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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

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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.

*In order to participate in the Pistol project. Members must have completed at least one project year of 4-H Shooting Sports that includes live fire range experience with a firearm or air gun.

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-Manual-4-H-Hunting-Wildlife-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





Beyond
Ready

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



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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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