

SHOOTING SPORTS EDUCATION-County & State Fair Project

State Fair exhibits may total 4 – one for each level (including Independent Study).

A completed record sheet signed by your 4-H leader **must** be presented, along with your exhibit, at project check-in at the fair.

This project is divided into three levels according to the following breakdown:

Level 1	Grades 3, 4, and 5
Level 2	Grades 6, 7, & 8
Level 3 or Independent Study	Grades 9 and Above

General Rules

1. It's highly recommended that any member, regardless of grade or age, in his or her first year of Shooting Sports complete the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Hunter Education Course.
2. Parents are encouraged to attend the training and shooting meetings with their child. Parents are also encouraged to take the safety course with their child.
3. A notebook is required as part of all Shooting Sports exhibits. Cover of notebook should be neat and attractive.
4. Attach a small label to the lower right hand corner of the notebook front, containing the following information: Name, Age/Grade, Club, Project and Level.
5. Forms provided in the manual (or your own records) are to be included in the notebook, **with the exception of firearms inventory records.**
6. Activities from past years may be kept in the notebook, but keep information for the current year at the front. Separate and label the project information for each year to make it easier to judge.
7. Any member taking the Hunter Safety Class must include in the notebook his or her IDNR Hunter Education Manual, and completion certificate or copy of billfold certificate.
8. All Shooting Sports members must sign an activities release form to participate in Shooting Sports activities.

Exhibit Rules:

1. Create an exhibit that shows the public what you learned in Shooting Sports Education this year.
2. Posters must be 22" x 28", displayed horizontally, must have a firm backing (foam-core board or other) and be covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Place a small label in the lower right-hand corner with the following information: Name, Age/Grade, Club, Project and Level.
3. Title your exhibit with one of the following: archery, outdoor skills, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, or shooting sports. You can use a subtitle, if you wish.
4. These safety rules must be followed for the safety of fairgoers:
 - Firearms or ready to shoot bows are not allowed to be exhibited. Unstrung bows are permissible.
 - Live ammunition is not allowed to be exhibited (no power or primer).
 - An arrow with its arrowhead 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.
5. Displays involving firearms or bows may be exhibited as a photographic display on a poster or in a notebook following grade level guidelines.
6. Handmade items must include information explaining how the project was made and its intended use. Photos are encouraged.
7. No unsafe acts may be shown on Shooting Sports posters.
8. See "How To Prepare a Poster Project" in this handbook for more poster helps.
9. All posters, notebooks, and display boards 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 or a lack thereof.

Exhibit Requirements

Level 1: Grades 3 through 5

Exhibit your notebook, containing the following:

1. Applicable forms from Shooting Sports Manual (or your own records).
2. Your first and last targets or scores in each discipline you tried.
3. Field notes or record sheets from at least one shoot, field trip, or wildlife observation.
4. Your completed Indiana Department of Natural Resources Hunter Education Manual and IDNR completion certificate (if you have taken the class this year). **AND**

An educational poster showing something you learned in the Shooting Sports Project.

Suggested topics might be:

- a. Shooting Safety
- b. Wildlife management or natural history
- c. Proper shooting technique in discipline

Level 2: Grades 6, 7, & 8

Exhibit your notebook, containing the following:

1. Applicable forms from Shooting Sports manual (or your own records).
2. Your first and last targets or scores in each discipline you tried, or records of hunting or wildlife observation activities.
3. Field notes or record sheets from at least 2 shoots, field trips, hunts, or wildlife observation experiences.
4. IDNR Hunter Education Manual and completion certificate (if Hunter Safety class is taken this year).

And choose one of the following options: (Exhibits **must** meet the size restrictions or be presented in a notebook.)

1. An educational poster showing something you learned in the Shooting Sports project.

Suggested topics might be:

- a) Shooting or hunter safety
- b) Wildlife management or natural history
- c) Instruction in proper shooting technique
- d) Instruction in a particular type of hunting or wildlife observation
- e) Motivation toward community action on conservation issues
- f) Career opportunities related to shooting sports and wildlife

2. Small project or model no larger than 18 x 18 x 36 inches.

3. Notebook showing how a shooting sports item was made or project completed



Level 3: Grades 9-12

Exhibit your notebook, containing the following:

1. Applicable forms from Shooting Sports manual (or your own records).
2. Your first and last targets or scores in each discipline you tried, or records of hunting or wildlife observation activities.
3. Field notes or record sheets from at least 5 shoots, field trips, hunts, or wildlife observation experiences.
4. IDNR Hunter Education Manual and completion certificate (if Hunter Safety class is taken this year).

And choose one of the following options:

1. An educational poster showing something you learned in the Shooting Sports project.
2. Project or model (any size) and explanation of costs and procedures.
3. Notebook showing how a shooting sports item was made or project completed.

Independent Study: Grades 9-12

Exhibit your notebook, containing the following:

1. Applicable forms from Shooting Sports manual (or your own records).
2. Your first and last targets or scores in each discipline you tried, or records of hunting or wildlife

observation activities.

3. Field notes or record sheets from at least 5 shoots, field trips, hunts, or wildlife observation experiences.

4. IDNR Hunter Education Manual and completion certificate (if Hunter Safety class is taken this year).

And choose one of the following options:

1. **Advanced topic** - Learn all you can about an advanced shooting sports topic and present it on a poster and /or in a notebook. 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."
2. **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."

Manual: 4-H 950

Advanced Topic Record Sheet: 4-H-NR-AT

Record Sheet: C-4-H 950a

Mentoring Record Sheet: 4-H-NR-M

Additional Records: C4-H 950b

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