

SHOOTING SPORTS

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT:	Brandon Adomatis, 317-506-8867, badomatis@comcast.net Facebook page: Hamilton County 4-H Shooting Sports
EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Sunday, July 14, 4-6 PM
JUDGING:	Monday, July 15, 8:30 AM, Closed Judging
RELEASE:	Tuesday, July 23, 9-11 AM, and 5-7 PM
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	Three (3) entries, and one (1) Independent Study

Project Description:

Goals: To teach the safe use of firearms and bows on the shooting range, in the field and to instill home firearms responsibility. To develop the skills to properly handle and fire various types of firearms and archery gear. To promote self-concept, self-assurance and positive self-image.

The following disciplines shall be offered when a minimum of five (5) 4-H members have enrolled in a specific discipline and a certified instructor is available.

Hunter Education	Pistol
Archery	Rifle
Muzzleloading	Shotgun

Levels:

Grades 3-5

Grades 6-8

Grades 9-12

Project Guidelines:

- Any member, regardless of grade, is strongly encouraged to complete the I.D.N.R. Hunter Education Course from the Hamilton County 4-H Program, and receive their certification. DNR now requires advance registration through their website for Hunters Education classes. This is a change from previous years. Attendance at each of the five (5) classes is required by the I.D.N.R. to receive their certification. Registration will be open from January 1 to February 2 at www.inhea.com
- First year members may take Hunter's Education in addition to one (1) discipline.
- All parents are encouraged to attend the 4-H meetings with their 4-H child and to participate in the activities.
- The commands and instructions of the instructor must be followed immediately, "HORSE PLAY" WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. The instructor has the right to ask any member to leave or to remove any member from the firing line or meeting if the member's actions endanger any 4-H'er or any property or any other persons.
- Each member is strongly encouraged to participate in all of the discipline specified series of meetings before he/she will be allowed on the target range.
- 4-H members may only exhibit one (1) project at the Fair.
- Members are strongly encouraged to participate in all of the classes and take the test the first year they participate in a new discipline. A second year 4-H member taking two (2) disciplines should be able to attend classes for both disciplines or test out of the class in which they have already participated. Tests will be administered at the first listed workshop and the last workshop.
- Bring your completed record sheet to the Shooting Sports workshop for your leader's signature. Only Shooting Sports instructors can sign a child as being completed in this project. (Shooting Sports Record Sheets may be picked up at the Extension Office.)
- A \$5.00 project fee will be assessed per discipline. Range fees will also apply.
- For Pistol Discipline: Participants in grades three to five (3-5) will be in Division 1 pistol, grades six to twelve (6-12) will be in Division 2. Participants in Division 1 will be allowed to participate in only classroom activities, which will include air ranges. Participants in Division 2 will be able to participate in classroom activities and range dates.



Exhibit Requirements:

For the safety of all fairgoers, do not include any of the following in your exhibit:

- * firearm
- * live ammunition
- * usable ammunition
- * bow
- * arrow
- * arrowhead

Projects involving firearms, bows, arrows, ammunition, 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.

IMPORTANT EXHIBIT NOTES:

- No firearms, **or ready to shoot** bows, arrows, or ammunition are allowed. **Unstrung bows are permissible.**
- **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.**
- Projects involving firearms, bows, arrows, or ammunition may be exhibited as a photographic display on a poster or in a notebook following grade level guidelines.
- All posters must be 22" x 28", have a stiff backing, and be displayed horizontally. All posters will follow poster rules (Page 30, #15). Title your exhibit with one (1) 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 original author.
- Posters should not show improper safety.
- Notebooks must include detailed information about how the project was completed with photographs documenting the work. Photographs are encouraged as they help the judges see the progress and the finished product. The notebook must include research, planning, costs, and an explanation of how the final project will be used.
- Display boxes (shadow box) must be 24" x 18", no more than 3" deep, and displayed horizontally.
- Handmade items must include information explaining how the project was made and its intended use.

Grades 3-5

A 22" x 28" poster showing what you learned in the project.

Grades 6-8

Choose one (1) of the following options.

- A 22" x 28" poster showing what you learned in the project.
- Small project or model no larger than 18" x 18" x 36".
- Notebook, showing how a shooting sports item was made, or project completed.

Grades 9-12

Choose one (1) of the following options.

- A 22" x 28" poster showing what you learned in the project.
- Project or model (any size).
- Notebook, showing how a shooting sports item was made, or project completed.

Grades 9-12 Independent Study

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".