

RIFLE AND PISTOL (SHOOTING SPORTS)

The 4-H shooting sports project teaches safe operation of firearms equipment. In addition to your exhibit, certified 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers will work with you to improve your knowledge and skills.

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State Fair Entries: *One shooting sports entry from each Level 1 – 3 and one from Independent Study. State Fair Selections will be made from all shooting sports projects in Parke County.*

RULES

1. All 4-H Rifle and Pistol members will exhibit a project specific to their division.
2. The 4-H project entails a firearms safety program, supervised shoots and a project exhibit at the fair. To shoot, all members must complete the necessary safety requirements prior to shooting. However, 4-H'ers who sign up for the project are not required to shoot at the range to exhibit a project at the Fair.
3. If for some reason you are unable to attend the required safety meetings, it is the 4-H'ers responsibility to contact the leaders to see if other arrangements can be accommodated.
4. 4-H Rifle and Pistol members are required to complete their record sheet and turn it in at project entry.
5. Approximately ten programs will be held for the 4-H Rifle and Pistol disciplines. Four safety programs and six shoots.
6. The Indiana DNR Hunter Education program is not required for 4-H Shooting Sports programs.
7. 4-H'ers members are recommended to attend all of their discipline meetings/shooting matches/club meetings offered.
8. Additional details and project guidelines are available in the 4-H Shooting Sports Project materials at the Extension Office.

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.

EXHIBIT

Create an exhibit that shows the public what you learned in shooting sports education this year. Exhibits must be displayed horizontally, sized 22" x 28", mounted on a firm backing (foam-core board or other), and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Be sure to include a label with your name, grade, and county. Title your exhibit with one of the following: outdoor skills, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, or shooting sports. You can use a subtitle, if you wish.

Important Notes:

- Firearms are not allowed to be exhibited.
- Live ammunition is not allowed to be exhibited (no power or primer)
- Displays involving firearms 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 project was made and its intended use. Photos are encouraged.

Level 1: Grades 5 (Must be 12 years old by January 1st of the current school year)

One State Fair entry

Exhibit

- Display a poster showing what was learned in the 4-H Shooting Sports project.

Level 2: Grades 6-8

One State Fair entry

Exhibits **MUST** meet the size restrictions or be presented in a notebook. Choose one of the following options:

- Poster
- Small project or model no larger than 18 x 18 x 36 inches, and notebook, showing how a shooting sports item is made, or project completed. Photos are encouraged.

Level 3: Grades 9-12

One State Fair entry

Exhibit

Choose one of the following options:

- Poster
- Project or model (any size) and notebook, showing how a shooting sports item is made, or project completed. Photos are encouraged.

Level: Independent Study: Grades 9 – 12

One State Fair entry

Exhibit

- **Advanced topic** - Learn all you can about an advanced shooting sports topic and present it on a poster. Include a short manuscript, pictures, graphs, and list of the works cited to describe what you did and what you learned. Title your poster, "Advanced Shooting Sports – Independent Study."
- **Mentoring** - exhibit a poster that shows how you mentored a younger 4-H member. Include your planning, the time you spent, the challenges and advantages of mentoring, and how the experience might be useful in your life. Photographs and other documentation are encouraged. Title your poster, "Advanced Shooting Sports -Mentor."