Washington County

4-H Shooting Sports

4-H ARCHERY CLUB

GUIDELINES

2021

**GENERAL 4-H PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**4-H ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER/COACH: Brian Jennings**

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**4-H ENROLLMENT:**

* The Washington County 4-H Archery Club is open to Washington County 4-H members who are enrolled in the current year and are ages 8 to 18 years old on January 1 of the current 4-H year.
* Washington County 4-H enrollment must be completed online and includes a $10 enrollment fee.
* Enrollment must be done directly by families utilizing an on-line enrollment system @ <https://ne.4honline.com/>. Once an enrollment has been submitted, it will be electronically forwarded to the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office email address. Office staff will then need to “Approve” (confirm) the enrollment to make it official.
* For step-by-step instructions, go to <https://go.unl.edu/2x9h>.
* FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED – located on the 4-H online enrollment system.
* **“Shooting Sports Participation Code of Conduct” -** The Code of Conduct is located in the second section called “Additional Information” and is directly below the “**4-H Youth/Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct” that is required by all 4-H members to complete.**
* “**Health Form**” - The information to complete is located in the third section called “Health Form”**.**

**AGE DIVISIONS:**

* The Washington County 4-H Archery Club plans to follow the state’s guidelines for age divisions, but could be adjusted based on number of members competing.
* (Cubs) Junior (8-11 years old on January 1 of current year)
* (Youth) Intermediate (12-14 years old on January 1 of current year)
* (Young Adult) Senior (15-18 years old on January 1 of current year)

**WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM UPDATES:**

* Once the 4-H online enrollment has been completed and the $10 4-H enrollment fee paid, 4-H families will receive WEEKLY email blasts (4-H Updates). This information will include ALL Washington County 4-H Program updates.
* 4-H families are also encouraged to review the Washington County 4-H Website on a frequent basis. <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/4h/>

**GENERAL 4-H ARCHERY CLUB INFORMATION**

**4-H ARCHERY CLUB GOALS:**

Members will learn to be:

* **Safe and to safely handle equipment while practicing and competing**.
* **Courtesy and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times**
* Knowledgeable of archery terms
* Knowledgeable about how to pick equipment that fits.
* Persistent at a skill to improve performance.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT:**

* Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to be involved.
* There are plenty of opportunities to help at each practice from helping with scoring, managing the line of shooters, to helping coach students on proper form, to watching for unsafe acts and helping to arrange transportation to shooting events.
* Please do not plan on just dropping the shooters off and leaving every practice.
* Only one parent/guardian allowed per shooter and all must wear masks.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY CLUB FEE:**

* A **$17 fee** will be assessed for the 2020 Washington County 4-H Archery Club season (January – July).
* Fees will be used to pay for insurance, range upkeep, targets and miscellaneous supplies.

**ADDITIONAL 4-H ARCHERY CLUB FORMS:**

The following is a list of forms that are pertinent for the 4-H Archery Club.

* “**Orion Archery – ASA Waiver & Release of Reliability”** will be e-mailed to you. Please complete and bring to practice along with the fee. Brian will collect.
* OPTIONAL: “**Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Record Book**” found at <https://goo.gl/unrqj7>. Although completing the record book is optional, it is important that each member review the book since it includes the 4-H Pledge, the Ten Commandments for Safe 4-H Shooting Sports, opportunity for goal setting, a shooter’s diary, leadership activities record chart, permanent equipment and expendable inventory charts, score sheets, and an opportunity for member’s to record their list of 4-H exhibits.
* OPTIONAL: “**Orion Archery Club Membership Application**” may be completed if you choose to join the Orion Archery Club in addition to the Washington County 4-H Archery Club. The form is available at the Orion Archery’s Range in Blair (Membership Application).

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

* Nebraska 4-H Archery Rules: [Https://Goo.Gl/F1yjgp](https://goo.gl/F1yjGP)
* Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Website: [Https://4h.Unl.Edu/Shooting-Sports](https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports)

**4-H ARCHERY CLUB CARD:**

* Before attending any 4-H competitions, the member is required to receive his/her club card.
* The club card will be given out to all shooters once they have demonstrated their understanding of the safety rules.
* There are not any proficiency requirements to receive a card.

**4-H ARCHERY PROJECT INFORMATION**

**SAFETY:**

* There are inherent risks with any sport, and the shooting sports are no different. Based on our inquiries, the likelihood of a serious injury in any of the traditional sports of football, basketball and volleyball are much higher.
* The safety of members, parents and coaches is the club’s number one priority.
* No unsafe conduct or “horseplay” will be tolerated.
* Any member can be sent home or expelled for violating any of the safety rules.

