

2026

El Paso County Fair

4-H Members' Guide to 4-H Tabletop Project Exhibits & Contests

General Consumer Science, 4-H Shooting Sports,
Tabletop, & other Non-Living Animal Exhibits



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EL PASO COUNTY EXTENSION

July 11 – 19, 2026

El Paso County Fair
Fairgrounds Complex
366 10th Street, Calhan, CO 80808
2026 El Paso County Fair

4-H Tabletop (General & Consumer Science) Exhibits & Contests

Schedule, Exhibit Guidelines, & Contest Requirements Packet

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, May 1, 2026

Hunter's Safety Cards must be uploaded during 4-H enrollment each year, or, emailed to Jen Loewen at Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu and Shawna Lamothe at Shawna.Lamothe@colostate.edu for 4-H Shooting Sports Members to be eligible to compete in the County Competition.

May 30, 2026

El Paso County Pre-Fair

4-H Shooting Sports Competition—

Shotgun – Trap & Skeet [Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex](#)

May 31, 2026

El Paso County Pre-Fair

4-H Shooting Sports Competition—

Shotgun – Sporting Clays [Kiowa Creek Sporting Club](#)

June 6, 2026

El Paso County Pre-Fair

4-H Shooting Sports Competition—

Archery [Frontier Sportsman Club, Hanover Range](#)

June 7, 2026

El Paso County Pre-Fair

4-H Shooting Sports Competition—

Air Pistol & Rifle Part 1 [Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Sinton Road](#)

June 13, 2026

El Paso County Pre-Fair

4-H Shooting Sports Competition—

.22 Pistol & Muzzleloader [Frontier Sportsman Club, Hanover Range](#)

June 14, 2026

El Paso County Pre-Fair

4-H Shooting Sports Competition—

Air Pistol & Rifle Part 2 [Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Sinton Road](#)

Monday June 8, 2026

FairEntry Online Registration Help Desk Open 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at PPLD – East Library (N. Union)

June 1 – June 12, 2026

FairEntry Online Registration Open for 4-H entries. Online 4-H Entry Closes **June 12 at 4:00 PM.**

All payments due by Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

June 13 - 19, 2026

FairEntry LATE Registration Period.

LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED THROUGH JUNE 19, WITH \$35.00 LATE FEE ASSESSED. All payments due by Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

Sunday, June 28, 2026

El Paso County Fair

4-H Shooting Sports Competition AwardsEl Paso County Fairgrounds, Large Pavilion

Monday, July 6, 2026

Fashion Revue Commentaries due emailed to:

Tricia Schroeder (majesticwonderacademy@gmail.com) & 4-H Admin Shawna Lamothe
(**shawna.lamothe@colostate.edu**)

An additional hard copy must be presented with exhibit on Tabletop Exhibit Day, **Friday, July 10, 2026**

Thursday, July 9, 2026 – 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

General Exhibit Drop OffWhittemore Building

Friday, July 10, 2026 – 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tabletop Exhibit Day (exhibit and interview judging, please see schedule).....Whittemore Building

Saturday, July 11, to Sunday, July 19

El Paso County FairFairgrounds in Calhan, CO

Monday, July 13 – 2:00 PM

Creative Cooks Contest.....Swink Hall

Wednesday, July 15

Fashion Revue Contest & Judging

12:30 PMSwink Hall

Fashion Revue Community Show & Awards

3:30 PMSwink Hall

Friday, July 17 – 6:00 PM

Tabletop Exhibit Awards.....Swink Hall

Sunday, July 19, 2026 – 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Tabletop Exhibit Pick-upWhittemore Building

Whittemore Building

4-H EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

(Animal Science, Communication/Arts & Leisure Sciences,
Family Consumer Science, Mechanical Sciences & Natural Resource Projects)

- **County Fair Tabletop General Project Superintendents: Tera Taylor, Donie Miller**
- **County Fair Contest General Project Superintendents: Tricia Schroeder**
- **4-H Shooting Sports Superintendent: Belida Irsik, Assistant 4-H Shooting Sports Superintendent Kiana Dungan**
- [Click for All Superintendents List.](#)

