

Greetings 4-H Shooting Sports Family,

Welcome to the 2020 4-H Shooting Sports year. This letter will address some common questions regarding the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in El Paso County, helping you to have an exciting and successful experience.

To complete this project, a record book is required. The record book can be located at: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/natural-resource/> under the “Shooting Sports” heading. Some clubs may require other items to complete your project so please be sure to check with your club for other completion requirements. 4-H Shooting Sports participants only need to complete one record book which can cover multiple disciplines. Please ask your 4-H Shooting Sports leader(s) any questions you may have along the way.

Throughout the year multiple activities and events are planned. These are created and designed to allow each participant to have an enjoyable experience. *Sign Up Genius* was a great success last year and will be utilized again this year. In addition to participant registration, *Sign Up Genius* will also include a volunteer section for those willing and able to help with range set up and take down for events. The events will be listed in the newsletter the Extension Office publishes. If you do not get the newsletter it is available on the El Paso County Extension office webpage: <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-news/>. You can also send a friend request to our Facebook page: [EPC 4H Shooting Sports](#). This will give you all the updates including possible cancelled practices due to weather or upcoming events. This is a closed group so please request access! Facebook also includes a link to our Google calendar which will list date/times for practices. If you notice discrepancies, please let us know right away! If you have questions, you can always email us at: [epc.shootingsports@gmail.com](mailto:epc.shootingsports@gmail.com) and one of the council members will get back to you.

The best part of the 4-H Shooting Sports program is shooting and competing with other 4-Hers in El Paso County and the State of Colorado. In order to be eligible to compete, the 4-H member must have attended two county sanctioned practices in the discipline. This is to make sure that the 4-H safety rules are understood and followed by each competitor. We try to provide as many opportunities for practice within each discipline, as current volunteer enrollment and capacity allows. The committee is currently working on the practice schedule and will make this available as soon as possible. It is preferable that you supply your own firearms and ammunition for practice however, if you do not have a firearm or bow for the discipline yet, or just want to try the discipline and see if you like it, we have limited numbers of firearms and bows available to check out. These are available for use at practices on a first come, first served basis. If you cannot find ammunition or forgot yours, there are limited quantities available for sale at practices (cash or check only). Please note: .22 pistol requires one year of range time before you will be allowed to practice or compete in .22 pistol with 4-H.

Shooting Sports Quality Assurance also known as SQA is an annual requirement. This requirement is kept track of and is part of competition requirements. Even if you do not think you will want to compete, members should attend SQA. This year’s SQA dates are as follows:

- Saturday, February 27 at 10AM
- Sunday, February 28 at 2PM.

Also required for competition is a valid Hunter Safety Education Card. If you do not currently have one the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife helps us out every year by presenting one class specifically for 4-H. For Hunter Education information go to Colorado Parks and Wildlife: <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx>

The last project requirement is a \$20 assessment for each member enrolled in any Shooting Sports discipline. The fee will only be assessed once, even if the member enrolls in multiple disciplines. This fee is in addition to, and does not replace the 4-H enrollment fee. This fee covers upkeep and maintenance of equipment, targets, fletchings, clays, etc. The fee is due before the first practice attended by the member. If the fee remains unpaid, members may be ineligible to participate in competitions. Scholarships can be applied for through the 4-H Foundation here: <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2020/04/4-H-Foundation-Request-for-Funds.pdf>

If you compete at the county level and qualify for the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition you will be notified which discipline(s) you have qualified for. If you choose to accept you will need to let El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports know as soon as possible as there are deadlines associated with the registration for Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition. If El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports does not hear from you by the deadline, the next person will be offered the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition position. You will not be notified of your placing, only that you qualified. Placings will be announced after competitions. Date(s) will be announced Spring 2021. Everyone who participated in the El Paso County Shooting Sports Competition will be given an El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports T-Shirt to be proudly worn at fair and at the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition. (Additional T-shirts are also available for preorder only).

Another opportunity to show what you've learned from the Shooting Sports program would be to present a tabletop or standalone presentation for the El Paso County Fair to display in the Whittemore building throughout the fair week. There are specific guidelines for these entries and the requirements are included with this letter. *Note: if you present several displays for fair, each will require an appropriate discipline E-record to be presented with it.* If you have questions regarding your El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports presentation, please ask an El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Leader. A few of your El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders have judged tabletop for other counties, and are also a great resource for your project development.

