

Dear Interested 4-H Shooting Sports Club Members:

The 4-H Shooting Sports leaders of Hamilton County have put together this packet to help inform you of the program.

Dedicated Leaders/Certified Instructors: Remember that all leaders are volunteers. They have families and jobs that are the highest priorities. You need parents that are willing to have fun, learn right along with the 4-H member and lend a hand at any time. We are blessed to have 8 certified instructors in Hamilton County. In order for the University of Nebraska liability insurance to cover instructors of the 4-H shooting projects, they must be certified by attending a training in the discipline they plan to lead.

Enrollment: Hamilton County 4-H Shooting Sports will follow the state guidelines for enrollment. Each youth will be required to re-enroll each fall when annual enrollment opens, usually between October and November. The youth must be registered in the discipline in order to attend and participate in practices as well as fair competitions.

Participation: Being a member of the club is a privilege. Safety of all in attendance at practice and competitions is our first priority. It is not a right to participate and if instructors see any actions that threaten the safety, the youth or cause will be addressed and handled, this may include the youth being removed.

Club meetings: Club meetings are separate from the disciplines; however, will be held in conjunction with hunting/outdoor skills to assist with scheduling purposes. Club meetings are important to attend as club specific business such as fundraisers, decisions on learning opportunities and equipment purchases will be discussed. Youth are required to attend at least two meetings a year.

Fees/Dues: Our hope is to keep this a “free” club. In order to do this, we may require/ask that youth provide their own equipment and participate in fundraising activities.

Communication: The Hamilton County 4-H Shooting Sports club will utilize mass media. It has a Remind and Facebook page that we ask you to join; as well as sending emails to all registered members. In order to ensure you receive the communications, we would like to encourage everyone to register the 4-H shooting projects under the Hamilton County 4-H Shooting Sports club in the 4-H online system to ensure we have your contact information.

Discipline Information Sheets: attached to this letter you will find sheets explaining each discipline, equipment needed, and requirements.

Flagging: The act of pointing your firearm at any one or any thing other than the target. This will not be tolerated. Any intentional flagging will cause the youth to be banned from participating in all disciplines for the entire year.

Goals: Hamilton County Shooting Sports Club offers disciplines in Archery, BB gun, Air rifle, Air pistol, Hunting Skills, .22 rifle, and .22 pistol. We believe that youth who participate in our club, whether they hunt, shoot competitively, or shoot for pleasure, will have a thorough understanding of firearm safety and range rules by participating. This knowledge and skills will help them make positive decisions throughout their lifetime.

If you have any questions at any time, please reach out.

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Archery

4-H Age: 8 -18 as of January 1 of upcoming year.

Eligibility: First year youth welcome. Youth must also complete the First Shooter Training prior to participating in the discipline.

Equipment: recommend Mathew's Genesis bow or similar compound bow, recurve is also allowed, 6 arrows minimum, quiver, and arm guard. The club does have a few bows and arrows to initially try, please speak to the instructor. Youth must have hair pulled back, no strings on hoodies, closed toe shoes and pants.

Lessons/Practices: 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month beginning in November at 6 pm at the Commercial building. First shooter meeting will be held November 6th.

Types of targets and distance: Junior and Intermediate at 10 yds and Senior at 20 yds

Fair competition: Must attend 4 practices each year in order to compete. Target shoot on January 21st with check in at 1:00 pm and 3-D shoot TBD in June.

Parent/Guardian: required to remain at practice

Important: Members will be observed by the instructors and if the instructors feel the member is not capable of properly and safely handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.

Air Pistol

4-H Age: 8 -18 as of January 1 of upcoming year.

Eligibility: Any youth who has not completed 1 year of a 4-H rifle discipline may participate if they can show knowledge of firearm safety and show skill with a BB gun or Air rifle. All youth must be able to properly grip the pistol to be able to participate. Youth must also complete the First Shooter Training prior to participating in the discipline.

Equipment: Club pistols will be available, pellets only, eye protection. Closed toe shoes and pants, hair pulled back.

Lessons/Practices: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month beginning in January at 3:00 pm in the Commercial building. First shooter meeting will be held on January 14th.

Types of targets and distance: Silhouette/reactive targets will be used at variable distance, minimum of 5 yds

Fair Competition: must attend 4 practices each year in order to compete. Target shoot on April 28th with check in at 2:00 pm

Parent/guardian: required to remain at practice

Important: Members will be observed by the instructors and if the instructors feel the member is not capable of properly and safely handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.