Definitions:

Entry Deadline: *The last date for exhibit entry in EPC Fair; 4-H member indicates intent to exhibit something at the County Fair by pre-entering information into the online FairEntry system by the "Entry Deadline" in June.*

Exhibit Drop-Off: *The 4-H member/family delivers the project exhibit item(s) that have been pre-entered into the FairEntry online system to the County Fairgrounds Whittemore Building. Only those entries that have been pre-entered will be eligible for judging and exhibit.*

Exhibit Day: *The Friday before the County Fair opens to the public for 4-H members to interview and have their project exhibit judged. 4-H members will be assigned an interview time with the judge evaluating their project exhibit(s).*

Exhibitor Fee: *The initial cost to enter the El Paso County Fair in a Tabletop Project area is \$5.00 and will be added to your total FairEntry bill.*

Project/Exhibit Entry Fee: *The cost, per entry, to enter a Tabletop Project area, is \$4.00 and all entries will be added to your total FairEntry bill.*

SHOOTING SPORTS – TABLETOP EXHIBITS

In addition to participating in the El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports County Competition, 4-H members enrolled in the Shooting Sports project are invited and encouraged to exhibit an Informational Display Board, Stand-alone or Decorative item during the El Paso County Fair.

4-H members enrolled in the Shooting Sports project, that have met all County Requirements, may participate in the El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Competition, enter the Shooting Sports Tabletop Exhibits, **OR BOTH.**

Please note the following rules are intended to give a basic outline of the Informational Display Board, Stand-alone and Decorative Item classes. Please refer to the [Colorado 4-H Exhibit Requirements](#) for the full class descriptions and requirements, listed at the end of this document. All entries must include a completed, discipline-specific E-Record & discipline-specific activity log. If you are planning to do a shooting sports exhibit in more than one discipline, you will need to have a separate E-record/activity log for each exhibit.

The different Shooting Sports Tabletop Exhibit areas are outlined as follows:

Informational Display Board Exhibit:

Display boards should illustrate a chosen aspect of skill areas in the specific discipline being represented. The standardized display board size of 4 ft. x 3 ft. is to be used with 4-H projects.

- No additional items may be included on or in front of the display board.
- No wooden display cases.
- No humanoid targets are allowed in any form, including within photographs or drawings.
- Do not use the word “weapon” when creating your display **or in your E-Record.**
- Make sure that there are no safety violations in your display. (Example: no earplugs, no safety glasses on a photo of a youth **holding** his/her gun.)
- Do not use pictures of firearms that are primarily tactical in design in your display, i.e., AR platform or military type firearms.
- The display board topics should stay in close relationship with your discipline. Please do not use topics outside the scope of your 4-H project. (Example: .22 Rifle Project should not use the topic of different types of military machine guns.)
- **No live ammo or projectiles including pellets, round balls, or arrows (no field/target points, broadheads, or knocks allowed), knives, functional or nonfunctional complete firearms (i.e., replica firearms, hand-made, or toy-type, etc.) or bows will be allowed as an exhibit. No actions or receivers of firearms allowed. Only 2-D cardboard or paper cutouts resembling complete firearms or bows are allowed for display purposes in the Display, Stand-Alone, and Decorative Item classes.**
 - **Functional – Any firearm or bow that can expel a projectile.**
 - **Non-Functional – Any firearm unable to expel a projectile.**
- **Projects containing any prohibited items listed in E must be judged and displayed from a photograph or a notebook of photographs and descriptions of the project and its use instead of being judged in person. Restricted physical items are prohibited from being displayed at State Fair.**
- **Members may have entries in the display board classes, the stand-alone classes, and/or decorative item class.**

Stand-Alone Exhibit:

Stand-alone items are items that are made to enhance the discipline **in which the member is enrolled**, such as a quiver, gun case, gun stand, etc. **Stand-alone items are meant to support the shooter on the range.** No display boards or decorative items are allowed in the Stand-Alone Classes. No live ammo, broadheads (ex: arrowheads), knives, functional or nonfunctional **complete** firearms or bows will be allowed to be displayed.

