SHOOTING SPORTS

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT:	Brandon Adomatis, 317-506-8867, badomatis@comcast.net
EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Sunday, July 12, 4-6 PM
JUDGING:	Monday, July 13, 8:30 AM, Closed Judging
RELEASE:	Tuesday, July 21, 8-10 AM and 4-6 PM
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	Three (3) entries, one (1) per level

Project Description:
Goals: To teach the safe use of firearms and bows on the shooting range, in the field, and to instill home firearms responsibility. To develop the skills to properly handle and fire various types of firearms and archery gear. To teach outdoor skills that will bring better awareness of the outdoors and related activities. To promote self-discipline, self-assurance, and positive self-image.

The following disciplines shall be offered when a minimum of five (5) 4-H members have enrolled in a specific discipline and a certified instructor is available.

Hunter Education	Pistol
Archery	Rifle
Muzzleloading	Shotgun
Outdoor Skills	

Levels:
Beginner (grades 3-5 suggested)
Intermediate (grades 6-8 suggested)
Advanced (grades 9-12 suggested)

Project Guidelines:

- Any member, regardless of grade, is strongly encouraged to complete the I.D.N.R. Hunter Education Course from the Hamilton County 4-H Program and receive their certification. Attendance at each of the five (5) classes is required by the I.D.N.R. to receive their certification. Registration will be open 30 days prior to the class start at www.inhea.com with the invitation sent through 4-H email.
- First year members may take Hunter's Education in addition to one (1) shooting discipline and outdoor skills.
- All parents are encouraged to attend the 4-H meetings with their 4-H child and to participate in the activities.
- The commands and instructions of the instructor must be followed immediately, "HORSE PLAY" WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. The instructor has the right to ask any member to leave or to remove any member from the firing line or meeting if the member's actions endanger any 4-H'er or any property or any other persons.
- Each member is strongly encouraged to participate in all of the discipline specified series of meetings before he/she will be allowed on the target range.
- 4-H members may only exhibit one (1) project at the Fair.
- Members are strongly encouraged to participate in all of the classes and take the test the first year they participate in a new discipline. A second year 4-H member taking two (2) disciplines should be able to attend classes for both disciplines or test out of the class in which they have already participated.
- Bring your completed record sheet to the Shooting Sports workshop for your leader's signature. Only Shooting Sports instructors can sign a child as being completed in this project. (Shooting Sports Record Sheets may be picked up at the Extension Office.)
- A $15.00 project fee will be assessed per discipline up to two (2) disciplines due before your test may be taken. If you are in more than two (2) disciplines, the additional project fees are waived. The project fee is due by the second class. If the project fees are not paid, the range will not be available to those individuals. Scholarships are available for those who cannot cover this fee. See Brandon Adomatis for this information.
- For Pistol Discipline: Participants in grades three to five (3-5) will be in Division 1 pistol, grades six to twelve (6-12) will be in Division 2. Participants in Division 1 will be allowed to participate in only classroom activities, which will include air ranges. Participants in Division 2 will be able to participate in classroom activities and range dates.
- An additional $9.00 per 25 clays will be assessed for shotgun range fees at the range.

Exhibit Guidelines:

For the safety of all fairgoers, do not include any of the following in your exhibit:

* firearm
* live ammunition
* usable ammunition
* bow
* arrow with nock
* arrowhead

Projects involving firearms, bows, arrows, ammunition, 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.

IMPORTANT EXHIBIT NOTES:

- 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.
- Posters are to be 22”x28” and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. The poster must be mounted on a firm backing to add stiffness to the exhibit, for example: a foam core board. 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. All posters will follow poster rules (page 30, #14).
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member’s original work.
- All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to original author.
- Posters should not show improper safety. Eye and ear protection must be worn in pictures on posters.
- Notebooks must include detailed information about how the project was completed with photographs documenting the work. Photographs are encouraged as they help the judges see the progress and the finished product. The notebook must include research, planning, costs, and an explanation of how the final project will be used.
- Display boxes (shadow box) must be 24” x 18”, no more than 3” deep, and displayed horizontally.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Beginner (grades 3-5 suggested)
Create an educational poster, notebook or display about a shooting sports topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.

Intermediate (grades 6-8 suggested)
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.

Advanced (grades 9-12 suggested)
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. Youth can also design and complete an independent study activity.