Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports

Interested in Shooting, Hunting, Safety, Kids?  
Read On…

We Believe

Human growth and development is the primary goal of the 4-H shooting sports program.

Shooting sports are an outstanding way to provide human growth and development opportunities.

Introducing safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment opens valuable vocational and lifelong recreational education.

Program Goals

1. To encourage understanding of natural resource concepts through participant’s interest in shooting and hunting.
2. To enhance development of participant’s self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities.
3. To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, including sound decision-making, self-discipline and concentration.
4. To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
5. To expose participants to the broad array of vocations and lifelong vocational activities related to shooting sports.
6. To strengthen families through life-long recreational activities.
7. To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety and hunter education programs.

Why Shooting Sports?

About two-thirds of the homes in the U.S. have firearms. Exposure to safe and responsible handling is vital to preventing accidents at home or next door.

Shooting is the second most popular international sport behind track and field. It is nearly unique in being a lifetime sport.

Shooting sports attract new audiences to 4-H and create adult/youth bonds.

Shooting Sports Include

- Archery
- Blackpowder
- Hunting and Wildlife
- Air Pistol
- Air Rifle
- Shotgun
- And much more!

Each discipline teaches safety, concentration, self-discipline, self-confidence, goal-setting, decision-making and courtesy as the young people learn basic skills and build toward more advanced activities. Both competitive and cooperative skills are included. Participants are exposed to local policies, regulations, laws, and ethical behavior through repeat demonstrations and personal practice.

Participants Gain:
Lifetime sports
Useful knowledge and skills
Leadership skills
Safe habits
Self-discipline and self-esteem
Respect
Personal responsibility
Confidence and concentration
Poise

Opportunity to set goals
Opportunity to achieve goals
Sportsmanship
Reasoning skills
Ethical standards
Friendship
Opportunities to compete in matches
Exposure to careers
Opportunities to earn awards

A Shooting Sports Leader Is…

Interested in youth and their development
Interested in some phase of shooting
Willing to learn how to teach effectively
Willing to be helpful, open and supportive
Interested in challenges with rewards
Enthusiastic, positive and energetic
Honest, self-disciplined and kind

Shooting ability is not essential, but a willingness to learn coaching skills is required. Training is available for interested people. Program materials provide excellent support to certified leaders and to those who assist them with the program.

Leader Responsibilities

Learn and practice higher standards of safety.
Learn and practice cooperative coaching techniques.
Learn and practice 4-H teaching techniques.
Invest your time, energy and spirit.
Focus on helping youth develop and learn.
Be a strong, positive role model.

For More Information

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