- **No** live ammo or projectiles including pellets, round balls, or arrows (**no field/target points, broadheads, or knocks allowed**), knives, functional or nonfunctional **complete** firearms (i.e., replica firearms, hand-made, or toy-type, etc.) or bows will be allowed as an exhibit. **No actions or receivers of firearms allowed. Only 2-D** cardboard or paper cutouts resembling **complete** firearms or bows are allowed for display purposes in the Display, Stand-Alone, and Decorative Item classes.
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- The display will be a maximum size of 3 feet wide, 3 feet deep and 7 feet in height and be stable as the item is intended for display.
- The stand-alone item should NOT exceed these dimensions when set-up in the way they are intended to be used (for example—a movable gun case must be opened on the floor to be used, and should not exceed the size limit when used this way.)
- If an exhibit is larger than this, a notebook can be used as an exhibit showing how and what was made.
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Decorative Item Exhibit:

Decorative items are items that provide aesthetic value as a decoration. Decorative items are items that are made from materials from the different disciplines but are only for aesthetic value in decorating a room, building, etc. **Decorative items are not meant to be used on the range. Hot glue is not recommended for gluing shells on Decorative exhibit items. Consider an epoxy or polyurethane glue.**

- Be sure to look at the classes to determine where your exhibit item fits.
- **Articles must be made that are relevant to discipline(s) in which you are enrolled**
- ALL Decorative Items, from ALL disciplines, will be judged in the Decorative Item exhibit classes.
- Decorative Exhibit items might be, but are not limited to: lamps, shelves, jewelry, artwork, etc.
- **No** live ammo or projectiles including pellets, round balls, or arrows (**no field/target points, broadheads, or knocks allowed**), knives, functional or nonfunctional **complete** firearms (i.e., replica firearms, hand-made, or toy-type, etc.) or bows will be allowed as an exhibit. **No actions or receivers of firearms allowed. Only 2-D** cardboard or paper cutouts resembling **complete** firearms or bows are allowed for display purposes in the Display, Stand-Alone, and Decorative Item classes.
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EL PASO COUNTY 4-H TABLETOP STAR AWARD



YOU could be eligible to Compete for the Tabletop STAR Award -- Get Qualified Today!



STEP 1:
Enroll in 2 or More
Tabletop Projects!

Select Projects
by **April 1**

To qualify as a STAR Award Candidate, members must enroll in 2 Tabletop projects (or 2 units within a project) **AND receive a Blue award in BOTH** at the El Paso County Fair. You **MUST** enroll in your Tabletop projects by April 1, 2026!



STEP 3:
Fill out/return your
STAR Activity Chart!

STAR Chart Due
Friday,
September 4

Once you've qualified by participating in a County Contest and receiving 2 or more Blue awards, you will need to fill out your El Paso County STAR Activity Chart. These points will be totaled and added to your final point total!



STEP 5:
Top 5 Candidates are
Selected to Interview!

Interviews Held
3rd Week of
September

Once the Top 5 Candidates in each age division are selected based on their point totals, candidates will be invited to interview with the Tabletop Advisory Committee! Candidates will:

- Interview with the Committee
- Take a 4-H Knowledge Quiz
- Bring in a Representative E-Record from the current year

Find all Award Details at:
<https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-family-resources/>



County Contest
is held **Saturday**
April 11

STEP 2:
Participate in a
County Contest!

To qualify as a STAR Award Candidate, members must participate in a County Contest or a County Contest held during the El Paso County Fair. Participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports Competition & Robotics/Rocketry Contest count too!

Enrollment for the County Contest starts in **March, 2026**, El Paso County Fair Registration starts in **May, 2026**

Points Talled in
1st Week of
September

STEP 4:
Point Totals are Talled
by the Committee!

