

Unit 3

Lake/McHenry County 4-H



2020 HANDBOOK

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Important Shooting Sports Dates

January 11, 2020 @ 10:30am	Orientation Meeting- Building D, McHenry County Fairgrounds
March 31, 2020 @ 4pm	Enrollment Paperwork and Payment Deadline - Extension Office
May 12 & 13, 2020	Archery – Safety briefing will be held at the FIRST Class <i>Classes held in the 4-H Barn at McHenry County Fairgrounds</i>
May 14, 2020	Air Rifle – Safety briefing will be held at the FIRST Class <i>Classes held in the 4-H Barn at the McHenry County Fairgrounds</i>
June 3, 2020	Shot Gun classes begin. – Safety briefing will be held at the FIRST Class <i>Held at the McHenry Sportsmen’s Club in Johnsburg</i>
June 14, 2020	Fair Entry Enrollment Due - https://fairentry.com <i>Youth must determine if they are doing shooting demonstration and/or showing a project at the fair for judging.</i>
July 14/15, 2020	Archery Shooting Demonstrations <i>Held at the McHenry County Fairgrounds on final session day</i>
July 16, 2020	Air Rifle Shooting Demonstration <i>Held at the McHenry County Fairgrounds on final session day</i>
July 22, 2020	Shot Gun Shooting Demonstration <i>Held at the McHenry Sportsmen’s Club in Johnsburg</i>
July 31, 2020 <i>See 2020 4-H Fairbook</i>	McHenry County Fair Project Judging for Shooting Sports <i>Judging held in the 4-H Barn at McHenry County Fairgrounds</i>

**ALL DATES in this packet are tentative and subject to change as needed per instructor or Extension office.*

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Introduction

The Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program encompasses the initiative goals of volunteer leadership, capacity building for youth and families, and the environmental stewardship with commitments from the University of Illinois Extension. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is an active program that is attractive to both youth and adults. The program uses positive learning and interaction with youth and adult role models. The disciplines are modeled after the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program and are administered by nationally certified-state leaders consisting of extension personnel and volunteers.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes so that they may become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

The program is designed to:

- Assist youth to learn safe and responsible use of shooting equipment.
- Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- Enhance self-confidence, self-concept, decision making, character, personal development, responsibility, and sportsmanship.
- Develop leadership and citizenship within 4-H parameters for youth and adults.
- Expand 4-H membership and involve more volunteer adult leaders.
- To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
- Create an appreciation and understanding of natural resources.
- To encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through hunting/fishing and related activities.
- To develop an understanding of the principles of wildlife management.
- To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter educational programs.

The Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports consists of the following discipline areas.

* notes the disciplines available in McHenry County at the current time.

- **Air Rifle***
- .22 Rifle
- Air pistol
- **Archery***
- **Shotgun***
- Hunting, Outdoor skills

Objectives of 4-H Shooting Sports Program

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program strives to enable young people, their parents and adult volunteers to become responsible, self-directed and productive members of society. Agents, leaders, instructors and coaches must understand the goals and objectives of the 4-H program. The program transfers knowledge, skills and attitudes to develop human capital, using the subject matter and resources of the land-grant universities.

The specific goals and objectives of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program include but are not limited to those listed below.

1. To encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through shooting, hunting, and related activities.
2. To enhance development of self-concept, character, and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activity.
3. To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision making, self-discipline and concentration.
4. To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
5. To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and life-long vocational activities related to shooting sports.
6. To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
7. To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter education programs using experiential educational methods and progressive development of skills and abilities.

Remember the differences in the age, experience, abilities and development of young people when programs are presented. Refer to a publication on ages and stages of development to be sure appropriate methods are used to reach the objectives.

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SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB GUIDELINES

- In addition to enrolling in 4HOnline to participate in each Shooting Sports club AND additional project discipline: <https://il.4honline.com>; **ALL members** shall provide to the Lake/McHenry County Extension Office a **Extension Participant Assumption of Risk & Liability Release Statement signed by BOTH participant and parent; Shooting Sports Enrollment form; and Emergency Medical Informational form.**
- **Skills Demonstration dates** vary by the discipline.
 - On skill demonstration days, members will sign in promptly to establish shooting order.
 - Due to allotted time for warm-up opportunities and the number of participants, judging times may extend beyond the regularly scheduled times. .
 - To expedite the process, practice will be limited to a single target on the rifle range on skills demonstration dates.
- You will be given **ONE practice target and then you will have to shoot your “judged” targets.** Make sure you get your practice in earlier in the year!
 - Each Club member must compete on his or her own merit.
 - ALL 4-H Club members and instructors are expected to follow all classroom and range rules at all times.
 - ONLY 4-H Certified Instructors are to instruct 4-H members on the shooting ranges.
 - Instructors or the Club coordinator may decide that a member should be excluded from or limited in shooting range participation due to physical or mental maturity. **Safety and a teachable attitude are a must!**
 - Any Instructor or the Club Coordinator has the right to bar any member or parent from shooting range participation or presence if their actions are deemed unsafe. Returning to the program will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
 - It is **highly recommended** for parents to attend all meetings, but they are subject to the rules and regulations of the Club.
 - There will be at least ONE certified instructor and ONE county trained assistant present at any Shooting Sports session or meeting.

