

**What can a member do beyond the county level Shooting Sports program?**

* **Upon completion of the county level program participation, members have many opportunities to expand their skills and experiences.**
* **Summer Sizzle Shoot**- https://extension.illinois.edu/news-releases/4-h-members-take-aim-during-summer-sizzle-shoot-1
  + June, hosted at the Chillicothe Sportsman’s club by Marshall/Putnam County
  + Members will be emailed registration information from the Marshall/Putnam Extension office (refer to above website)
* **Illinois 4-H State Shoots-** https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots
  + September and October depending on discipline.
  + Illinois 4-H State Shoots are intended to provide an opportunity for our Illinois 4-H members to compete with those with like interests from throughout Illinois. The skill challenges that will be offered at the State Shoots are difficult as they are the same events that the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships offer. The events will also serve as a basis to select State Teams that will compete at 4-H Nationals in June of the current year in Grand Island, NE.
* **National 4-H Shooting Sports competition.** https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/national
  + The selection of participants is at the discretion of the State 4-H Program, or the Land Grant University, in which the 4-H Shooting Sports Program resides.

**What opportunities does the 4-H Shooting Sports program offer?**

**The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible, productive citizens. The Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program stands out as an example. Youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, the principles of shooting and much more. The activities of the program and support of caring adult leaders provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills, self-worth and conservation ethics.**