In the 1st week of September, the Tabletop Advisory Committee will tally all the points earned by Candidates in several areas:

- STAR Activity Charts
- County Fair Awards received
- State Fair Awards received
- County Competition Awards received

4-H Achievement
Awards is in
October!

STEP 6:
Attend 4-H
Achievement Awards!



Attend the 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony--the Top 3 Candidates in each age division will be awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze STAR Awards!



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<https://col.st/0WMJA>

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COUNTY COMPETITION

The El Paso 4-H Shooting Sports County Competition uses all Colorado 4-H State Shooting Sports rules. The Rulebook can be found at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2025/12/ss-rulebook.pdf>.

Please Note: County Competition participants are divided into two age divisions:

- Junior Division – Ages 8 – 13
- Senior Division – Ages 14 – 18

4-H members enrolled in the Shooting Sports project, that have met all County Requirements, may participate in the County Competition, enter the Shooting Sports Tabletop Exhibits, **OR BOTH**.

Requirements for Participation in the El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports County Competition are as follows:

1. Participants may compete in the 4-H Shooting Sports Discipline(s) in which they are enrolled in 4HOnline for the current 4-H year.
2. In order to be eligible to compete, participants must have two county sanctioned practices in the discipline the participant wishes to compete in.
3. .22 Pistol **and Western Heritage** participants must be 9 years or older and must have completed one year of range time in any other live fire 4-H program discipline before a participant will be allowed to practice and compete in .22 Pistol or the Western Heritage project with El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports. Air pistol, air rifle, .22 rifle, shotgun or muzzleloader are considered live fire disciplines.
4. Shooting Sports Quality Assurance (SQA) is an annual safety requirement. Participants must attend an SQA to be eligible to attend the County Competition.
 - a. Eligible members may take the Online SQA, and upon receiving a 90% or Better in their age division, will have met their SQA requirement for the year. Before taking the Online SQA, please review all other Online SQA requirements and restrictions in the [El Paso County 4-H Policies for Success](#).
5. A valid Hunter's Safety Education Card is required to participate in the County Competition. This requirement is due with the completed Competition Form (found on the next pages), and paid fees, **by May 1, 2026**. If the participant does not currently have one the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife is the source for this certification.
 - a. Hunter's Safety Cards must be uploaded during 4-H enrollment each year, or, emailed to Jen Loewen at Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu and Shawna Lamothe at Shawna.Lamothe@colostate.edu by **May 1 of each year**.
 - b. For Hunter Education information go to Colorado Parks and Wildlife: <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx> . Please be sure to include your Hunter Education card number with your 4-H online enrollment (if available) AND on your competition form. Competition forms without a Hunter Education number WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
6. Participant competition placing in each of the discipline events will be announced at the awards ceremony on **Sunday, June 28, 2026**. Members 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 the El Paso County Fair, Colorado State Fair and at the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition. (Additional T-shirts are also available for preorder only)
7. Participants will receive placing ribbons and premiums based on their placing.

8. If a participant competes at the county level and qualifies for the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition, the participant will be notified which discipline(s) the participant qualified in.
9. If the participant chooses to participate in the Colorado State Competition, the participant will need to let El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports know and pay fees for Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition as soon as possible.
10. If El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports does not hear from a participant by the deadline, the next participant will be offered the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition position.

El Paso County Competition Event Dates:

May 30, 2026 – Shotgun – Trap & Skeet @ [Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex](#)
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Entry Fees: \$10.00 per person per contest entry except shotgun.
Shotgun entry: \$20.00 per person per contest entry.

The El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Competition Entry Form MUST be completed, and Fees paid, to the “EPC 4-H SS Committee” and can be returned to the committee at any practice by **May 2, 2026**.
NO late entries will be accepted.

The Form required to compete in the El Paso 4-H Shooting Sports County Competition can be found on the next two pages.

