



**2022
WELLS COUNTY
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS**



SHOT GUN SAFETY CLUB

**9 – 11 AM, Wells County Gun Club
2555 E. 400 N., Ossian IN 46777**

**Online registration (membership fee should be paid online at time of registering):
www.extension.purdue.edu/wells**

MEETINGS

April 23	Sign Up, Safety Orientation	June 4	Safety & Shooting Instruction
April 30	Safety & Shooting Instruction	June 11	Safety & Shooting Instruction
May 7	Safety & Shooting Instruction	June 18	Final Meeting
May 14	Clean up for Gun club/ Come help / Lunch available		
May 21	Safety & Shooting Instruction		

WHO CAN JOIN?

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. A member may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) years. Another requirement in the 4-H Shot Gun Safety Club is the ability to physically handle a shot gun. The club will be using 12 and 20 gauge shot guns. The leaders with your parents will determine if you can safely handle the weight and size of the guns.

FEES

- Annual Membership fee is \$ 20. This fee is only paid once each year and can be paid online when you enroll or paid by check or cash at the County Extension Office. If you are a member of another 4-H club in 2022, you do not pay this fee for that club. There is a fee cap of \$60 per family. Make checks payable to Purdue CES.
- The supply fee will be: Shot Gun \$25 (Separate check – payable to Wells County 4-H Shot Gun Club) Supply fee includes: book for new members, targets, gun repairs and cleaning, awards. Ammunition is provided by a grant from the National Rifle Association.
- Scholarships are available for supplies and membership fees. No youth will be turned away for financial reasons. Check with leaders or Extension Office, 824-6412 for details.

SAFETY FIRST

The 4-H program teaches firearm safety taught by 4-H certified instructors. Everyone will wear safety glasses and hearing protection. Firing range procedures will be taught and followed throughout the meetings.

LEADERS NEEDED

More adult volunteers are needed to become club leaders. If interested, call the County Extension Office at 824-6412 or talk to one of the leaders. Volunteers interested in becoming a certified 4-H instructor may attend the **State Training April 1 – 3, 2022**. Your fees will be sponsored by Wells County 4-H. Options include: Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, Archery, Coordinator, and Outdoor Pursuits.

EQUIPMENT

The 4-H club has shot guns for participants to use. Club members that wish to use their own shot guns will be required to have their shot guns safety checked by a licensed gunsmith and return a signed safety certificate to the 4-H Leaders before they will be allowed to use them. Safety certificates will be available at the first meeting. The form is also on the Wells County 4-H web page or at the Extension Office.

4- H LEADERS **Shot Gun Safety**

Kevin Springer 273-3162
Jacob Warner 273-1972

FAIR POSTER OPTION

You may make a poster or notebook about some aspect of shooting sports or may exhibit something you made. Complete details are in the 4-H Rule Book or online at www.extension.purdue.edu/well You must sign up when you enroll for Shooting Sports Fair Exhibit Option. This is a different project than 4-H Shot Gun.

THANK YOU

Thank you to these organizations and businesses for the support of the Wells County 4-H Shooting Sports; National Rifle Association Foundation; Bluffton Tire & Complete Auto Services; Whitetails Unlimited; Paul Penrod Memorial; and the Wells County 4-H Association.

PARENT HELP

Parents are welcome to attend. Parent assistance may be needed at times to help with scoring Or as a range volunteer.

WHAT IS **SHOOTING SPORTS?**

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

ARCHERY CLUB

Meetings will begin in April and will be held on Thursdays or Saturdays in April, May and June. Watch for more details in the 4-H Newsletter or go to www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

4-H Shooting Sports parents and members are encouraged to volunteer and support the two main 4-H Association fund raisers, the 4-H Pancake & Sausage Booth at the Street Fair, and the Rodeo at the end of the 4-H Fair. Watch for details closer to the events on how you can help or call the Extension Office, 824-6412.