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**EXTENSION**

## Shooting Sports

Project units are designed for members 8-18 years old.

### Archery

#### Inspiring youth to:

- Learn care for and safety of archery equipment (recurve and compound)
- Demonstrate safety through practice, talks, demonstrations and exhibits
- Demonstrate skills in archery through local, district, and state events
- Explore other project areas in relation to archery

### Air Rifle & Air Pistol

#### Inspiring youth to:

- Learn care for and safety of air rifle and air pistol equipment
- Demonstrate safety through practice, talks, demonstrations and exhibits
- Demonstrate skills in air rifle and air pistol through local, district, and state events
- Explore other project areas in relation to air rifle and air pistol

### Outdoor Skills & Western Heritage

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### .22 Rifle & .22 Pistol

#### Inspiring youth to:

- Learn care for and safety of .22 rifle & .22 pistol equipment
- Demonstrate safety through practice, talks, demonstrations and exhibits
- Demonstrate skills in .22 rifle & .22 pistol through local, district, and state events
- Explore other project areas in relation to .22 rifle & .22 pistol

### Shotgun & Muzzleloading

#### Inspiring youth to:

- Learn care for and safety of shotgun and muzzleloading equipment
- Demonstrate safety through practice, talks, demonstrations and exhibits
- Demonstrate skills in shotgun and muzzleloading through local, district, and state events
- Explore related projects

# Shooting Sports: Outdoor Skills & Western Heritage

## Outdoor Skills:

Investigate topics such as:

- The history, ethics, laws, and careers around hunting
- Types of hunting and outdoor equipment
- Preparing/planning for hunting including firearm safety and outdoor survival skills
- Hunting skills and techniques such as tracking game, field care and processing of game
- Characteristics of popular game species



## Western Heritage:

**PREREQUISITE:** One year in a Rifle, Shotgun or Pistol project.

- Instill the practices of firearm safety, personal responsibility, and marksmanship along with an appreciation for American history.
- Learn in a participatory living history style through the use of historically accurate firearms, clothing, and accessories representative of the years 1860-1900.
- Optional: Create an "alias," or name/costume representative of a character in the Old West.

In order to participate in the 4-H Western Heritage Project, 4-H members must be:

1. Nine (9) years of age by December 31st of the current 4-H year - Only small bore rifle and shotgun use allowed.
2. Eleven (11) years of age by December 31st of the current 4-H year - Long Gun and Sidearm (.22 Rimfire rifle, .22 Rimfire pistol, and shotgun use allowed).
3. Have written permission from a parent or legal guardian to participate in this project in compliance with the Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Youth Handgun Safety Act of 1994.

## Resources:



- Visit the national 4-H Western Heritage website at <http://www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org/>
- See the Outdoor Skills manual at <https://wildlife.tamu.edu/files/2010/04/Member-Maual-4-H-Hunting-Wildlfe-and-Outdoor-Draft-2010.pdf>

# Shooting Sports

## Exhibit Types:

The exhibit can be a display board, stand-alone, or decorative item.

**Display Board Exhibits:** One display board illustrating something learned in the project this year. The display board size of 4 ft. x 3 ft. is to be used with all 4-H projects. Only two-dimensional items should be attached. The board should fold flat for transport.

**Stand-Alone Exhibits:** One article which you made as a part of the project this year. (Examples: gun stocks, decoys, quivers, but not limited to just these.)

**Decorative Exhibit Items:** One article which you made as a part of the project this year. This item would be considered a decorative item (lamps, shelves, jewelry, artwork, etc.)

Stand alone and decorative items will be a maximum size of 3 feet wide, 3 feet deep and 7 feet in height as the item is intended for display. Follow unit requirements and rules in the State Fair Exhibit Requirements.

## Tips:

- The discipline that you select is the exhibit class that you will exhibit in.
- No live ammo or projectiles including arrows (with or without field points, broadheads), knives, functional or nonfunctional firearms or bows will be allowed to be displayed.
- Do not use the word weapon when creating your display.
- Make sure there are no safety violations in your display (Examples of violations: no earplugs or no safety glasses on a photo of a youth firing his/her firearm.)



## Resources:

- Exhibit & Judging Requirements
- Record Books
- Manual Information

Located at: [Colorado4h.org](http://Colorado4h.org)



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# Shooting Sports Industry Careers



## Legal Activities

Businesses need support for their day-to-day activities to function and to be able to transition



## Communications

Convey important product or service information and promote the industry



## Wildlife Game Officer

Work with the public to ensure safety, conservation, and compliance



## Engineer

Create new and exciting products to improve technology for safety and consumer satisfaction



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## Degrees/Certifications:

Gunsmithing  
Wildlife Conservation Program  
Education  
Marketing  
Legal  
Communications  
Finance  
Criminal Justice



## Professional Guide

Spend time helping others enjoy the outdoors



## Law Enforcement/ Security/ Military

Provide safety, service, and education



## History

Provide education to the public about historical events and equipment relating to the shooting industry



## Competition

Join club, collegiate, or professional groups to participate in more shooting sports opportunities