

JACKSON/NEMAHA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

What is 4-H Shooting Sports?

The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Program Strives to develop important life skills in young people, helping them to become responsible, happy, productive members of society. 4-Hers develop self-esteem, decision making, communication skills, concern for their community and an inquiring mind through the Kansas 4-H Program.

- ◆ Teaches shooting skills, safety and ethics for youth.
- ◆ We provide a safe, controlled environment for the learning of safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment.
- ◆ Our program is ran by a certified program coordinator along with the help of volunteers who are all instructor certified.

Shooting sports is a family program. Parents are involved as firing line assistants, assistant instructors and score keepers. Parents are encouraged to attend the practices with their youth.

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- 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.

Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- 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 & positions.
- Advance your shooting experiences by trying shotgun and muzzleloading.

Expanding Horizons Advance/Level 3

- Make archery equipment.
- Do gunsmithing.
- Demonstrate advanced skills by participating in higher level competitions

Step It Up!

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

COMMUNICATION

- * Listen to and respect range commands.
- * Create a poster, news release or video.
- * Speak about proper handling, shooting and types of firearms and wildlife & hunting skills.

CITIZENSHIP

- * Follow range & hunting safety rules and regulations.
- * Clean up the shooting range and participate in environmental projects.
- * Partner with local groups to promote safety and hunter ethics.

LEADERSHIP

- * Invite friends to participate.
 - * Take leadership and partner with local groups to promote conservation and habitat improvement in your area.
 - * Plan and organize a shooting match.
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The Bullmasters of Jackson and Nemaha County offer the following disciplines:

- * **BB Gun**- Ages 7-14, youth learn the basics of shooting and range safety with a BB gun.
- * **Air Rifle**- Ages 12-18, youth learn basic and advanced rifle shooting skills and safety.
- * **Air Pistol**- Ages 12-18, youth learn basic and advanced pistol shooting and pistol range safety.
- * **Shotgun**- Ages 12-18, youth learn basic shotgun skills and safety. Progress to advanced skill levels; learn to shoot trap and skeet.
- * **Muzzle Loading**- Ages 12-18, youth learn how to load & fire a black powder rifle, how to clean your rifle, shoot different types of targets and ranges safety.
- * **Small Bore Rifle**- Ages 12-18, youth learn advanced rifle shooting techniques, learn about different types of ammunition and how it works with different firearms and continue range safety practices.
- * **Small Bore Pistol**- Ages 13-18, youth learn advanced pistol shooting techniques, learn about different types of ammunition and how it works with different firearms and continue range safety practices.
- * **Archery**- Ages 7-18, youth learn archery safety and archery target shooting.
- * **Hunting Skills**- Ages 7-18, youth learn many areas of hunting skills such as tracking, compassing, predator and prey activity and conservation.

Take Shooting Sports Further!

- * Participate in local, regional, state and national matches.
- * Is it fair time? Consider taking an exhibit, a piece of your project learning to the fair for judging and to show off what you have learned throughout the year.
- * Meet others interested in shooting sports.
- * Work with your local county conservation to improve wildlife habitat.
- * Become involved in your local shooting sports related non-profit groups.

Exhibit Ideas

- Present the proper outfit and accessories for hunting, shooting, etc.
- Give a presentation on proper gun handling, shooting skills, wildlife, hunting, types of firearms or archery equipment.
- Make a poster comparing the different brands of equipment.
- Make a poster comparing wildlife habitats and how humans interact with them on a daily basis.
- Make a poster with pictures of wildlife.
- Make a poster on firearm and hunter safety.
- Make a poster out of used targets or shells – sculpture, painting, etc.
- Compare and contrast different brands and types of ammunition.

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