# 2020 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 1 year following high school.
- Shotgun youth must be at least 12 years old and have received their Hunter Safety Certification.

### **Shooting Sports Program Fees:**

- \$20 per youth for the first discipline and \$10 for each additional discipline.
- Maximum of \$80 per family regardless of the number of children or disciplines enrolled in.
- Shotgun participants must provide their own shells. (reloads are not permitted)

### **Important Deadlines and Dates**

- Attend one of the 2 offered mandatory Shooting Sports Introduction & Ecology meetings.
  - Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 -- Community Service Building
  - o Thursday, February 20th @ 6:30 -- Community Service Building
- Enrollment in Shooting Sports with disciplines declared & fees paid by March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020
- Wildlife Ecology Sessions will be offered as part of the informational meetings
- Attendance at one wildlife ecology session is required to be eligible for fair premiums at the Fair Shoot.
- All Archery, Air Rifle and Trap sessions will be offered at the Boyceville Rod & Gun Club. All
  three disciplines will be offered 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.

#### Contact Information

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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 Meeting: we will offer two meetings in February. Attendance at 1 of these meetings is mandatory. If you cannot attend one of the two meetings you will need to contact the program director prior to the last meeting 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. No exceptions will be made.
- 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: 5-shooting sessions will be offered 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 first 4 shooting sessions will be held as open shoot times. Each Archery & Air Rifle session will run for 2 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 2 of the shooting sessions.
- Wildlife Ecology: Wildlife Ecology will be held at both of the informational meetings. 4-H members wishing to
  participate in the shooting sport program will be required to attend one of these two Wildlife Ecology Program
  sessions. Each session will be approximately an hour long and will start at the conclusion of the informational
  meeting. 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 will hold out year end party in May before schools are out. 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 be having our cookout party during this time along with offer other fun shooting events, much like last year with parent/youth fun competitions and shootout games.

## Archery & Air Rifle Sessions will run from 1:00 – 3:30 Followed by Shotgun / Trap at 4:00

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Archery	Air Rifle	Shotgun/Trap				
April 5	April 5	April 5				
April 19	April 19	April 19				
April 26	April 26	April 26				
May 3	May 3	May 3				
May 16 Fair Shoot	May 16 Fair Shoot	May 16 Fair Shoot				



# **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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