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION ENTRY

FORM

Return Form and Fees to the EPC 4-H SS Committee at any practice by **May 2, 2026** – no late entries will be accepted. Competition schedules will be published prior to event.

For a copy of the complete State Rule Book: <https://col.st/79lxa>

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- *Please check to the right of the contests you wish to participate in and include all fees.
- *Please check under Marksman to declare Marksman in 5 events in at least 3 different disciplines
- *Please check under State if you would like to participate in this event at State (if you qualify)

4-Her NAME: _____

4-H Age (as of **12/31/25**): _____

Hunter Ed Card #: _____

Phone (required): _____

Email: _____

<u>CONTEST DISCIPLINE: RIFLE</u>	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FEE</u>	<u>MARKSMAN</u>	<u>STATE</u>
.22 Rifle-Hunting (open sights)		\$10.00			
.22 Rifle-Hunting (scope)		\$10.00			
.22 Rifle-Target 4P (peep sights)		\$10.00			
.22 Rifle-3P (peep sights - Olympic)		\$10.00			
Air/.177 Rifle 25' Utility (open sights)		\$10.00			
Air/.177 Rifle 10m Target 4P (peep sights)		\$10.00			
Air/.177 Rifle 10m Target 3P (peep sights – Olympic)		\$10.00			
Air/.177 Rifle 10m off Hand (peep sights)		\$10.00			
<u>CONTEST DISCIPLINE: PISTOL</u>		<u>FEE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MARKSMAN</u>	<u>STATE</u>
.22 Pistol		\$10.00			
Air/.177 Pistol		\$10.00			
<u>CONTEST DISCIPLINE: MUZZLELOADER</u>		<u>FEE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MARKSMAN</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Muzzleloader Rifle		\$10.00			
Muzzleloader Pistol		\$10.00			XXXXXXXX
<u>CONTEST DISCIPLINE: ARCHERY</u>		<u>FEE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MARKSMAN</u>	<u>STATE</u>
<i>*Archery entrants only allowed one Compound OR one Recurve entry</i>					
Compound Bow Unlimited		\$10.00			
Compound Bow Limited		\$10.00			
Compound Bow Traditional		\$10.00			
Recurve Bow Limited		\$10.00			
Recurve Bow Traditional		\$10.00			
<u>CONTEST DISCIPLINE: SHOTGUN</u>		<u>FEE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MARKSMAN</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Trap		\$20.00			
Skeet		\$20.00			
Sporting Clays		\$20.00			
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EVENTS					

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS AWARDS REQUIREMENTS

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS MARKSMANSHIP AWARD REQUIREMENTS

To compete for the Marksman of the Year Award, you must compete in 5 events across 3 disciplines and make those events in the "MARKSMAN" column of the entry form. The disciplines are identified on the entry form as: Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloader, Archery, and Shotgun. An example of an eligible group of events would be 3 rifle events, 1 pistol event, and 1 muzzleloader event. An ineligible entry would be any entry with either 4 rifle events or 3 events in one discipline (rifle or shotgun) and 2 events in a second discipline (rifle, pistol, muzzleloader, or shotgun).

Scores are calculated by totaling the shooter's final scores across the declared contests, except the scores will be modified to a maximum of 200 per event, or 1,000 total. Each events have a maximum potential score and a multiplier as follows:

50 points:	Shotgun (All events)	Multiplier = x4
150 points:	Muzzleloader (All events), Rifle (3P Air)	Multiplier = x1 ^{1/3}
200 points:	Rifle (Air Utility, Air 4P, and Air Off Hand), Pistol (Air), and Junior Archery (All events)	Multiplier = x1
300 points:	Rifle (.22 3P)	Multiplier = x ^{2/3}
400 points:	Rifle (.22 Open, .22 Scope, and .22 4P), Senior Archery (all events)	Multiplier = x ^{1/2}
600 points:	Pistol (.22)	Multiplier = x ^{1/3}

It's important to pick your events not on how high of a score you can get but how close to the maximum you are. For example, a great .22 Pistol score of 330 is equivalent to an Air Pistol score of 110. Remember to keep records of your scores throughout the year to determine which events you're truly a marksman in (you'll also need them for your e-record book).

