

Shooting Sports 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.

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 Wisconsin 4-H members (ages 8 [and 3rd grade] to one year following high school graduation) include: archery, Air Rifle (.22 Rifle), Air Pistol (.22 Pistol), Shotgun, Muzzleloading, Reloading, and Wildlife Ecology/Hunting. Supervision of this program is under the direction of the University of Wisconsin-Extension. All participants are responsible for their conduct to the UW-Extension personnel and to the 4-H volunteer leaders supervising this program.

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 may 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 may 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), as listed above, we agree to the following expectations:

We will:

- Attend all sessions in the planned program or notify a leader if we are unable to attend.
- Read and reviewed the safety, range, and etiquette rules and are responsible to know and understand the rules.
- Use good judgement in selecting clothing appropriate to the occasion and weather. Use language and manners that bring respect to ourselves and to Trempealeau County 4-H.
- Be in the assigned areas at all times. Aggressive play or similar actions inside/outside of the buildings is prohibited.
- Follow the county's 4-H driving policy in regard to events and activities.
- Show curtesy and respect for all other people and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Turn off cell phones inside the building. This is a distraction when training. Cell phones used during training will be taken away and returned at the end of 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 Trempealeau County 4-H Youth Behavior Agreement when you signed when you enrolled in 4-H.

As a member, I understand that I need to follow the above expectations. If the expectations are not followed, I understand the adult leaders will talk with me about what behavior needs to be changed. If the behavior continues, the leader will provide a written warning to my parent/guardian. If the behavior continues after the written warning, the situation will be referred to the Trempealeau County UW-Extension 4-H Program Coordinator for review. If the situation warrants, the member may be removed from the shooting sports project(s).

Does the youth require an accommodation to participate in the shooting sports program? ___ Yes ___ No

4-H Member – Print Name

4-H Member Signature

Date

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