

4-H Shooting Sports Handbook 2025



Discipline Instructors

Archery:

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Beginners

Tammy Wise	574-527-2208
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Muzzleloading:

Doug Wise	574-527-2221
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Pistol:

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Eli Wise	574-253-2852
Aric Goshert	574-253-1923

Rifle:

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Shotgun:

Cody Demske	574-328-2022
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Discipline Annual Fees

Archery - \$15	Pistol—\$25
Beginners - FREE	Rifle—\$25
Shotgun—\$25	Muzzleloading - \$25

- Discipline leaders will collect fees at the first meeting for that discipline. Checks should be made payable to “Kosciusko County 4-H Shooting Sports.”
- Three (3) fee max per family.

Requirements for Completion

State Fair Entries

- 3 per county; one per level

Important Notes:

First time participants must take the beginner class unless they have a Hunters Education Card. The beginner class consists of 2 meetings per discipline with safety instruction. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Those youth with a valid Indiana Hunter Education card may participate at another level provided they show basic proficiency in their discipline at a special test session prior to the beginning of the active program for that year.

Exhibit Guidelines:

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed.

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

Live ammunition is not allowed to be exhibited (no powder or primer). Firearms or ready to shoot bows are not allowed to be exhibited. Unstrung bows are permissible.

An arrow with its arrowhead attached must be displayed in a secure case. An arrowhead without the arrow attached must be displayed in a secure case. An arrow may be displayed unsecured if its arrowhead is removed. Modern broadhead arrows are not allowed to be exhibited.

Displays involving firearms or bows may be exhibited as a photographic display on a poster or in a notebook following grade level guidelines. Handmade items must include information explaining how the item was made and its intended use. Photos are encouraged.

Some county 4-H programs offer in-person shooting instruction, depending on facilities. Disciplines include archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader and pistol. In-person instruction in any of these disciplines must be led by a 4-H certified instructor. While some counties provide an option to exhibit at the county level, there is no state fair exhibit in these specific disciplines. Contact your county 4-H educator to learn about discipline opportunities in your county.

Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

Beginner Grades 3-5

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about a shooting sports topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.

Intermediate Grades 6-8

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about a shooting sports topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Another option is to create an item to be used when developing shooting sports skills.

General Project Rules:

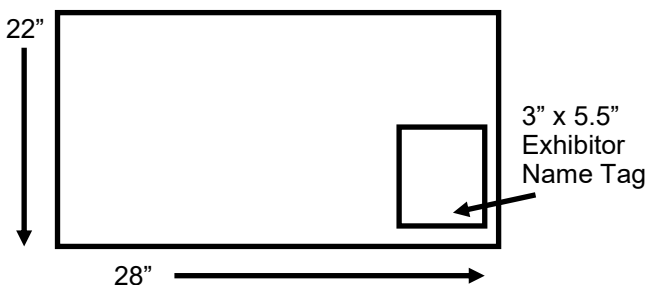
- All general projects exhibits will be judged in advance of the Kosciusko County Community Fair. Each 4-H member should try to be present when his/her exhibit is judged.
- All exhibits will be required to be in place at the time designated. Exhibits will be lowered one placing if not in place when the project judging begins. Participation ribbons shall be awarded when projects are entered for judging after the project judge has left the judging site.
- All entries must have been made following the 2018 fair or not exhibited before.
- General project check-out will be on Sunday, July 13 from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM and on Monday, July 14 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Exhibits may not be taken prior to release except through special written permission from the 4-H Extension Educator.
- All posters, notebooks, and display boards **must** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed. If a reference listing is not with a project when it is checked in, it will not be eligible for Grand Champion or State Fair Exhibit.
- For personal safety concerns, notebooks exhibited should only contain name, county, grade, level and club, and no personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone number.
- Contact the Extension Office for additional resources and activities that are available for many projects. Indiana 4-H Project Manuals are not required to be completed however may be an informative resource for many projects and may be purchased at the Extension Office.

- Additional resources and videos may also be available for some projects at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-shooting-sports.html>

Additional Poster Exhibit Requirements:

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a lower exhibit grade.

- *Poster board* – All posters must be 22" x 28" unless otherwise specified. Posters do not have to be white.
- *Labels* – 3 x 5.5" labels for posters will be supplied **by the 4-H office** at project check-in to identify 4-H member, project, and level. This label will be attached to ***the lower right hand corner of the poster***. Please adjust your display accordingly.
- *Stiff backing* – Any material that will keep the poster from bending forward will work. Some examples are: foam core board, very stiff cardboard, plywood (this can make a poster very heavy); and Masonite (1/8" thick found to work well and could be used year after year.) If you can find foam core board in the correct size it can take the place of poster and backing.
- *Plastic covering* – Clear heavy plastic sleeves are available from the Extension Office for \$.25 each. Do not use kitchen wrap.
- Citations are required for all posters as stated above.
- All poster projects must have the 4-H member's name and club printed on the back of the poster. Your poster should be oriented horizontally, like a dollar bill (see below).



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**for all their
support!**

Archery

April 7 & 21

6:00 - 8:00pm; Jeff Hoover's House

May 5 & 19

6:00 - 8:00pm; Jeff Hoover's House

June 2 & 16

6:00 - 8:00pm; Jeff Hoover's House

Beginner Shooting Sports

4-H members NEW to Shooting Sports must attend all 3 Beginner classes in February to be eligible to participate in the Shooting Sports Project.

February 11, 18, 25

6:30 - 8:30pm; Extension Office

March 11 & 25

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

April 1 & 15

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

April 14 & 28

6:30 - 8:30pm; Jeff Hoover's House

May 8 & 22

6:30 - 8:30pm; KOSKO

May 13 & 27

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

Muzzleloader

April 8 & 22

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

May 13 & 27

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

June 10 & 24

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club



Pistol

March 4 & 18

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

April 1 & 15

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

May 6 & 20

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

June 3 & 17

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

Rifle

March 11 & 25

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

April 8 & 22

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

May 13 & 27

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

June 10 & 24

6:30 - 8:30pm; Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club

Shotgun

March 13 & 27

6:30 - 8:30pm; KOSKO

April 10 & 24

6:30 - 8:30pm; KOSKO

May 8 & 22

6:30 - 8:30pm; KOSKO

June 12 & 26

6:30 - 8:30pm; KOSKO

Meeting Locations

- WRP (Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club) 2141 N. 150 W., Warsaw, IN
- KOSKO 2391 N. Fox Farm Rd., Warsaw, IN
- Jeff Hoover's House 2730 S. 550 W. Warsaw, IN

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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



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