



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT



Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

Are you Into It?

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Participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program!

- Learn about proper firearm safety and marksmanship.
- Participate in the State Shooting Sports Competition.
- Learn about all six disciplines offered through the program including archery, rifle, pistol, shotgun, black powder, and hunter challenge.
- Take part in Shooting Sports Camp.

Communication

- Give a presentation on firearm safety in the home.
- Teach your club how to take apart, clean and reassemble their firearms.

Citizenship

- Participate in the Donate a Deer Program in partnership with Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry.
- Volunteer to assist at a local sportsmen's club

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- Learn how to safely handle a firearm.
- Practice proper marksmanship techniques.
- Identify different firearms and their uses.
- Learn the basics of how to keep your firearm clean.
- Attend Shooting Sports Camp.
- Participate in a county competition.

Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- Receive your Kentucky Hunter Education Card.
- Participate in an additional discipline offered through the program.
- Learn how to take a firearm apart and put it back together.
- Learn about ethical hunting and conservation efforts.
- Participate in the State Shooting Sports Competition.

Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3

- Become a certified Teen Coach through the coaches' certification program.
- Take part in the Donate a Deer program.
- Run for a leadership position in your county program.
- Research career and collegiate opportunities involving shooting sports.
- Help organize and volunteer at a county competition.

Leadership

- Become a certified teen coach in your favorite disciplines.
- Mentor a younger 4-Her on proper gun safety and marksmanship.

4-H is a community of young people who are learning **leadership** **citizenship** and **life skills**.

Learn more at www.kentucky4h.org or contact your county extension office.





Take Shooting Sports Further!

Here are some other opportunities to explore shooting sports:

- Give a 4-H speech or demonstration on a topic related to shooting sports.
- Enter an exhibit in county and state fair.
- Participate in a county hosted competition.
- Take part in the State Shooting Sports Competition.
- Become a Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador.
- Strive to participate on the National Shooting Sports Team who compete at the National Competition annually in Nebraska.
- Attend a University of Kentucky Rifle Team or Shotgun Team competition.
- Participate in a youth program put on by the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife.
- Job shadow or interview a gun smith, conservation officer, sportsmen's club manager, collegiate, amateur or professional competitor in a shooting sports discipline.
- Tour a firearm manufacturing facility.
- Attend a historical reenactment to learn the history of firearms in Kentucky.

For additional information visit the 4-H Shooting Sports website at:

<https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/shooting-sports>

Exhibit Ideas

- Create a poster showing the parts of all the different firearms used in your shooting sports club.
- Prepare an exhibit showcasing the history of your region, including the firearms used throughout specific time periods.
- Develop a display showcasing the role ethical hunting plays in the conservation of Kentucky's wildlife and natural resources.
- Create an interactive display to present to younger 4-H'ers on how physics plays a critical role in each shooting sports discipline.
- Compare the range and shot patterns from different firearms and explain how this plays a role in marksmanship and accuracy.

Resources

4-H Resources	Other Resources	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National 4-H Shooting Sports website • Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports Education Program Rules • Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports County Club Best Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife • Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record scores from practices, both with your club and individually, to track progress throughout the year. • Keep track of when you clean and service your equipment used in practice and competition.

