SECTION 23: PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Shooting Sports: Certified Shooting Sports Advisor NOT Required

SAFE USE OF GUNS

Guidelines: Beginner Level. This project introduces general safety practices, safe gun handling, and the basics of firearms and equipment through eleven activities. Shooting a firearm is not a requirement in this project; therefore, this project does not have to be completed under the direction of a Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. Complete Project Guidelines listed in the Member's Project Guide. Intended as a one year project only.

Judging Requirements: Bring the completed project book and a display representing the learning experiences of the project.

Fair Exhibit: Display representing the learning experience of the project.

BASIC ARCHERY

Guidelines: Aim your energy toward a sport that develops knowledge and skills in basic archery safety. This is a beginner level project for members who have an adult in the home or neighborhood who can supervise their shooting. Complete requirements on page 5 of project book.

Judging Requirements: Bring to judging the completed project book requirements according to Guidelines on page 5 of the project book. Intended as a one year project only.

Fair Exhibit: Display representing the learning experience of the project.

Shooting Sports: Certified Shooting Sports Advisor Required in Club

This is a leader-directed program to be taught by certified 4-H volunteers only. If you would like to participate in the following projects, you MUST join a 4-H Club with a Shooting Sports certified 4-H Advisor IN THAT DISCIPLINE. In Fulton County, Hoppin' n' Trottin' and Goats and “Udder” Things 4-H Clubs have the most disciplines available. There are several other clubs that offer one or two disciplines. Ask your head advisor if an Advisor is certified in your club in your discipline of interest. Information about these advisors is available at the Extension Office as well.

Shooting sports 4-H clubs teach young people the safe and responsible use of archery equipment, including crossbow, the fundamentals of firing air rifles, .22 caliber and black powder rifles, air pistols and shotguns, and the basic principles of hunting and living history. It is recommended that a member take a rifle, pistol, or shotgun project before taking a muzzleloader project. It is also recommended that a member take the archery project before taking the crossbow project.

750 RIFLE MEMBER RECORD BOOK (Revised in 2020)
751 ARCHERY MEMBER RECORD BOOK (Revised in 2020)
752 SHOTGUN MEMBER RECORD BOOK
753 PISTOL MEMBER RECORD BOOK (Revised in 2020)
754 HUNTING AND WILDLIFE RECORD BOOK
755 MUZZLELOADER MEMBER RECORD BOOK
756 LIVING HISTORY
757 CROSSBOW
758 WESTERN HERITAGE: Firearms, Gunleather, and Attire of the Frontier West 1860-1900 (NEW in 2020)

If a shooting sports project book was revised in 2020, use remaining older books in stock. It is okay to use an older book for 2020 Ohio State Fair judging. Required to use the revised project book in 2021.

Guidelines: These projects encourage participation in natural resource management and related natural science programs through shooting, hunting and related activities, shooting sports enhance the development of self-concept, character, and personal growth through safety, educational, and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities. The entire project book is to be completed each year. Set your learning goals and take part in at least two learning experiences, two citizenship/leadership activities and keep records of your shooting practices and project activities on the record-keeping pages. Complete a project evaluation at the county interview judging for state fair eligibility or complete a project evaluation with a club adviser. Participate in at least five supervised practice sessions for all projects except #756, #757, and #754.

Shooting is optional for the Living History, Western Heritage, or the Hunting and Wildlife projects. The Living History and Western Heritage projects allow youth to choose a character from history to study and bring to life.

Judging Requirements: Bring completed book and a display representing the learning experience of the project to judging. DO NOT BRING FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, CLIPS, ARROWS, ETC. TO JUDGING.

Fair Exhibit: Completed book and display representing the learning experience of the project.