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

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- **Starting Out**
  - 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**
  - 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**
  - 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.

Learn more at 4h.missouri.edu or contact your county Extension Office.
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

Resources

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

4-H Resources

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

Other Resources

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

Record Keeping

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