRA – www.mynra.com

NADA – www.discoverarchery.org

Hunter Ed – www.inhea.com

DNR – www.state.in.us/dnr

County/State Exhibit Requirements:

- Indiana 4-H Shooting Sports Record Sheet is due with exhibit at check-in.

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, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, or shooting sports. You can use a subtitle, if you wish.

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.

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 the 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.
- Handmade items must include information explaining how the project was made and its intended use. Photos are encouraged.

Level 1: Grades 3 through 5 (May have one State Fair entry)

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

Level 2: Grades 6 through 8 (May have one State Fair entry)

Choose **one** of the following options. Exhibits **MUST** meet the size restrictions or be presented in a notebook.

- Poster
- Small project or model no larger than 18 x 18 x 36 inches.
- Notebook, showing how a shooting sports item was made, or project completed.

Level 3: Grades 9 through 12 (May have one State Fair entry)

Choose **one** of the following options.

- Poster
- Project or model (any size)
- Notebook, showing how a shooting sports item was made, or project completed.

Level 3: Independent Study: Grades 9 - 12, (one State Fair entry)

- **Advanced topic** - Learn all you can about an advanced shooting topic and present it on a poster and/or in a notebook. Include a short manuscript, pictures, graphs, and list 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"