Registration will be accepted on a first come basis, as class space may be limited. Youth must be enrolled in **4HOnline.com** with registration, paperwork and payment submitted to the Extension office by **March 31, 2020.**

Refund policy – If a member needs to cancel enrollment for their Shooting Sports class, FULL REFUNDS will be given if the cancellation is made in writing (acceptable if by email) before the FIRST scheduled class of Shooting Sports. (May for Air Rifle and Archery, June for Shotgun). **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE CLASSES BEGIN.**

SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB GUIDELINES (cont'd)

WHAT TO WEAR ON THE RANGE

1. Wear close-toed shoes with backs. (**NO** flip flops)
2. Wear crew neck shirts (long sleeve *recommended*) and pants. (**NO** shorts or mid-driff shirts)
3. If you have long hair, it must be tied back from face and ears or tucked in a hat.
4. No hoop earrings, necklaces and lanyards, bangle bracelets and watches, facial piercings, name tags and anything else that might interfere with the shooting equipment.
5. McHenry/Lake County 4-H Shooting Sport shirts can be purchased through the Extension office.

SAFETY RULES FOR THE ARCHERY RANGE

1. Always wear your arm guard and finger protection.
2. Inspect equipment for problems each time before shooting.
3. Know and obey all range commands. {These will be taught in first session.}
4. Always walk on archery range.
5. Always practice good sportsmanship by respecting others, equipment and facilities.
6. Refrain from horseplay and loud talking while waiting, so as not to distract others.
7. Do not call to or interact with participants that are on the firing line.
8. Identify your target and what lies beyond it.
9. Only use arrows the instructor gives you. Remember what they look like.
10. Never dry fire your bow – only when arrow is nocked on the string.
11. Keep your arrows in your quiver until you are told to shoot.
12. Always keep your arrows pointed down or towards the target.
13. Load your bow only when commanded to do so.
14. Shoot only at your target.
15. If you drop an arrow, leave it on the ground until told to pick it up.

SAFETY RULES FOR THE RIFLE AND SHOTGUN RANGES

1. Always wear your safety glasses and ear protection, as appropriate.
2. Inspect equipment for problems each time before shooting.
3. Always walk on range.
4. Always practice good sportsmanship by respecting others, equipment and facilities.
5. Refrain from horseplay and loud talking while waiting, so as not to distract others.
6. Do not call to or interact with participants that are on the firing line.
7. Know and obey all range commands. {These will be taught in first session.}
8. ALWAYS keep your firearms pointed in a safe direction.
 - a. Range requires down range or at the ground. (NOT toes)
9. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
10. Only place your finger on the trigger when ready to shoot at your target.
11. Shoot only at your target.
12. Do not move between stations with firearms unless instructed to do so.
13. Identify your target and what lies beyond it.
14. Never dry fire your firearm, **UNLESS** instructed to do so.
15. Load your firearm only when commanded to do so.
16. Only use ammo the instructor gives you. Remember what they look like.
17. If you drop anything, leave it on the ground until told to pick it up.

DISCIPLINE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

- To be eligible for **Archery**, you must have completed the requirements for club membership **and** you must be **8 years of age by September 1 of the current 4-H year.**
- To be eligible for **Air Rifle**, you must have completed the requirements for club membership **and** you must be **8 years of age by September 1 of the current 4-H year.**
- To be eligible for **Shotgun**, you must have completed the requirements for club membership **and** you must be **at least twelve (12) years of age by September 1 of the current 4-H year.**
- **Per Discipline Fees (Annual Fees)** In order to participate in 4-H Shooting Sports program, participants must be enrolled as a 4-H member on the 4HOnline site: <https://il.4honline.com>. (There is a \$20 annual membership fee) In addition, there is a required cost for shooting range activities which includes safety equipment, ammunition, and additional shooting sports insurance according to the following schedule:
 - **Archery: \$50.00**
 - **Air Rifle: \$50.00**
 - **Shotgun: \$80.00**

Please note: This fee is paid only once a year per discipline. Additional Range Fees may be required. If you are unable to pay the fee and need financial assistance, please contact the Extension office.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION

All members will complete the current year 4-H Shooting Sports Project Record Book (*at the discretion of the Shooting Sports discipline instructor.*)

1. **ALL members** must meet all of the following criteria:

- Registered 4-H Member at 4HOnline - <https://il.4honline.com>
- Registered 4-H Shooting Sports Members in each discipline enrolled
- Paid all fees (*Annual 4-H membership and separate Shooting Sports fees*)
- Attended 2/3 of the meetings/sessions (*to participate in county Shooting Sports demonstration*)
 - Provide clear communication with instructor, if missing a meeting/session
- Attended safety course taught by Shooting Sports Instructors. (*for any member with less than 3 years experience in any enrolled discipline*)
- Any practice outside of 4-H Shooting Sports meetings should be included on the individual practice log.