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Activity	Point Values
Practices	1 point per practice
Clinics/Workshops	1 point per attendance at event
Competition	1 point total
Tabletop Display Board exhibit	1 point per display board exhibit
Tabletop Decorative/Standalone Display exhibit	3 points per decorative/standalone display exhibit
Demonstration/ Presentation or Leader role at EPC 4-H Shooting Sports Event	2 points per event
Assisting with 4-H Council Fundraiser (in-person event)	2 points per event
Colorado 4-H State Shooting Sports Leader Training	5 points per discipline achieved (only one discipline area can be trained in per training weekend)

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Award Requirements/Description: Member must be an active, enrolled member in El Paso County 4-H, enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Discipline. The EPC 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee will nominate members based on member's attitude and positive Sportsmanship behavior during the current 4-H year. Awards are dependent on funding – up to two Sportsmanship Awards can be offered each year. Members will receive recognition at the Annual 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony.

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS MOST IMPROVED AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Award Requirements/Description: Member must be an active, enrolled member in El Paso County 4-H, enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Discipline. The EPC 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee will nominate members based on a member's attitude and overall improvement during the current 4-H Year. Awards are dependent on funding – up to two Most Improved Awards can be offered each year. Members will receive recognition at the Annual 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony.

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS STATE REGISTRATION GUIDE

Colorado 4-H State Shooting Sports Competition dates:

Saturday August 22nd and Sunday August 23rd 2026:

- Archery—Colorado City
- .22 Rifle & Muzzleloader—Pueblo West
- .177 Rifle & .177 Pistol—Colorado State Fairgrounds Event Center

Saturday September 19th and Sunday September 20th 2026: (date subject to change)

- Western Heritage & Hunting & Outdoor Skills National Qualifiers

Saturday September 5th and September 6th 2026

- Shotgun & .22 Pistol—Pikes Peak Gun Club

If you would like to compete at the state level in any event you might qualify for, please indicate which events by marking the "STATE" column on the entry form. Please double check your calendar to make sure you won't be otherwise occupied. Only 6 kids may compete in any event for our county in all events except Shotgun which is limited to 5. If you know that you will absolutely not be able to compete at state, letting us know by not checking the state column could potentially open the spot for another eligible shooter. Muzzleloader Pistol is the only event you cannot compete at the state level as the state does not host an event for it.

What's the importance of State Competition? For Seniors it's your opportunity to win a shot at going to the National 4-H Competition. Only four shooters can represent our state per discipline each year, so being one of those four is a tremendous honor and often a once in a lifetime opportunity. For Juniors, it's your opportunity to experience one of the largest youth shooting events around. You can meet new friends with similar interests or skills and experience a new form of friendly competition or simply hone your shooting skills. Juniors are not eligible for Nationals, but that's no reason to avoid going to the State Competition.

OTHER APPLICABLE & HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **El Paso County Extension Website**
 - <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/>
- **Colorado 4-H State Fair Info**
 - <https://co4h.colostate.edu/state-fair-information/>
- **Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Rule Book**
 - <https://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/ss-rulebook.pdf>
- **El Paso County Fair Website**
 - <https://www.elpasocountyfair.com/>

For specific questions related to General Consumer Science, 4-H Shooting Sports, Tabletop, or other Non-Living Animal Exhibits please contact:
Jen Loewen, *4-H Youth Development Specialist – Senior Instructor*
(719) 318-0867
Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu

**PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGES
FOR ALL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
TABLETOP/EXHIBIT RULES &
REQUIREMENTS.**

Shooting Sports

Cody Groff, Superintendent

Note: Please read 4-H Project Exhibit Rules on pages 3 and 4.

