

A 4-H Shooting Sports Education Volunteer Is . . .

- Interested in youth and their development
- Interested in some phase of shooting
- Willing to learn how to effectively teach shooting to youth
- Willing to be helpful, open, and supportive
- Interested in challenges with rewards
- Enthusiastic, positive, and energetic
- Honest, self-disciplined, and kind

Shooting ability is not essential, but a willingness to learn coaching skills and work with your county shooting sports coordinator is required.

Note: Training is required for volunteer shooting sports instructors.

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Learn, practice, and teach the highest standards of safety
- Learn and practice cooperative coaching techniques
- Learn and practice 4-H teaching techniques
- Invest your time, energy, and commitment
- Focus on helping youth develop and learn
- Be a strong, positive role model

For More Information

Contact the Purdue University Cooperative Extension office in your county



4-H Shooting Sports Education



Interested in kids, shooting, hunting, and safety?

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Objectives

- Personal growth and development is the primary objective of the shooting sports education program.
- Shooting sports provides an outstanding way of providing growth and development for youth.
- Introduction to the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment is important for all youth.

4-H Shooting Sports Disciplines

- Archery
- Muzzleloading
- Shotgun
- Hunting and Wildlife
- Rifle
- Pistol

Each discipline teaches safety, concentration, self-discipline, self-confidence, goal-setting, decision-making, and courtesy. Youth learn basic skills and build toward more advanced activities. Both competitive and cooperative activities are included. Participants are exposed to local policies, regulations, laws, and ethical behavior both by repeated demonstration and through personal practice.

Why Shooting Education?

Exposure to **safe and responsible handling** of firearms and archery equipment is vital to preventing accidents. Shooting together offers youth, parents, and grandparents a lifelong activity to share.

Program Goals

- **To teach** safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision-making, self-discipline, and concentration.
- **To enhance** development of a youth's self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational, and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities.
- **To promote** the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior.
- **To strengthen** families through shared recreational activities.
- **To encourage** an understanding of natural resource concepts through 4-Hers interest in shooting and hunting.
- **To expose** 4-Hers to the broad array of vocations and lifelong hobbies related to shooting sports.
- **To complement** and enhance the impact of existing safety and hunter education programs.

Participants Gain

- Reasoning skills
- Decision-making skills
- Friendship
- Self-discipline & self-esteem
- Lifetime sport
- Useful knowledge & skills
- Safe shooting habits
- Respect
- Personal responsibility
- Confidence & concentration
- Poise
- Opportunities to set goals
- Opportunity to achieve goals
- Sportsmanship
- Ethical standards
- Opportunities to compete in matches
- Exposure to shooting-related careers
- Opportunities to earn awards
- Leadership skills



Contact your county Extension educator
for more information about the program
or about becoming a certified county instructor.

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