

Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Guide 2023-2024

The Project

Welcome to the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Project! Our program teaches members how to safely, responsibly, and ethically use firearms while having fun. Shooting is a skill that requires self-discipline, concentration, and individual effort. It can also require considerable financial resources. Before committing to this project, please consult the equipment list emailed to you at the beginning of the season.

This guide gives you the information you need to successfully complete this project. **PLEASE READ IT THOROUGHLY!**



Shooting Sports Leaders

All Adams County 4-H leaders who work as Shooting Sports instructors are required to attend a state-sponsored training in the Shooting Sports discipline (i.e. firearm type) they instruct.

To the right are listed the key leaders for each discipline. If you have any questions as you proceed through the shooting sports project, please contact them.

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Mandatory Safety Trainings

Members must attend one safety training each 4-H year. Safety Trainings are in-person events at the Adams County Fairgrounds

Dates: Jan 31, Mar 28, Apr 23 @ 7pm

Newsletter

You must sign up for the weekly Fourcast newsletter



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Practice Fees

Practice fees for all disciplines except Shotgun must be paid via Square: \$15/member or \$25/family for EACH discipline. Shotgun rounds are to be purchased at each practice.



Practice Schedule

All practices are tentative, depending on weather and other circumstances. Consult the Google Calendar for updates and cancellations.

.22 Rifle/.22 Pistol

Practice Dates: Mondays beginning in December

Location: CPW Range (winter), Fort Lupton Muzzleloading Club (spring/summer)

-County Shoot: July 20&21

Archery

Practice Dates: Mondays beginning April 1

Location: Adams County Fairgrounds

-County Shoot: July 13

Muzzleloading/Air Rifle/Air Pistol

Practice Dates: Thursdays beginning in mid-March

Location: Fort Lupton Muzzleloading Club

County Shoot: July 20&21

Shotgun

Practice Dates: Fridays beginning in mid-March

Location: Colorado Clays

-County Shoot: July 14

-Practice fees: \$6-10/member for 25 shots to be paid at each practice

Hunting & Outdoor Skills

-Members must complete at least three practices in any of the disciplines listed above.

-Members must attend at least two

Hunting & Outdoor Skills workshops: 11/5/23, 12/10/23, 2/3/24, 3/3/24.

- County Shoot: TBD

Western Heritage

- Practice Dates: 2nd and 4th Saturdays beginning in March

Location: Pawnee Sportsman Center

- County Shoot: TBD

The requirements listed below determine eligibility to compete at the county and state shooting contests. However, to complete the Shooting Sports project, members do not have to compete in these contests. To complete the Shooting Sports project, members must turn in an exhibit and record book at the county fair. Please see the Premium Book for specific exhibit requirements.

- Member must be 8 years old by December 31, 2023 to participate.
- Member must bring to practices the required safety equipment to participate in each of the Shooting Sports disciplines in which they are enrolled. For a list of what is required, please consult the equipment list.
- Member may not practice until they enroll in the 4-H Shooting Sports project and their specific discipline(s) on 4-HOnline.
- Member must attend at least 5 county practices (those that are overseen by a certified shooting sports leader) per discipline they wish to compete in and have 5 punches on their practice punch cards.
- Member must attend one county-sanctioned safety training and have the safety punch on their practice punch card.
- Member (and accompanying adult) must sign in and out of each practice they attend.
- County shoot registration must be accompanied by practice punch card. Practices completed after the registration deadline do not meet the requirement.
- * If a member loses his/her practice punch card, they must contact the Extension Office/Liz immediately to request a new card. If the member would like credit for the practices punched on a lost card, \$50 will be charged for the first loss and \$100 for any subsequent losses.
- Member must complete the Colorado Hunter Education Safety Course and upload their hunter safety card to 4-HOnline before the county shoot. *Archery beginner class is exempt from this requirement.*
- Member must turn in a record book and Shooting Sports exhibit for ONE of the shooting sports disciplines in which they are enrolled for the Adams County Fair. Failure to do so will disqualify the member for any state shoots for which they qualified this year and for county and state shoots next year.
- Members who do not wish to complete the project must drop it on 4-HOnline by June 1st. Failure to do so will disqualify the member for any state shoots for which they qualified this year and for county and state shoots next year.
- If a member has a conflict with a scheduled county shoot, make-up shoots are NOT guaranteed. Member must discuss this with their key shooting sports leader well in advance of the county shoot dates.
- Member must pay practice fees for each discipline in which they participate.

State Shooting Contest qualifiers are determined in the following way

- All of the requirements above must have been met.
- The high scores in each discipline per age (junior and senior age categories).
- County fair exhibit and record book in ONE discipline must be completed and have received a blue or red ribbon at the Adams County Fair.

Junior Leaders must qualify for their position in the following ways

- Be at least 14 years old
- Have 2 years of experience in the discipline in which they will become a Junior Leader
- Submit an application to the 4-H office
- Complete an interview with Liz and be approved by the 4-H Office
- Address and be approved by the Shooting Sports Leaders Council
- Successfully complete a Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training in their discipline

Discipline-Specific Requirements

- .22 Pistol Member Eligibility: 4-H members must be 9 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year. Members must have completed at least one project year of Shooting Sports that includes range experience with a firearm (this excludes archery). Members must have permission from a parent or guardian to participate, which is in compliance with the Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Youth Handgun Act of 1994.
- Pistol Firearm Requirements:
 - No derringers
 - No military/defensive platform firearms (AR, AK, Uzi, Takedowns, etc.)
 - Minimum 3" and maximum 10" barrel for paper targets and 12" for silhouette targets on the firearm
 - Smaller pistols may be approved at the leader's discretion
- Western Heritage Member Eligibility: 4-H members must be 9 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year. Members must have completed at least one project year of Shooting Sports that includes range experience with a firearm (excluding archery). Members must be 12 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year to participate in the handgun portion of the Western Heritage project.