



# ADAMS COUNTY

## COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

### EXTENSION

## Shooting Sports Guide 2021-2022

### THE PROJECT

Welcome to the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Project! The 4-H Shooting Sports program teaches members how to safely, responsibly, and ethically use firearms while having fun.

Shooting is a skill that requires self-discipline, concentration, and individual effort. It can also require considerable financial resources. Before committing to this project, please consult the equipment list emailed to you at the beginning of the season. If you did not receive an equipment list, reach out to Liz Werner (lwerner@adcogov.org)

This guide gives you all the information you need to successfully complete this project. PLEASE READ IT THOROUGHLY!

### SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS

In addition to completing all required steps of becoming a 4-H leader (outlined on the Adams County 4-H website), all leaders who work as Shooting Sports instructors are required to attend a state-sponsored training in the Shooting Sports discipline(s) they instruct.

To the right are listed the key shooting sports leaders for each discipline. If you have any questions as you proceed through the shooting sports project, please contact them.



### 2021-2022 LEADERS

Our leaders are the best people to reach out to with Shooting Sports questions. However, they all have day jobs! Please plan ahead when emailing/calling and allow them enough time to answer your question.

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### Shooting Sports 4-H Agent

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Anyone, adult or youth, attending an Adams County 4-H shooting sports practice will be required to sign in and out.

Throughout the year, if there are any concerns with member proficiency or safety at a practice, the key leader of the discipline will fill out a Safety&Proficiency Concerns Form outlining the concerns. The leader will go over this form with the member and the parents and all involved in this discussion will sign the form. After a member has three instances of proficiency or safety concerns, there will be a meeting with the parents, leader, and extension staff.



## MANDATORY SAFETY TRAININGS

Members must attend one safety training each year in order to be eligible for Shooting Sports competitions. Safety trainings will either be held in the Adams County Extension Office meeting rooms.

2022 dates: 1/25, 3/9, & 4/14 at 7pm

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE

All practice dates are tentative, depending on the weather and other circumstances. Consult the Google Calendar and the weekly Fourcast newsletter for updates and cancellations.

### .22 Rifle/.22 Pistol/Air Rifle/Air Pistol

Practice Dates: Mondays beginning in November  
Location: Colorado Parks & Wildlife Range (winter), Fort Lupton Muzzleloading Club (spring)  
-County Shoot: Air - July 11, .22 - July 18  
-Range fees: \$10/member per year

### Archery

Practice Dates: Mondays beginning in early April  
Location: Adams County Fairgrounds  
-County Shoot: July 24  
-Range fees: \$15/member or \$25/family per year

### Muzzleloading

Practice Dates: Thursdays beginning in mid-March  
Location: Fort Lupton Muzzleloading Club  
County Shoot: July 21  
-Range fees: \$5/member per practice

### Shotgun

Practice Dates: Fridays beginning in mid-March  
Location: Colorado Clays  
-County Shoot: July 17  
-Shotgun Range fees: \$5-6/member for 25 shots

### Hunting & Outdoor Skills

-Members must complete at least three practices in any of the disciplines list above.  
-Members must also attend at least two Hunting & Outdoor Skills workshops, which will be announced in the weekly Fourcast newsletter and posted on the Google Calendar.  
- County Shoot: TBD

### Western Heritage

- Practice Dates: 2nd & 4th Saturdays beginning in mid-March  
- Members must attend at least 5 workshops and/or practices, which will be announced in the weekly Fourcast newsletter and posted on the Google calendar.  
Location: Pawnee Sportsmen's Center SASS Range  
- Invitational Event: April 9  
- County Shoot: TBD

**To be informed about Shooting Sports practices and events, you must sign up for the weekly Fourcast newsletter on the Adams County 4-H website.**

## REQUIREMENTS (subject to change due to county and 4-H health and safety protocols)

In order to be eligible to participate at the county or state shooting contests, all Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports project members must complete the following requirements:

- Member must be 8 years old by December 31, 2021 to participate.
  - Member must have (and bring to practices) the required safety equipment to participate in each of the Shooting Sports disciplines in which they are enrolled. For a list of what is required, please consult the equipment list.
  - Member may not practice until they enroll in the 4-H Shooting Sports project and their specific discipline(s) on 4-HOnline.
  - Member must attend at least five county practices (those that are overseen by a certified shooting sports leader) per discipline
  - Member must attend one county-sanctioned safety training.
  - Member's practice punch card must have five practice punches and one safety punch.
  - County shoot registration must be accompanied by completed practice punch card. Practices completed after the registration deadline do not meet the requirement.
  - \* If a member loses his/her practice punch card, they must contact the Extension Office/Liz immediately to request a new card. If the member would like credit for the practices punched on a lost card, a \$50 replacement fee will be charged for the first loss and a \$100 replacement fee per card will be charged on any subsequent losses.
  - Member must complete the Colorado Hunter Education Safety Course and upload their hunter safety card to 4-HOnline before the county shoot.
  - Member must turn in a record book and Shooting Sports exhibit for one of the shooting sports disciplines in which they are enrolled for the Adams County Fair.
  - Members who do not wish to complete the project must drop it on 4-HOnline by June 1st. Failure to complete a shooting sports exhibit for fair or to drop the project by June 1st will result in disqualification from all Shooting Sports disciplines the following year.
  - If a member has a conflict with a county shoot date, they must make arrangements with the designated shooting sports leader in advance.
  - Each member is responsible for paying any range fees when required for each discipline.
- State Shooting Contest qualifiers are determined in the following way for each discipline:
- All of the requirements above must have been met.
  - The high scores in each discipline per age (junior and senior age categories).
  - County fair project and record book in one discipline must be completed and have received a blue or red ribbon at the Adams County Fair.
- Junior Leaders must qualify for their position in the following ways:
- Be at least 14 years old
  - Have 2 years of experience in the discipline in which they will become a Junior Leader
  - Submit an application to the 4-H office
  - Complete an interview with Liz and be approved by the 4-H Office
  - Address and be approved by the Shooting Sports Leaders Council
  - Successfully complete a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training in their discipline

The requirements listed above are to determine eligibility to compete at the county or state shooting contests. However, to complete the Shooting Sports project, members do not have to compete. To complete the Shooting Sports project, members must turn in an exhibit and record book at the county fair. Please see the Premium Book for specific exhibit requirements.

## IMPORTANT: Discipline-Specific REQUIREMENTS

1. **.22 Pistol Member Eligibility:** 4-H members must be 9 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year. Members must have completed at least one project year of Shooting Sports that includes range experience with a firearm (this excludes archery). Members must have permission from a parent or guardian to participate, which is in compliance with the Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Youth Handgun Act of 1994.
2. **Pistol Firearm Requirements:**
  - No derringers
  - No military/defensive platform firearms (AR, AK, Uzi, Takedowns, etc.)
  - Minimum 3" and maximum 10" barrel for paper targets and 12" for silhouette targets on the firearm
  - Smaller pistols may be approved at the leader's discretion
3. **Western Heritage Member Eligibility:** 4-H members must be 9 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year. Members must have completed at least one project year of Shooting Sports that includes range experience with a firearm (excluding archery). Members must be 12 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year to participate in the handgun portion of the Western Heritage project.