2024 Dunn County 4-H Shooting Sports Program

Dedicated to teaching firearm/archery safety and responsibility along with wildlife, while allowing participants to experience the fun and excitement of shooting sports and the outdoors.

Quick Reference Sheet

Youth Participation:

- Youth must be currently enrolled in a Dunn County 4-H club.
- Archery & Air Rifle -- Youth from 3rd grade through 1 year following high school.

Shooting Sports Program Fees:

- \$20 per youth, maximum of \$40 per family regardless of the number of children.
- Shotgun participants must provide their own shells. (reloads are not permitted)

Important Deadlines and Dates

- Signup via the Shooting sports enrollment form, and/or attend the first Shooting Sports Field Day on Sunday, April 6, 2025
- Enrollment in Shooting Sports with disciplines declared by March 29th 2025
- Wildlife Ecology Sessions will be included as part of the scheduled shooting sports session.
- Attendance at one wildlife ecology session is required to be eligible for fair premiums at the Fair Shoot.
- All Archery and Air Rifle sessions will be offered at the Boyceville Rod & Gun Club. All three
 disciplines will be offered (depending on interest) on the same day with Archery & Air Rifle being
 held at the same time allowing participants to rotate between the two disciplines followed by
 Trap.

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Program Overview

Based on the feedback we received following last season we have made a few changes to how the Shooting Sports Program will be run. We feel that these changes will enable the program to better meet the needs and interests of our 4-H youth.

- Informational & Ecology Sessions: We will offer an informational video that will be accessible via the enrollment form. Instruction in Ecology will be included as part of the scheduled shooting sports sessions. Participation in 1 of these sessions is required. If you cannot attend one of the sessions, or have issues accessing the informational video, you will need to contact a program director to make alternate arrangements. Failure to do so will result in members not being able to shoot for fair premiums at the end of season county fair shoot.
- Parent Involvement: Due to the amount of work involved in the setup and take down of the program parents will be required to help. There will be a sign-up sheet for parents to pick the sessions that will work best. Program directors will also be requesting that some parents assist in the running of the shooting lanes for individual sessions as needed. We feel this will allow our certified instructors to give more individual instruction to participants in need.
- Program Schedule: Shooting sessions will be offered as listed below with the last one being The Dunn County
 Fair Shoot. This will be a county shooting competition with scoring for each discipline along with an ecology test.
 We will be issuing awards and prizes for participants. This shooting session will be in conjunction with our end of
 the season party and cookout.
- **Shooting Disciplines:** Each of the shooting sessions will be held as open shoot times. Each Archery & Air Rifle session will run for approximately hours and open for participants to shoot as long or as short as they wish. In order to participate in the final shoot, participants must attend at least 1 of the open shooting sessions.
- **Wildlife Ecology:** Wildlife Ecology will be held as part of the open sessions, and may be offered virtually. 4-H members wishing to participate in the shooting sport program will be required to participate in at least one of the Wildlife Ecology Program sessions. If participants have not completed this requirement they will not be eligible to shoot at the County Fair Shoot for fair premiums.
- End of Season Shoot & Party: We plan to hold our year end party on the same day as the Fair Shoot at the end of the season. (Last day scheduled). We will be offering our final shooting session during this time. This final shooting session will be the Dunn County Fair Shoot, where participants who qualify will be shooting for awards in each class and discipline along with completing a wildlife ecology test. This will allow our participants a chance to experience what it is like to shoot in a competition with the comfort of knowing the instructors and other participants. We will also plan to have our cookout party during this time along with offering other fun shooting events.

Archery & Air Rifle Sessions will run from 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Archery	Air Rifle		
April 6	April 6		
April 13	April 13		
April 27	April 27		
May 4	May 4		
(Sunday) July 20 Fair Shoot @ Dunn County Fairgrounds 11 AM	(Sunday) July 20 Fair Shoot @ Dunn County Fairgrounds 11 AM		



Dunn County 4-H Shooting Sports Program

About Us

Our program is a county-wide 4-H project run by our county-wide team of certified 4-H shooting sports leaders. Our trained adult 4-H certified volunteer leaders (21 years old min.) have undergone state certification in their respective shooting disciplines. 4-H Assistant Volunteer Leaders are under the supervision of 4-H Certified Leaders. All of the disciplines are taught using materials prepared by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation and the Dunn County 4-H Shooting Sports Central Committee. Also, 4-H youth leaders are sharing their skills with everyone.