2. Participate in the County Shooting Skills Demonstration Day

--OR--

MAKE A PROJECT or POSTER related to your discipline. Create an exhibit that shows the public what you learned in shooting sports education this year. *Please see the 2020 McHenry County Fair Book for complete expectation of project exhibit in this area.*

FAIR PROJECT IDEAS

- ▶ Create an archery or firearms safety poster.
- ▶ Build a bench rest.
- ▶ Make a gun rack.
- ▶ Make a functional quiver.
- ▶ Make an ammunition pouch.
- ▶ Make a ground pad for prone position shooting.
- ▶ Bounce an idea off your Club or Project Leader/Instructor.
- ▶ BE CREATIVE!!!

NEW THIS YEAR...

Shooting Sports displays eligible for STATE FAIR!
See 2020 McHenry County Fairbook for details.

Shooting Skills Demonstration Day

No Open Practice on Skill Days

July 14 & 15, 2020.... ARCHERY

July 16, 2020..... AIR RIFLE

July 22, 2020..... SHOTGUN

Skill Shoot Conditions

1. Members are only allowed one opportunity to complete the skills demo.
2. It is expected that members have participated in 3/4 practice sessions and are familiar with range rules and equipment. Significant instruction will not be provided the day of skills demo. Safety violations will result in removal from the range without the ability to complete the skills demo.
3. Outside Coaching / Instruction is prohibited once the member enters the range for a skills demo.
4. Should a participant need to complete their skills demo prior to the scheduled skills demo days, the same conditions will apply including limitations on practice and warm-up. A member shall notify an instructor of the need to complete their skills demo before entering the range for the first time for that day.

Archery Shoot Procedure

1. Archers will select their preferred equipment when they hear the proper whistle command.
2. Archers will be allowed to warm up by shooting up to 4 arrows. Questions may be asked of the instructor during warm up only.
3. For skills demo scoring archers will shoot 4 arrows.
4. Archers will be expected to follow all range rules and be able to answer questions about these rules and about the equipment.
5. In the event that a bow becomes disabled during the demo the member will be allowed to select a different bow.

Rifle Shoot Procedure

1. Member will shoot from 3 out of 5 shooting positions (bench, prone, sitting, kneeling or standing) for skills demo scoring. Shooting positions may be adjusted based on physical ability.
2. 9 to 12 rounds of ammunition will be provided per shooting position.
3. One 10 shot sight-in practice round (any position) will be permitted prior to skills demo.
4. Following the 10 shot sight-in practice round a new official skills demo target will be provided.
5. Official scoring of each target will take place as time permits.
6. In the event that a rifle becomes disabled during the skills demo, the member will be allowed to select a different rifle and will be provided up to 5 practice shots before resuming their skills demo.

Shotgun Shoot Procedure

1. Two practice shots from each shooting station will be permitted prior to the skills demo.
2. Immediately following the practice round: The skills demo round will consist of 25 shots - five shots from each shooting station.
3. In the event that a shotgun becomes disabled during the skills demo, the member will be allowed to select a different shotgun and will be provided up to 5 practice shots before resuming their skills demo.

FOID Card Information



Firearm Owners Identification cards - to legally possess or purchase firearms or ammunition, residents of Illinois are required to have a FOID card. The FOID card is issued by the Illinois State Police, who first perform a check of the applicant on the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Police also check an Illinois Department of Human Services database, to disqualify any applicant who has been adjudicated as a mental defective, or who has been a patient of a mental institution within the last five years. A FOID application can be downloaded from the Illinois State Police website at: <http://www.isp.state.il.us> FOID cards cost \$10.00 and are good for 10 years.

Commonly Asked Questions from the Illinois' State Police website

I am under the age of 21; do I need a FOID card?

Not necessarily. The FOID act exempts non-emancipated minors while in the custody and immediate control of their parent, legal guardian, or other person in loco parentis to the minor as long as their parent, legal guardian or other person in loco parentis to the minor has a valid FOID card in their possession.

I am under the age of 21; can I apply for a FOID card?

Yes. In addition to all other requirements', a person must have the written consent of his or her parent or legal guardian to possess and acquire firearms and ammunition.

Is a FOID card required to bow hunt?

