

## Guidelines for Shooting Sports Education Classes

### General Information

- 1) All Shooting Sports Education Projects are due no later than the last day of Shooting Sports competitions. Check the 4-H Fair Book for the correct dates and locations to drop off your projects. Entries can also be taken to the 4-H office before the last day of the competitions. NOTE: these competitions are held before the Fair.
- 2) Ribbons will be presented during Fair at the Shooting Sports Awards Ceremony. Check the 4-H Fair Book for the date and location. Best of Show ribbons will be awarded if applicable.
- 3) All projects must have a 4-H Project Report Form securely attached to their project.
- 4) Division A is open to all members of Sanilac County 4-H that are interested in Shooting Sports Education and Safety. You do not have to be currently enrolled in the project area. Division B & C is for members that are currently enrolled in the Sanilac County 4-H Shooting Sports project and working with a Certified Shooting Sports Instructor within their club.
- 5) Judging will consist of a team that may include Shooting Sports Superintendent, Shooting Sports Committee Members, Certified Instructors or other qualified individuals as deemed by the committee.

### Division A Project Guidelines and Information

- All entries must demonstrate a focus on positive youth development
- Do not use copyrighted materials or characters.
- Good posters and displays focus on one main issue that will gain the attention of the viewer
- Be sure to add your resources to your Shooting Sports Project Record Form
- Video or power point presentations should be turned in on a CD/DVD/ disc or flash drive, clearly labeled or with a tag attached

Exhibits or projects may be presented in any media format. Examples may include any of the following ideas:

- Photo board
- regular size poster board (22' " x 28")
- science fair display board
- video presentation
- power point presentation
- Diorama or model

The above media formats can include any of the following:

- Illustrations, drawings or pictures, clippings
- Graphs and/or charts

- Photography: judging will not include composition or technique. The photography should tell a story or communicate what you are trying to show the audience about the Shooting Sports Education project.
- Videos: taped presentations using volunteer subjects, a safety or educational advertisement or commercial segment, an illustrated talk, a problem solving scenario etc
- Diorama or models: miniature scene involving any positive aspect of shooting sports safety or education, a model of a bow rack,

Projects will be judged on the following:

- Neatness, organization, creativity and accuracy of information

The **4-H Communications Toolkit** can help your members assemble their Shooting Sports Education Project. It is designed to help leaders build on the members written, vocal and visual communication skills. It includes planning, elements and principles of design, research, using resources, and more. The toolkit can be ordered or downloaded from the State 4-H website.

## **Section Four Project Guidelines and Information**

Members Shooter Logs and Record Keeping

- Must be entered in an organized folder or notebook that includes a Title Page or Cover
- Can be typed, or neatly handwritten
- The record keeping should show the members progress throughout the year

## Suggested topics for the Shooting Sports Educational Projects

- Rules and regulations for 4-H Shooting Sports
- What does it take to be a Certified Shooting Sports Instructor?
- Firearm or archery safety rules, range commands, whistle blows
- Wildlife hunting seasons, licensing, zones
- Trajectory
- Hunter Orange requirements
- The parts of a rifle or shotgun
- What to expect at a County Shooting Sports Competition
- Explain the Michigan 4-H State Shoot Competition or the 4-H National Invitational
- Tree stand safety
- Parts of the bow and/or arrow
- How to process a deer, a turkey, small game
- Shooting fundamentals such as position, aim, breath control, trigger control, follow through etc
- What is the NRA Qualifier program?
- Proper form for archers (stance, grip, foot position, wrist position etc)
- Ammunition basics
- Firearm laws of Michigan
- Cleaning and care of firearms, archery equipment
- Dominate eye
- Transporting firearms, archery equipment
- 4-H Shooting sports Code of Ethics
- Types of powder used for muzzleloaders
- 4-H policies on shooting sports including non-military, live fire safety, protective equipment
- How to string a bow
- Youth hunting ages
- History of the muzzleloader
- 4-H Shooting Sports policies on hunting
- Differences between rifles
- Bear Hunting
- Types and materials used for arrows
- Comparisons between coyotes and wolves and hunting regulations
- 4-H Shooting Sports policy on paintball
- Safety zones around buildings for hunters
- Safety equipment for archers
- How to identify button bucks
- What is does the term “gauge” in a shotgun mean?
- How to load a muzzleloader
- What is Precision Shooting?
- Instinctive shooting
- Hunting or trapping within a railroad
- Duck hunting
- Differences between recurve and compound bows
- Comparisons of sights
- Rifle positions- kneeling, off-hand (standing) sitting, prone
- How to set up a safe target range
- What is Skeet? Trap?

## **Resources for the Shooting Sports Educational Classes:**

Ingham County 4-H Shooting Sports webpage: <http://www.ingham.org/ce/4H/Project%20Areas/projectareas.htm>  
( Participation Packets including rifle, archery, shotgun, muzzleloader and the program handbook)

Michigan 4-H State Website for Shooting Sports: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/shootisp.html>  
(State Tournament, National Invitation, Instructor Resources, State Safety Policies, Resources)

Certified Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors

National Rifle Association: <http://www.nra.org/programs.aspx>

Michigan Department of Natural Resources: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge: <http://www.myhec.org/>

International Hunter Education Association: <http://homestudy.ihea.com/index.htm>

Today's Hunter in Michigan (online Hunter Safety course): <http://www.hunter-ed.com/mi/index.htm>

Michigan Bowhunter Safety Course (online safety course): <http://www.bowhunter-ed.com/mi/>

The Hunter's Guide, published by the NRA