Our Mission

We are dedicated to teaching firearm/archery safety and responsibility along with wildlife, while allowing kids to experience the fun and excitement of shooting sports and the outdoors. The goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports project is to promote youth development by instilling safe habits, self-discipline, teamwork, youth leadership, and knowledge in a safe, family-oriented, and encouraging environment. Shooting disciplines that are taught to 4-H members (ages 8 {and 3rd grade} to one year following high school graduation) include: archery, air rifle, shotgun, and wildlife ecology. *Dunn County 4-H members must be 12 years old and have completed the DNR WI Hunter Safety Program and received their Hunter Safety Certificate before participating in the shotgun program.*

Our Philosophy

We Believe: Human growth and development is the primary goal of the 4-H shooting sports program. **We Believe:** Shooting sports is an outstanding way to provide human growth and development opportunities. **We Believe:** Introducing safe and responsible use of firearms and archery opens valuable and life-long recreational education.

- Shooting at the local, district, state, or even national level is **NOT** the primary goal of the Dunn County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.
- Shooting Sports is part of the overall "Natural Sciences" program. Thus all Shooting Sports projects should incorporate aspects of ecological thinking, wildlife and conservation found in "4-H Natural Sciences."
- Shooting Sports is an active, exciting, fun way to promote all of the basic goals of 4-H. It has tremendous potential for family involvement and personal growth. The safe use of firearms and archery equipment is paramount.

Participation

The Shooting Sports program is open to any youth regardless of that person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, and pregnancy, marital or parental status. In order to participate you must be between the ages of 8 (and 3rd grade) and 19 or one year following high school and be a member of a Dunn County 4-H club. To find a club near you, check with the University of Wisconsin Extension. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to participation in the shooting sports project.



Dunn County 4-H Shooting Sports Member and Family Expectations

We are dedicated to teaching firearm/archery safety and responsibility along with wildlife ecology to all, while allowing kids to experience the fun and excitement of shooting sports and the outdoors.

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A major element of shooting is stance. When working with shooters, particularly beginners, instructors frequently must use their hands to position them or correct their form.

- 1. A 4-H volunteer leader will ask the youth to change their shooting position if their stance is incorrect. If it is still incorrect the leader will ask the youth if the leader can reposition the project member.
- 2. A 4-H volunteer leader will ask the youth to reposition their safety equipment to prevent injury if the equipment is incorrectly positioned. If still incorrect the leader will ask the youth if the leader can reposition the equipment.

The following behaviors are requested of all members and their families. These behaviors contribute to a successful learning environment. As our family enrolls in the shooting sports project(s) (archery, air rifle, shotgun, and wildlife conservation), we agree to the following expectations. We will:

- Attend all sessions in the planned program or notify a leader if you are unable to attend.
- Ensure that any member under the age of 16 is accompanied by a parent or responsible adult at each session; unless prior approval is given by the Program Director.
- Have read and reviewed the safety rules, range etiquette rules and am responsible to know and understand the rules.
- Use good judgment in selecting clothing (see range etiquette) appropriate to the occasion and weather.
- Use language and manners that will bring respect to ourselves and to Dunn Co. 4-H.
- Be in the assigned areas at all times. Aggressive play or similar actions inside/outside of the buildings is prohibited.
- Show courtesy and respect for all other people. Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Turn off cell phones during the shooting sessions. This is a distraction when training. Cell phones used during training will be taken away and returned at the end of the training.
- Help other members have a pleasant experience by making every attempt to include all participants in activities.
- Live up to your highest expectations for yourself so you can be proud of who you are and what you have done.
- Abide by the Dunn County 4-H Youth Behavior Agreement which you signed when you enrolled in 4-H.



Acceptance of the Dunn County 4-H Shooting Sports Member and Family Expectations

As a member, I understand that I need to follow the expectations set forth by the shooting sports program. If the expectations are not followed, I understand the adult Shooting Sports leaders will talk with me about what behavior needs to be changed. If the behavior continues the leaders will provide a written warning to my parent/guardian. If the behavior continues after the written warning, the situation will be referred to County Shooting Sports Central Committee and the UWEX 4-H Youth Development Educator for review. If the situation warrants, the member may be removed from the shooting sports project (s). There will be no warnings for deliberate disregard of safety rules. In such a situation, the member will be immediately removed from the program for everyone's safety and will not be able to return until a meeting with the member, their parents/guardians, the Program Director, the Shooting Sports Director and UWEX 4-H Youth Development Educator has been held to review the incident.

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