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When you support Extension, 4-H youth acquire leadership skills from certified instructors emphasizing safety and responsibility.



Archery is one of the six disciplines of the 4-H Shooting Sports Programs.

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4-H Shooting Sports Programs Teach Safety, Discipline, and Leadership

4-H Shooting Sports provides opportunities for over 8,000 youth, annually, coached by over 1,300-trained volunteers to participate in six disciplines.



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4-H Shooting Sports taught safety, responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, and developed life skills such as leadership and appreciation of the outdoors to over 1,100 Kentucky youth in 2016.

4-H ERS 237 Report

Over one million children living in the United States are exposed to loaded and unlocked firearms in their homes. These loaded and unsecured firearms account for 89% of accidental deaths among children. The Kentucky 4-H Program developed the Shooting Sports program for youth age 9 to 18 years old due to the astonishing deaths and the need to educate children on firearm safety.

The objectives of the National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum are safety, responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, development of life skills such as leadership and an appreciation of the outdoors. Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports members develop self-confidence, personal discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Local 4-H Shoot Sports clubs and shooting sport camp include instruction in six disciplines. The disciplines include shotgun, rifle, pistol, muzzleloaders, archery, and hunter challenge.

Local, district and state competitions provide opportunities for youth to qualify for national shooting sports competitions. Youth become leaders on the State 4-H Teen Council, serve as Shooting Sports Ambassadors, 4-H camp counselors, and conduct community service projects. A recent Warren County high school graduate received a perfect score in marksmanship at the Air Force Academy and credited his 4-H experience in preparing him for the challenges.

Kentucky 4-H has 1,300 certified instructors/coaches who completed an intense 3-day training with range work and pass a comprehensive exam in order to qualify as a Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader. During 2016, over 31,600 volunteer hours were spent in instruction and support of the shooting sports programs.

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4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassadors represent members from across Kentucky. They exhibit their public speaking and leadership skills when presenting to peers, community service organizations and the media on shooting sports and competitions.



Nelson County 4-H youth trains for trap shooting competition. Trap shooting competition demonstrates personal discipline and self-confidence learned in education and practice.