



SHOOTING SPORTS



Are You Into It?

The shooting sports project includes many options for youth to learn safe gun handling skills and sound fundamentals of shooting under the guidance of certified 4-H shooting sports volunteer.

- Understand and demonstrate firearms and archery safety
- Learn the fundamentals of shooting and demonstrate your skill
- Develop a personal environment stewardship ethic through participation in shooting, hunting, and related activities
- Practice sportsmanship and ethical behavior in competitive and recreational shooting

Grow In Your Project

Starting Out Beginner

- Learn how to properly handle a gun or bow.
- Identify the basic parts of archery or air rifle equipment.
- Be able to describe the use of shooting sports equipment.
- Be able to follow range commands.

Learning More Intermediate

- Explore the mechanics of shooting
- Participate in local county contest
- Participate in state 4-H event (s)
- Learn about different varieties of equipment

Advancing Horizons Advanced

- Make a piece of traditional shooting sports equipment
- Participate in state 4-H match with a chance to compete at the national contest
- Build awareness of related careers
- Learn gunsmith and improved maintenance

Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are a few ideas on how.

Communication

Make a presentation on importance of safety, mechanics, or education of shooting sports

Citizenship

Clean a public shooting range
Volunteer to help with a local Conservation Day.

Leadership

Lead a group of Clover Kids on a nature walk.
Mentor younger members in the project.



College and Career Connections

For any of these careers, some personal qualities you should work towards having include:

- Good communication skills
- The ability to listen without judgment, share ideas, and help others
- Good writing skills and ability to understand what you read
- Be able to problem solve and think critically
- Be an active listener and learner
- Be organized

Careers

- Conservation agent
- Firearms manufacturer
- Firearms sales

Exhibit Ideas

- Educational poster about the history of firearms
- Firearms and archery safety chart
- Firearm or bow identification chart
- Target holder
- Pellet trap/backstop
- Pellet, BB or cartridge holder
- Power horn and ball bag
- Wind indicator
- Gun cleaning stand/vice
- Ground quiver

Resources

4-H Resources

S.T.E.M Connection for 4-H Shooting Sports Projects

Other Resources

Skill-a-thon: Scoring Paper Targets
Skill-a-thon: Stringing a Bow
National 4-H Shooting Sports
Daisy Shoot Safety
Quail Forever
National Rifle Association Programs
National Shooting Sports Foundation

Record Keeping

Shooting Sports Project Record (Y7405)
4-H Project Record (Y620)
Missouri 4-H Recognition Form
Level 1 - (Y2000)
Level 2 - (Y2100)
Level 3 - (Y2200)