No. A bow and arrow is not defined as a firearm.

How can I legally transport a firearm on my person or in my vehicle?

There is more than one way to legally transport a firearm. However, in order to be in compliance with all statutes, it is recommended all firearms be transported: 1. Unloaded, 2. Enclosed in a case, 3. By persons who have a valid FOID card.

What constitutes a legal case for transporting firearms?

The Wildlife Code is more specific, defining a case as a 'container specifically designed for the purpose of housing a gun or bow and arrow device by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened with no portion of the gun or bow and arrow device exposed.'

National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does 4-H have a shooting sports program?

- 4-H uses shooting sports to teach youth development. Our programs are valuable for helping young people develop self-confidence, personal discipline, responsibility, teamwork, self-esteem and sportsmanship. The discipline and self-control required for responsible firearms use carries over into many other aspects of life.
- 4-H programs provide a positive experience for youth and promote the safe and ethical use of firearms.
- It is our belief that firearms education reduces gun accidents.
- Hunting and shooting are rich American traditions. 4-H Shooting Sports programs help continue this tradition through involvement of the total family: youth, teens, parents, grandparents, etc.

Don't shooting programs like those run by 4-H spread American's violent gun culture?

- No! In fact, there is ample evidence that the opposite is true. The 4-H Shooting Sports program is designed to teach good self-concept and character, and to promote the highest standards of safety and ethical behavior. In addition, with 60-80 million gun owners in America, and the vast majority of them using guns safely and responsibly, America has a peaceful gun culture.
- In a society that has chosen to possess firearms, all members, regardless of age should be provided adequate training to ensure safe, ethical and responsible interaction with firearms.

Isn't easy access to firearms one reason for the violent behavior we have seen in school shootings?

- No, access is not the issue. The safest location for a responsible gun owner to store a firearm is the secure environment of his or her home.
- Firearms should however, be stored so that they are inaccessible to unauthorized users.

Can't you do positive youth development without a firearm?

- Yes. However, you will miss some kids that are interested in hunting and shooting.
- Make the most of family interest in hunting and shooting.
- 4-H Shooting Sports will enhance the gender ratios of members and volunteer leaders of your State 4-H Program

2020 ILLINOIS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS STATE SHOOT

Participants in the STATE shoot must have passed their **14th birthday by January 1, 2020** and may **not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1, 2020**. The **STATE** shoot is open to 4-H members who will be at least **14 years old by Jan. 1, 2020** and are currently enrolled in the shooting event/discipline/s they enter, and must be in good standing in their verified 4-H Shooting Sports Club.

Additional Unit 3 qualifications for State competition participation:

- Fulfilled "REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION" as stated in this handbook.
- Attended 2/3 of the previous 4-H year's shooting sports classes in discipline competing
- Attained a Blue rating at the previous 4-H year's county level shooting sports demonstration
- 4-H Shooting Sports Project Record Book has been verified by shooting sports instructor

To be eligible for the **NATIONAL** team, **members must not have turned 19 by January 1, 2020 and have qualified at the previous IL 4-H State competition**. Youth in their last eligible year of 4-H who turn 19 in September, October, November, or December may participate in the state contest but cannot be selected for the national contest.

2020 4-H Shooting Sports Registration



4-Her Information:

4-Hers Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
Address _____ Grade ____ Age ____ Gender ____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone (____) _____ Contact E-mail _____
4-H Primary Club _____ County _____

4HOnline: I have indicated by clicking the "agree" button and typing in my name, my agreement to the following:

Behavior Guidelines: YES ___ NO ___ **Photo Release:** YES ___ NO ___

PARENT/GUARDIAN/OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Name: _____ Relationship _____ Email _____
Home Phone: _(____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone: _(____) _____ - _____

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Home Phone: _(____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone: _(____) _____ - _____

Shooting Sports Fees: PLEASE CIRCLE

Current 4-H Club Member YES NO (If NO, please enroll in IL 4-H Online - <https://il.4honline.com>)

Archery	\$50	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year	6 th Year	7 th Year	8 th Year
Air Rifle	\$50	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year	6 th Year	7 th Year	8 th Year
Shotgun	\$80	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year	6 th Year	7 th Year	8 th Year

T-Shirt - long-sleeve is recommended, however, not required (please circle size)

Long-sleeve / \$14 Youth XL Adult SM Adult Med Adult Lg Adult XL Adult XXL/\$16

Short-sleeve / \$12 Youth XL Adult SM Adult Med Adult Lg Adult XL Adult XXL/\$14

PAYMENT TOTAL: _____ **CASH** _____ **CHECK #** _____ **ONLINE Payment Amount:** _____

Please make all checks payable to University of Illinois Extension.
Payment is due with registration form.
ONLINE payment available through Extension website registration.
Please print/save email receipt.

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