



The 4-H Shooting Sports Program enables youth to become responsible, self-directed, and productive members of society. The objectives of the program are:

- Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior.
- Teach safe and responsible use of firearms & archery as well as sound decision making, self-discipline and concentration.
- Learn new skills from certified volunteer leaders in the discipline they instruct.

Starting Out Beginner

Shooting Sports:

- Learning Safety and Range Commands on the Range.
- Keep a shooting diary with notes and observations.
- Identify different types of safety gear and equipment and learn how to use them.
- Demonstrate how to safely handle a firearm.
- Participate in live fire exercises with fundamentals of firearm safety.

Learning More Intermediate

- Give a presentation on some technical aspect of 4-H Shooting Sports.
- Set specific goals related to 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines and develop a plan to accomplish these goals.
- Learn new skills while kayaking or while fishing at a club sponsored event.

Exploring Depth Advanced

- Develop your own special 4-H Shooting Sports Discipline event. Create a plan, chart progress, analyze successes and or problems and report the results.
- Arrange a field trip for your project members to a location that has significance to firearms and archery equipment.
- Demonstrate proficiency in correct shooting.

4-H Thrive

Positive Youth Development

Developing Competence

Adults create environments where youth can develop competence in their chosen project area.

Building Confidence

Youth build confidence as they learn to think for themselves, build mastery, and are recognized for their efforts.

Nurturing Caring

Adults nurture a caring environment where mutual trust between youth and adults is established. Caring relationships with adults are key to resilient youth.

Finding Connection

Youth build solid connections which are critical to their well-being.

Forming Character

Create a community where youth play an active role in developing their character.

Determining Contribution

Youth actively contribute to their clubs and communities.

Mississippi State University is an equal opportunity institution.

Expand your experiences!

4-H Shooting Sports, 4-H Kayaking, 4-H Sportfishing

4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP)

Wildlife Photography, Wildlife Art

Wildlife Management Conservation

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics:

Measure and record differences in accuracy when utilizing different types of firearms and archery ammo and arrows.

Healthy Living: Explain at least three methods for securing a firearm and making it safe from unauthorized users. Research hearing loss and the importance of using ear protection while target shooting.

Citizenship: Plan and implement a community service activity related to the Shooting Sports Project. Work with a local agency to promote and or provide safety locks for firearms.

Leadership: Become a role model for others by taking a position of 4-H State Ambassador. Mentor young members in setting shooting specific goals and developing a plan on how to achieve them.

Resources

1. 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program Manual (P3745). Mississippi State University Extension Service, MS.
2. 4-H Shooting Sports Event Handbook (P2752). Mississippi State University Extension Service, MS.
3. 4-H State Championships for Senior 4-Hers only (P2751). Mississippi State University Extension Service, MS. Mississippi
4. 4-H Sportfishing (P3859). Mississippi State University Extension Service, MS.
5. National 4-H Shooting Sports www.4-hshootingsports.org
6. Mississippi 4-H Shooting Sports <http://extension.msstate.edu/4-h/4-h-safety/programs/4-hshooting-sports/>
7. Civilian Marksmanship Program <http://thecmp.org/>
8. National Shooting Sports Foundation <https://www.nssf.org/>

Connections & Events

For Juniors

- County & District 4-H Shooting Sports Competitions
- 4-H Outdoor Camps

For Seniors

- County, District & State 4-H Shooting Sports Competitions
- 4-H Quiz Bowl @ Club Congress
- 4-H Outdoor Camps (E.A.R.T.H Camp, Explore Camp)

Curriculum

4-H Shooting Sports Event Handbook (P2752)

4-H State Championships Rulebook (P2751) Seniors only.

Mississippi 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program Manual (P3745).

4-H Record Book

The 4-H Record Book is an opportunity for youth to reflect on their project and to record information about their activities and lessons learned throughout the year.

Youth who participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports program may submit record books under Other Projects/Safety.