



# Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project

## Project Description

This project covers firearm safety and teaches responsible handling and use. Get ready because this project is hands on. You'll learn about a variety of firearms – including pistols, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloading, and even archery! Some groups focus on competitive events, and others practice basic shooting programs.

In the shooting sports project, you'll learn how to load and shoot a variety of firearms, proper maintenance of your firearms, parts, and accessories, proper safety procedures in handling and shooting, about shooting sports competitions and how to participate, hunting procedures, laws and ethics related to shooting, hunting, and firearms use and about careers related to firearms and shooting sports! Due to the nature of this sport, there are quite a few rules that are detailed and important to follow. These rules should be applied to any activity and event within 4-H Shooting Sports project; these rules supercede those posted in governing bodies such as NRA, USA Archery, NSCA, etc.

### Basic

- Learning about different types of firearms and firearm safety.

### Intermediate

- Get involved in local, district, or state shooting sports competitions.



### Advanced

- Become a Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.
- Compete on the Texas Team at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships.

# TAKE SHOOTING SPORTS FURTHER

## *Project Learning Opportunities:*

- Postal Leagues
- Extravaganza
- Indoor Archery Match
- Natural Resources Photography Contest
- Roundup Archery Match
- Roundup Indoor Rifle Match
- State Games
- Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center Fish Art Contest

## *Resources:*

- 4-H Shooting Sports Handbook
- Volunteer Resources:
  - Coaching Resources and Trainings

## *Did you know?*

4-H is a club for kids and teens to develop life skills and make friends. Youth can join 4-H in all 254 counties. Everybody ages 8-18 and in 3rd-12th grades can join 4-H. Kids in Kindergarten to 2nd grades can join as Clover Kids. There are 43 different project areas in five project categories: Agriculture & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Leadership & Citizenship, Natural Resources, and STEM.

## *Want to get started?*

First...Contact your County Extension Agent!

- Contact information can be found at [texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu) > contacts information at the bottom of the page > county offices

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