Project Exhibit Rules:

- A. There is one e-Record that contains the inventory sheet and the discipline-specific activity log records for all the disciplines that are required for this project.
- B. Be sure to include the activity log for the discipline that you are exhibiting in your record book. If you are planning to do a shooting sports exhibit in more than one discipline at the county or state fair, you will need to have a separate e-record for each exhibit with the discipline specific activity log.
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 - a. **Functional – Any firearm or bow that can expel a projectile.**
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- F. **Projects containing any prohibited items listed in E must be judged and displayed from a photograph or a notebook of photographs and descriptions of the project and its use instead of being judged in person. Restricted physical items are prohibited from being displayed at State Fair.**
- G. Do not use the word weapon when creating your display. Make sure that there are no safety violations in your display. (Example: no earplugs, no safety glasses on a photo of a youth holding his/her gun.) Do not use pictures of firearms that are primarily tactical in design in your display, i.e., AR platform or military type firearms.
- H. Historic photos or artist depictions used in exhibits that are not displaying current 4-H practices must have the following disclaimer posted with them, "These are historic photographs and artist renderings. Therefore, they do not follow modern safety protocols for Colorado 4-H."
- I. The display board topics should stay in close relationship with your discipline. Please do not use topics outside the scope of your 4-H project. (Example: .22 Rifle Project should not use the topic of different types of military machine guns.)
- J. Stand-alone items are items that are made to enhance the discipline, such as a quiver, gun case, gun stand, etc. No display boards or decorative items are allowed in the Stand-Alone Classes.
- K. All items in the Stand-Alone and Decorative Item classes will be a maximum size of 3 feet wide, 3 feet deep and 7 feet in height as the item is intended for display. The item must be stable when standing to be displayed within the 3' x 3' space. If an exhibit is larger than this, a notebook can be used as an exhibit showing how and what was made.
- L. For those members who are exhibiting both a display board and a stand-alone, they may copy their e-Record. Each exhibit must have an e-Record. Be sure to highlight what you are exhibiting in your e-Record.
- M. No stand-alone items that are an exhibit at the time of the contests will be allowed to be removed from the building to be used at the contests.
- N. **Items to be exhibited in the Decorative Item class are items that are used as a decoration and must relate to the discipline(s) in which the member is enrolled. Be sure to look at the classes to determine where your exhibit item fits.** If you have questions about your display or requirements, contact your county Extension 4-H Specialist/Coordinator.

Display Board Classes

ARCHERY

Class 3001 Archery Display Board Jr.
Class 3002 Archery Display Board Int.
Class 3003 Archery Display Board Sr.

AIR RIFLE

Class 3004 Air Rifle Display Board Jr.
Class 3005 Air Rifle Display Board Int.
Class 3006 Air Rifle Display Board Sr.

SHOTGUN

Class 3007 Shotgun Display Board Jr.
Class 3008 Shotgun Display Board Int.
Class 3009 Shotgun Display Board Sr.

.22 RIFLE

Class 3010 .22 Rifle Display Board Jr.
Class 3011 .22 Rifle Display Board Int.
Class 3012 .22 Rifle Display Board Sr.

.22 PISTOL

Class 3013 .22 Pistol Display Board Jr.
Class 3014 .22 Pistol Display Board Int.
Class 3015 .22 Pistol Display Board Sr.

BLACK POWDER MUZZLELOADING

Class 3016 Muzzleloading Display Board Jr.
Class 3017 Muzzleloading Display Board Int.
Class 3018 Muzzleloading Display Board Sr.

AIR PISTOL

Class 3019 Air Pistol Display Board Jr.
Class 3020 Air Pistol Display Board Int.
Class 3021 Air Pistol Display Board Sr.

WESTERN HERITAGE

Class 3022 Western Heritage Display Board Jr.
Class 3023 Western Heritage Display Board Int.
Class 3024 Western Heritage Display Board Sr.

OUTDOOR SKILLS

Class 3025 Outdoor Skills Display Board Jr.
Class 3026 Outdoor Skills Display Board Int.
Class 3027 Outdoor Skills Display Board Sr.

Members may have entries in both the display board and the stand-alone classes.

