

Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports Member and Family Expectations

We are dedicated to teaching firearm/archery safety and responsibility along with wildlife ecology to all, while allowing kids to experience the fun and excitement of shooting sports and the outdoors.

The goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports project is to promote youth development by instilling safe habits, self-discipline, teamwork, youth leadership, and knowledge in a safe, family-oriented, and encouraging environment. Shooting disciplines that are taught to 4-H members (ages 8 {and 3rd grade} to one year following high school graduation) include: archery, air rifle/rifle, shotgun, muzzleloading, and wildlife. Supervision of this program is under the direction of the UW Extension. All participants are responsible for their conduct to UW Extension personnel and to the 4-H volunteer leaders supervising this program.

A major element of shooting is stance. When working with shooters, particularly beginners, instructors frequently must use their hands to position them or correct their form.

1. A 4-H volunteer leader will ask the youth to change their shooting position if their stance is incorrect. If it is still incorrect the leader will ask the youth if the leader can reposition the project member.
2. A 4-H volunteer leader will ask the youth to reposition their safety equipment to prevent injury if the equipment is incorrectly positioned. If still incorrect the leader will ask the youth if the leader can reposition the equipment.

The following behaviors are requested of all members and their families. These behaviors contribute to a successful learning environment. As our family enrolls in the shooting sports project(s) (archery, air rifle/rifle, shotgun, muzzleloading and wildlife), we agree to the following expectations.

We will:

- Attend all sessions in the planned program or notify a leader if you are unable to attend.
- Have read and reviewed the safety rules, range and etiquette rules and am responsible to know and understand the rules.
- Use good judgment in selecting clothing appropriate to the occasion and weather.
- Use language and manners that will bring respect to ourselves and to Washington Co. 4-H.
- Be in the assigned areas at all times. Aggressive play or similar actions inside/outside of the buildings is prohibited.
- Follow the county's 4-H driving policy in regard to events and activities.
- Show courtesy and respect for all other people. Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Turn off cell phones inside the building. This is a distraction when training. **Cell phones used during training will be taken away and returned at the end of the training (includes any listening device).**
- Help other members have a pleasant experience by making every attempt to include all participants in activities.
- Live up to your highest expectations for yourself so you can be proud of who you are and what you have done.
- Abide by the Washington County 4-H Youth Behavior Agreement which you signed when you enrolled in 4-H.

As a member, I understand that I need to follow the above expectations. If the expectations are not followed, I understand the adult leaders will talk with me about what behavior needs to be changed. If the behavior, continues the leader will provide a written warning to my parent/guardian. If the behavior continues after the written warning, the situation will be referred to County UWEX 4-H Youth Development Educator for review. If the situation warrants, the member may be removed from the shooting sports project (s).

Does the youth require an accommodation to participate in the shooting sports program > ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, please describe.

4-H Member – Print Name

4-H Member – Signature

Date

4-H Parent/Guardian – Print Name

4-H Parent/Guardian Signature

Date