

Arapahoe County 4-H Program



Shooting Sports Member Guide



Welcome to the Arapahoe County 4-H Shooting Sports Project! The 4-H Shooting Sports program will teach you how to be safe and have fun in a 4-H Shooting Sports activity. The project should help you understand and promote the safe, responsible and ethical use of firearms. Always practice the safety guidelines outlined for you by this project and the Arapahoe County 4-H Shooting Sports leaders.

Shooting is a skill that requires self-discipline, concentration and individual effort. It can also require considerable financial resources. Before starting this project, speak with one of our Arapahoe County 4-H Shooting Sports leaders to get an idea of what equipment is required for each discipline.

This guide will give you information about the project, the disciplines within Shooting Sports, the project requirements, a list of the trained shooting sports leaders in Arapahoe County, practice locations and how to qualify for Arapahoe County and State Fair shoot-off contests.

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Arapahoe County Leaders

All leaders who work with the Shooting Sports disciplines are required to attend a state-sponsored training in the discipline in which they work. Leaders must be 4-H certified in each discipline they are instructing. Leaders must also complete all of the required steps of becoming a leader and be accepted as a leader before they are allowed to work with 4-H members in any Shooting Sports discipline.

Below are the Shooting Sports leaders for each discipline. If you have any questions as you go through the Shooting Sports project, please contact them. They have a wealth of knowledge and are happy to help you throughout your project.

Coordinator/ Hunting and Outdoor Skills:

Katy Vincent | 303-913-7314

Archery: Doug Harris | 303-886-2802

Shotgun: John Vincent | 303-710-3028

Rod Brockelman | 303-907-5679

Muzzleloading: Eric Evertse | 303-668-3851

.22 Rifle: Doug Osborn | 303-378-9305

Dustin Euritt | 530-632-4461

Shooting Sports Disciplines

Below is the list of Shooting Sports disciplines offered through the Arapahoe County 4-H Shooting Sports project. Watch the newsletter and emails for spring/summer practice schedule and for cancellations. Most practices will take place right off Quincy Road approximately 15 miles east of the Fairgrounds and will include all disciplines listed below, making it convenient for members to rotate between them if they are enrolled in multiple disciplines.

Archery: Traditional and compound archery will be taught. There will be a limited number of traditional bows available for 4-H members.

Shotgun: Sporting clays, American and Trap. It is encouraged that members own a 12 gauge or 20 gauge shotgun.

Muzzleloading: This historical shooting style will bring you right back to the days of Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. Equipment ownership is strongly encouraged but not required to start.

.22 Rifle: It is recommended that members have their own firearm but we will have a limited number of .22 rifles at the range.

Hunting and Outdoor Skills: This project offers family camping and backpacking opportunities in Colorado's high country and on the plains, where you will learn survival skills, wildlife identification, orienteering (map and compass reading), outdoor safety knowledge, decision-making and ethics. Shooting will not be required in this project, but rifle, archery, muzzleloading and shotgun will all be part of the curriculum and the County and State contests. Fall and winter guided hunting opportunities also will be available. Each discipline teaches safety, concentration, self-discipline, self-confidence, goal setting, decision-making and courtesy as members learn basic skills and build toward more advanced activities. Both competitive and cooperative skills are included.

All members must provide their own safety equipment for all practices and shoots. Different safety requirements and signals are required for each discipline. Attending the county-wide shooting sports practice will acquaint you with discipline equipment and signals for when you are on the line.

Project Requirements

All 4-H members participating in the Arapahoe County 4-H Shooting Sports project must complete the following requirements to be eligible to compete at the County Fair Shoot-off and State Fair Shooting Sports contests:

- Attend one Safety Training every year. Dates will be publicized in the Arapahoe County 4-H Newsletter.
- Attend at least five county practices per discipline.
 - All county shooting sports practices will be published in the Arapahoe County 4-H Newsletter.
 - A county practice is defined as a shooting sports practice that is overseen by a qualified shooting sports leader.
 - Practices at home or with a non-qualified shooting sports leader will not count as one of the county practices.
 - Members will be given an orange practice requirement card, which must be initialed or punched by a qualified shooting sports leader for each practice the member attends.
 - Members must be enrolled in the Shooting Sports project as a 4-H member in order to receive their orange card.
 - Practices that a member attends prior to enrolling in the 4-H program will not count towards the member's requirement of five practices
 - **Upon arrival at the county shoot-off, members must present their orange practice requirement cards, initialed by a qualified shooting sports leader, in order to compete. Only orange cards will be accepted, and coaches' records of practice attendance will not be taken into account for any member. Failure to present a completed orange card, initialed by a coach for four practices and Extension staff for one practice, will result in disqualification from the shoot-off.**

- Turn in one e-record book and shooting sports display for one of the shooting sports disciplines they are enrolled in for the year.
- Successfully complete the Colorado Hunter's Safety Course. The member must have their hunter safety card before the County shoot-off.

County shoot-offs will be held prior to the County Fair at sanctioned County shooting practices. The dates will be advertised in the Arapahoe County 4-H Newsletter.

Each discipline has specific safety equipment that is required. 4-H members must have the required safety equipment to participate in each of the Shooting Sports Disciplines. For a list of what is required, please contact the Shooting Sports leader for each discipline.

Each member is responsible for paying any range fees required for the discipline.

Qualifying for State Fair Contests

To qualify, all of the requirements for the county must have been met (practices e-record, display, hunters safety, safety equipment, and qualifying at the county shoot-off.)

State Fair qualifiers are determined as follows for each discipline:

- The high scores in each discipline per age.
- Each discipline will have a junior and senior age category.
- In order to be eligible to participate at the State Fair, a county fair project and e-record in one of the disciplines must be completed and receive a blue or red ribbon.