Air Rifle

4-H Age: 8 -18 as of January 1 of upcoming year.

Eligibility: Youth must participate in one year of BB prior, in Hamilton County or proof of other county. Youth who have not completed one year of a 4-H discipline may participate if they can show knowledge of firearm safety and knowledge of how their specific air rifle works. Youth must also complete the First Shooter Training prior to participating in the discipline.

Equipment: pneumatic air rifle (hand pump), under 500 ft per sec for break action, recommend Daisy brand, pellets only, eye protection. Closed toe shoes and pants, hair pulled back. If you need assistance with equipment please contact the instructor.

Lessons/Practices: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month beginning in January at 2:00 pm in the Commercial building. First shooter meeting will be held on January 14th.

Types of targets and distance: Silhouette/reactive targets will be used at variable distance, minimum of 10 yds

Fair Competition: must attend 4 practices each year in order to compete. Target shoot on April 28th with check in at 2:00 pm

Parent/guardian: required to remain at practice

Important: Members will be observed by the instructors and if the instructors feel the member is not capable of properly and safely handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.

BB

4-H Age: 8 -18 as of January 1 of upcoming year.

Eligibility: First year youth welcome. Youth must also complete the First Shooter Training prior to participating in the discipline.

Equipment: BB gun, bbs, eye protection, closed toe shoes, pants, air pulled back. The club does have some equipment for use, please visit with the instructor.

Lessons/Practices: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month beginning in January at 3:30 pm in the commercial building. First shooter meeting will be held January 14th.

Types of targets and distance: paper targets at 5 yrds

Fair Competition: Must attend 4 practices each year in order to compete. Target shoot scheduled for April 14th with check in at 4:00 pm

Parent/guardian: required to remain at practice

Important: Members will be observed by the instructors and if the instructors feel the member is not capable of properly and safely handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.

Hunting/Outdoor Skills

4-H Age: 5 -18 as of January 1 of upcoming year.

Eligibility: First year youth welcome.

Equipment: supplies will be provided or youth will be notified on activity and of items that are needed to be brought

Lessons/Practices: 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm beginning November 19th. Locations will vary based on activity and be communicated via Remind and Facebook

Fair Competition: must attend 4 lessons each year in order to compete. Two part competition (written and skill) scheduled for June 23rd.

Parent/guardian: required to remain at practice

Important: Members will be observed by the instructors and if the instructors feel the member is not capable of properly and safely handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.

.22 Pistol

4-H Age: 10 -18 years of age as of January 1 of upcoming year.

Eligibility: Must have participated in at least 4 practices in BB, Air pistol, or Air rifle in Hamilton County or proof from other county. Youth must also complete the First Shooter Training prior to participating in the discipline.

Equipment: .22 pistol, .22 ammo, eye protection, ear protection, closed toed shoes, pants, hair must be pulled back.

Lessons/Practices: Monday evenings from April 8th to May 13th at 6:00 pm at the Hamilton County Shooting Sports Berm located on the southwest side fairgrounds. First shooter and firearm inspection March 25th.

Types of targets and distance: paper targets at 5 yds

Fair Competition: Must attend 4 practices each year in order to compete. Target shoot scheduled for May 20th with check in at 5:30 pm

Parent/guardian: required to remain at practice

Important: Members will be observed by the instructors and if the instructors feel the member is not capable of properly and safely handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.

.22 Rifle

4-H Age: 10 -18 years of age as of January 1 of upcoming year.

Eligibility: Must have participated in at least 4 practices in BB, Air pistol, or Air rifle in Hamilton County or proof from other county. Youth must also complete the First Shooter Training prior to participating in the discipline.

Equipment: .22 rifle with scope or open sights, eye protection, ear protection, closed toed shoes, pants, and hair pulled back

Lessons/Practices: Tuesday evenings from April 9th to May 14th at 6:00 pm at the Hamilton County Shooting Sports Berm located on the southwest side fairgrounds. First shooter and firearm inspection meeting March 26th.

Types of targets and distance: paper targets at 25 yds

Fair Competition: Must attend 4 practices each year in order to compete. Target shoot scheduled for May 21st with check in at 5:30 pm

Parent/guardian: required to remain at practice

Important: Members will be observed by the instructors and if the instructors feel the member is not capable of properly and safely handling the firearm, they will not be allowed to shoot it.