**HUNTER SAFETY:**

* 4-H Archery Club members who will be 12 years old in the current year are required to take the Nebraska Bowhunter Safety education class. This is another way that we can ensure that all members understand the safety rules.
* Official Nebraska Bowhunter Safety Course Online: <https://www.bowhunter-ed.com/nebraska/>
  + Please submit a copy of course completion to the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office

**PRACTICE ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO COVID:**

We trust that all shooters/families will be following the state recommendations for not attending practice if they have any of the symptoms or if they’ve been exposed to someone. If there are any local outbreaks or we learn new information the following guidelines may be changed. Everyone is encouraged to check their email regularly to verify if practice has been cancelled.

We will base meetings on the COVID risk-dial for Washington County which can be found at the following link.

* [https://www.threeriverspublichealth.org/COVID-19/COVID-19-Updates](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.threeriverspublichealth.org_COVID-2D19_COVID-2D19-2DUpdates&d=DwMFAg&c=Cu5g146wZdoqVuKpTNsYHeFX_rg6kWhlkLF8Eft-wwo&r=RP2STg2m_oH2v6q7f3hADLW-ZEWSxRCfkqaqY6BxuQQ&m=O5KRGruPj3B8Faq7_khvinAzjWEcTstmjsh4iD1sNNs&s=gYaA9SWHKCWzZUdBCURt3R-xHb7YELyK-A86wb8Hg9w&e=)
  + Red Level: No practice allowed.
  + Orange (greater than or equal to 3.1): No practice allowed.
  + Orange with an increasing trend over the previous week:
    - Practice will be determined in real time and an email will be sent out Tuesday morning the day of the practice to indicate if practice will happen or not. The decision will be made on Monday.
    - If practice is allowed, it will follow the guidelines for Orange.
  + Orange (<3.1): Practice is allowed.
  + Yellow: Practice allowed following same guidelines as for orange except masks will not be required.
  + Green: Rules will be decided at a later date.

The following guidelines will be followed but are subject to change. Each family will need to determine if they are comfortable participating or not. Because of the limitations and risks associated with COVID, we will not require attending the minimum number of practices this year, to participate in the fair shoot, unless those restrictions are lifted.

* We will only allow 4 kids on the line at a time to maintain 6ft between shooters.
* Orion waiver includes a clause for COVID
* No food or drink can be shared or handed out at practice.
* Only one family member allowed to attend the child/children from the same family.
  + No non-participants allowed except for the one family member
* Face coverings are required.
  + Balaclava or neck gaiters that are tight fitting are required
  + Loose masks may catch in the bow string and are not allowed.
  + Masks with strings or cloth strings that hold the mask behind the ear are not allowed as these masks do not fit tight enough and may get caught in the bow string.
  + Everyone inside the club is required to wear a mask
  + Masks can make finding the anchor point on the side of the face difficult, but this is required at this time.
* 6-foot distance is required for all participants and spectators except for those that live in the same household.
  + This includes while watching, shooting, scoring and pulling arrows.
* Because of the 6-foot distance and the small number of people allowed, participants will be asked to sign up for a shooting time.
  + You may register all family members shooting 10 yards together if you want them to shoot together
  + You may register all family members shooting 20 yards together if you want them to shoot together
  + It is unclear at this time if we’ll be able to allow each shooter a chance to shoot twice a month or only once. We will let you know if there are enough slots open to allow youth to attend multiple practices a month.
* Equipment
  + In orange and yellow, we strongly encourage people to bring their own equipment
  + We will still make our equipment available and will wipe it down after each practice; however, we will not be able to allow people to share equipment during the practice.
  + We will want shooters to shoot unique arrows so that we do not mix them up.
* Coaching will be done from a distance.
* We will ask the 7:45 group to remain in the parking lot until all of the 6:15pm shooters have left. A sign on the door will let you know when it is okay to enter.

**TYPE OF BOW:**

* A long bow, re-curve or compound bow is allowed.
* The most important thing is to have a bow that fits the shooter.
* If a member does not have their own equipment, Orion Archery and the 4H club have a limited amount of equipment that they have offered to let the 4-H Archery Club borrow. In addition, if a member does not have a bow, it is suggested that they wait to purchase one until after they have had a chance to practice with Orion’s or a friend’s equipment.