Stand-Alone Classes

Stand-alone items are items that are made to enhance the discipline **in which the member is enrolled**, such as a quiver, gun case, gun stand, etc. No display boards or decorative items are allowed in the Stand-Alone Classes. No live ammo, broadheads (ex: arrowheads), knives, functional or nonfunctional **complete** firearms or bows will be allowed to be displayed. **Refer to E above.**

ARCHERY

Class 3028 Archery Stand-Alone Jr.
Class 3029 Archery Stand-Alone Int.

Class 3030 Archery Stand-Alone Sr.

AIR RIFLE

Class 3031 Air Rifle Stand-Alone Jr.

Class 3032 Air Rifle Stand-Alone Int.

Class 3033 Air Rifle Stand-Alone Sr.

SHOTGUN

Class 3034 Shotgun Stand-Alone Jr.

Class 3035 Shotgun Stand-Alone Int.

Class 3036 Shotgun Stand-Alone Sr.

AIR PISTOL

Class 3037 Air Pistol Stand-Alone Jr.

Class 3038 Air Pistol Stand-Alone Int.

Class 3039 Air Pistol Stand-Alone Sr.

.22 RIFLE

Class 3040 .22 Rifle Stand-Alone Jr.

Class 3041 .22 Rifle Stand-Alone Int.

Class 3042 .22 Rifle Stand-Alone Sr.

.22 PISTOL

Class 3043 .22 Pistol Stand-Alone Jr.

Class 3044 .22 Pistol Stand-Alone Int.

Class 3045 .22 Pistol Stand-Alone Sr.

WESTERN HERITAGE

Class 3046 Western Heritage Stand-Alone Jr.

Class 3047 Western Heritage Stand-Alone Int.

Class 3048 Western Heritage Stand-Alone Sr.

OUTDOOR SKILLS

Class 3049 Outdoor Stand-Alone Jr.

Class 3050 Outdoor Stand-Alone Int.

Class 3051 Outdoor Stand-Alone Sr.

BLACK POWDER MUZZLELOADING

Class 3052 Muzzleloading Stand-Alone Jr.

Class 3053 Muzzleloading Stand-Alone Int.

Class 3054 Muzzleloading Stand-Alone Sr.

DECORATIVE ITEMS

Decorative items are items that provide aesthetic value as a decoration. See E above for prohibited items.

All items from all the disciplines that are decorative will be in these classes.

Class 3055 Shooting Sports Decorative Item Jr.

Class 3056 Shooting Sports Decorative Item Int.

Class 3057 Shooting Sports Decorative Item Sr.

All exhibits will consist of the following (see E above for prohibited items):

- A. Completed e-Record for the discipline exhibited to be presented in a sturdy binder/notebook. The e-Record needs to contain the activity log sheet for the discipline being exhibited. The e-Record containing all log sheets can be found at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/4h-project/4-h-shooting-sports-project/>. Items in the

Decorative Item class must include the Decorative Item Page in the e-Record and a photo of the exhibit must be included on the Photo page(s).

B. **Display Board Exhibits:** One display board illustrating something learned in the project this year. The standardized display board size of 4 ft. x 3 ft. is to be used with 4-H projects. No additional items may be included in front of the display board.

For Stand-Alone Exhibits: One article which you have made as a part of the project this year.

(Examples: gunstocks, gun racks, decoys, quivers, but not limited to just these.) **No** live ammo or projectiles including pellets, round balls, or arrows (with or without field points, broadheads, or knocks), knives, functional or nonfunctional firearms or bows will be allowed as an exhibit. The display will be a maximum size of 3 feet wide, 3 feet deep and 7 feet in height and be stable as the item is intended for display.

For Decorative Exhibit Items: One article which you have made as a part of the discipline(s) in which you are enrolled this year. This item would be considered a decorative item (lamps, shelves, jewelry, artwork, etc.). The display will be a maximum size of 3 feet wide, 3 feet deep, 7 feet in height, and be stable as the item is intended for display.