All El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer leaders have taken a sixteen (16) hour training course for each discipline they teach through Colorado State University Extension. Our program is run by volunteers and requires volunteer assistance to be successful. This means not only our volunteer leaders but also youth and parent volunteers are needed to help set up ranges, take down ranges, help with events, participate in fundraisers and many other activities. All volunteer opportunities can be showcased within the 4-H members' eRecord, to highlight your dedicated work! If you are interested in volunteering please contact an El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports leader or the Extension Office. We would be happy to let you know where we can use your most appreciated assistance. You are welcome to fill out the enclosed "Volunteers Needed" form and return it to the El Paso County Shooting Sports Committee.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us with questions or feedback. We are looking forward to working with our 4-H youth, making the best better, here in El Paso County. Thank you for joining us and we look forward to seeing you on the range!

Sincerely,

El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee

Enclosures: What to Bring to Practice  
Display Board Guidelines for State Fair 4-H Entries  
Volunteer Interest Form

# What to Bring to 4-H Shooting Sports Practice???

Anyone willing to volunteer to arrive early to help set up or stay late to help take down is always welcome and GREATLY appreciated!! All the Shooting Sports Leaders are volunteers. Please be nice to them!!

<p><b><u>4-HERS FOR EVERY PRACTICE</u></b>          Water and Snacks          Sunscreen          POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND DESIRE          TO LEARN</p>		<p><b><u>FOR PARENTS</u></b>          Water and snacks          Sunscreen          Something to do like a good book          Folding Chair          POSITIVE ATTITUDE</p>	
<p><b><u>.22 Rifle</u></b>          Rifle          Ammunition          Mat          Ammunition Block          Eye Protection          Ear Protection          Clear Bore Indicator          Binoculars or spotting          scope</p>	<p><b><u>.22 Pistol</u></b>          Pistol          Ammunition          Eye Protection          Ear Protection          Clear Bore Indicator          Binoculars or spotting          scope  <i>*Permission to Fire          Handgun form</i></p>	<p><b><u>Air Pistol</u></b>          Pistol          Ammunition          Co2 cartridges          Ammunition Block          Eye Protection          Ear Protection          Clear Bore Indicator          Binoculars or spotting          scope  <i>*Permission to Fire          Handgun form</i></p>	<p><b><u>Air Rifle</u></b>          Rifle          Ammunition          Ammunition Block          Co2 cartridges          Mat          Eye Protection          Ear Protection          Clear Bore Indicator          Binoculars or spotting          scope</p>
<p><b><u>Muzzleload Rifle and Pistol</u></b>          Rifle / Pistol          Powder, Patch and Ball (or it won't shoot at          all)          Another container for powder          Powder measure          Ball starter          Ramrod          Caps and capper          Cleaning patches and solution          Eye Protection          Ear Protection          Binoculars or spotting scope</p>		<p><b><u>Archery</u></b>          Bow          Arrows          Quiver          Arm Guard          Finger Tab or Release          Binoculars or spotting          scope</p>	<p><b><u>Shotgun</u></b>          Shotgun          Ammunition          Eye Protection          Ear Protection          Ammunition bag          Shooting vest</p>

Questions: contact us on Facebook: EPC 4H Shooting Sports  
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## **Volunteers Needed!!**

Please let us know where you can help! Any help you can provide is appreciated.

I would like to help with:

Muzzleloader: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Rifle: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Pistol: \_\_\_\_\_

Archery: \_\_\_\_\_

.22 Pistol: \_\_\_\_\_

.22 Rifle: \_\_\_\_\_

Shotgun: \_\_\_\_\_

Set up / tear down / score completion on June 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Set up / tear down / score completion on June 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Set up / tear down / score completion on June 12: \_\_\_\_\_

Set up / tear down / score completion on June 13: \_\_\_\_\_

Help with fundraising / event planning: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like more information on El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports council meetings.

\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer more often and would like information on becoming a Shooting Sports Leader.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Before working with any youth, handling any specialized equipment, or monetary funds, volunteers must be approved through CSU Extension in El Paso County**

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