**MEETINGS/PRACTICE:**

* *(Unless otherwise listed*.) Meetings/practices will be held at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. each month on the second Tuesday for 10 yards (youth ages 8-11 years old on January 1) and the fourth Tuesday for 20 yards (youth ages 12-18 years old on January 1).
  + You must sign up for the time you will attend practice due to COVID-19
  + 10 Yards Shooters Register Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAAAB2FA0FCC43-4harchery>
  + 20 Yards Shooters Register Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAAAB2FA0FCC43-4harchery1> Meeting/Practice location will be the Orion Archery’s Range at Blair One Place, 1526 Washington Street, Blair, NE in Blair.
* (Typical) Meetings/Practices will be structured to last about 1 to 1.5 hours.
* Meeting/Practice Schedule (*subject to change based on coach’s availability*).  If the date/time needs to change, the coach/4-H leader will send out an email with as much notification as possible.  In case of poor weather conditions, the meeting cancellations will follow the Blair School District.  For example, an early out or school closed day will result in no practice.
* **LESSONS:** Each month, a special topic will be covered that will could include; safety, proper form, and/or arrow construction.

**MEETING/PRACTICE**

***10 Yards/Ages 8-11 years old on Jan. 1, 2020***

* Tuesday, February 9 – 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, March 9 – 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, April 13 – 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, May 11 – 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

**MEETING/PRACTICE**

***20 Yards/Ages 12-18 years old on Jan. 1, 2020***

* Tuesday, February 23 – 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, March 23 – 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, April 27 – 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, May 25 – 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

**4-H ARCHERY COMPETITION**

**4-H COMPETITIONS:**

* There will be chances to compete at multiple tournaments this year. These are great fun and all members are encouraged to attend as many as they can.
* There are three events scheduled. Event reminders will be included in the Washington County 4-H Update (weekly email message). There are registration deadlines for some of the competitions so be sure to read all correspondences from the 4-H Archery Club Leader and the Washington County 4-H Program.
* Shooters have the opportunity to win premium, ribbons and/or medals.
* Additional 4-H events will appear on the state 4-H website. Found at: <http://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/calendar>

**STATE 4-H ARCHERY COMPETITION:**

Nebraska State 4-H Outdoor Archery Championships

September 18-19, 2021

Heartland Public Shooting Park–Alda, NE

More Details to Come

**2021 WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY COMPETITION:**

***In order to compete in the 4-H Archery Contests listed below, 4-H Archery Club members are required to have participated in at least one meetings/practices and demonstrated safe archery skills.***

DRESS CODE for INDOOR SHOOT & WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR:

* Exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt or blouse with the official 4-H chevron attached, or a 4-H T-shirt.
* Long jeans/pants are required for competition.
* While hard soled shoes are not required for the contest, competitors are required to wear closed toed shoes with non-slip soles.
* Chevrons and t-shirts are available for purchase at the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office in Blair.
* **Failure to comply with dress code will result in the drop of a ribbon placing.**

**TOMCAK 3-D SHOOT CONTEST**

*This contest is shot at foam like animals and the animals may be placed at either a known distance or at an unknown distance from the shooting line. This event is held in conjunction with the*

*Orion Archery Club.*

AGE: Youth 8-18 years old on January 1, 2021

Age groups and shooting distances will follow the 3D rules and not the Washington County 4-H Designations.

VOLUNTEER SET UP: Saturday, June 6 - / Golden Arrow Outdoor Range, 9100 Pawnee Rd, Omaha

DATE/LOCATION: Sunday, June 6 / Golden Arrow Outdoor Range, 9100 Pawnee Rd, Omaha

REGISTRATION: at Contest Check-in

DRESS CODE: 4-H members are encouraged to follow the dress code as stated above.

AWARDS: TBD

PREMIUMS: Provided by the Washington County 4-H Archery Club

**WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR 4-H ARCHERY CONTEST**

*This event is a paper target competition and is held as part of the Washington County Fair.*

AGE: Youth 8-18 years old on January 1, 2020

DATE: Saturday, July 24 (FLIGHTS – 9 a.m. /10 a.m./11 a.m.)

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

REGISTRATION REQUIRED DEADLINE: Tuesday, July 6 at 5:00 p.m., Nebraska Extension Office, Blair

DRESS CODE: 4-H members are required to follow the dress code as stated above.

AWARDS: Provided by Washington County 4-H Council

PREMIUMS: Provided by the Washington County Fair Board



Washington County 4-H Archery Club

**2021 CHECKLIST**

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|  | **4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT**  HOW TO ENROLL: <https://go.unl.edu/2x9h>   * **General Registration** * **Health Form** * **Shooting Sports Participation Code of Conduct** * **CLUB - Washington County 4-H Archery Club** * **PROJECT - EE&ES: Shooting Sports (D)- Archery** * **PAYMENT - $10 Washington County 4-H Member Enrollment Fee** |
|  | COMPLETE (HARD COPY): **Orion Waiver & Release**  SUBMIT TO: Brian Jennings, 4-H Club Leader |
|  | FEES DUE: **$17 Club Fee**  MAKE CHECKS TO: “Washington County 4-H Archery Club”  SUBMIT TO: Brian Jennings, 4-H Club Leader |