



4-H Shooting Sports



Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

Citizenship/ Leadership

- Become certified as a teen instructor
- Complete the Hunter Safety certification course
- Explore careers in science related fields
- Attend clean-ups and work days at local refuges and parks

Communication

- Research the history of firearm development and usage
- Give an Illustrated Talk, Demonstration or Speech about an aspect of Shooting Sports
- Give a workshop at your club or county level
- Create a video or news release

Healthy Living

- Practice regularly and encourage others to engage in the project
- Practice all safety procedures and help others
- Strengthen family ties and develop positive relationships with others

Science

- Explore the physics involved with Shooting Sports
- Research the various powders used
- Engage in environmental education projects, such as Forest Ecology, Wildlife and Natural Resources

Are You Into It?

The Shooting Sports program is open to youth between 8 and 18 years of age.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to safely and ethically shoot a bow and arrow, air rifle, muzzle-loader, shotgun, or small-bore rifle? Do you want to learn more about hunting? If so, give the 4-H Shooting program a try. In this project you will...

- Learn firearm safety
- Become a better aim through correct handling of firearms
- Participate in state matches throughout the year
- Develop self-confidence, self-discipline, responsibility and sportsmanship
- Grow an appreciation of natural resources

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic	Learning More Intermediate	Expanding Horizons Advanced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate and compete in archery and air rifle disciplines • Participate in shotgun, small-bore and hunting disciplines • Identify parts, uses and care of archery equipment and rifles • Learn and practice range commands • Learn and use safety rules such as eye and ear protection and correct behavior on the range • Learn wildlife basics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in muzzle-loading discipline and competition • Compete in shotgun, small-bore and hunting • Learn the differences and uses of a variety of equipment, such as types of archery equipment and rifle components • Develop shooting skills using different techniques and positions • Learn and use hunter safety rules and hunter ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become a certified Level I teen instructor • Make archery equipment • Demonstrate advanced skills by participating in higher level events, such as attending National Shooting Sports competitions • Practice and teach about conservation practices • Learn how to care for equipment



Expand Your Experiences in Shooting Sports

- Contact your County Extension Office to participate: sfl.ifas.ufl.edu/map/index.shtml
- Enroll in 4-H at florida.4honline.com
- Invite local gun clubs or organizations to speak at a club meeting, such as the National Archery Association usaarchery.org, Amateur Trapshooting Association shootata.com, National Wild Turkey Federation nwtf.org, and National Rifle Association nranews.com
- Apply to be a Junior Camp Counselor (Counselor in Training) at a Florida 4-H Camping Center when you are 14-17 years old: florida4h.org/camps/
- Apply to be a summer staff member at a Florida 4-H Camping Center after you graduate from high school: florida4h.org/getinvolved/
- Attend Florida 4-H University and participate in workshops, listen to motivational speakers, and participate in a community service project: florida4h.org/programsandevents/
- Schedule a visit to the University of Florida and learn more degrees related to this project: ufl.edu/admissions/

Project Sharing Ideas

- Give an Illustrated Talk, Speech or Demonstration at County Events or to a local organization
- Create a poster for County Events that focuses on Shooting Sports
- Enter photos of your project in County Events
- Keep a shooting journal or complete a Record Book
- Create a game board, worksheet, or puzzle to use with youth and share the results
- Enter an exhibit in your local fair to showcase Shooting Sports or wildlife management

Resources

4-H Project Resources

Project materials to assist youth in learning may be available through your county 4-H office or you can order directly. Available at National 4-H: 4-hmall.org

- Clothing and Pins
- Rifle and Shotgun cases
- Environmental and Related Curriculum:
 - Entomology
 - Amphibians
 - Photography
 - Health and First Aid
 - Forest Ecology
 - Outdoor Adventures
 - Backpacking
 - Camping
 - Hiking
 - GPS and GIS
 - Sportfishing
 - Exploring Your Environment

Connections and Events

Attending events and taking advantage of opportunities that will expand your project learning will help you become the best you can be.

Attend local 4-H opportunities

Become a camp counselor for your local and state 4-H camp florida4h.org/camps/

- Shooting Sports and Sportfishing Camp

Attend other statewide events. Check them all out at florida4h.org

Record Keeping

Learning to take good records of what you do and what you spend for your project is a 4-H life skill. The following record keeping forms can help you keep track of your activities.

- Project Report Forms can be found at florida4h.org
- Junior (ages 8-10)
 - Intermediate (ages 11-13)
 - Senior (ages 14-18)
 - Financial Summary
 - Member Portfolio (ages 8-13)

Awards and Recognition

Florida's Recognition Program involves feedback through:

- Participation
- Setting Goals
- Meeting Standards
- Peer Competition
- Cooperation

Certificates, pins, ribbons, trophies, trips and/or scholarships are awarded based on quality of performance at the county, district, state and national levels.

florida4h.org/programsandevents/shootingsports/4-hshootingsports.org/

To learn more about current recognition opportunities visit the Florida 4-H website at <http://florida4h.org> or contact your County 4-H Extension Agent.

Learn more at florida4h.org
or contact your local UF/IFAS Extension County Office

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