



4-H SHOTGUN SHOOTING PROJECT



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Help Youth:

Light Their Spark

A spark is something youth are passionate about; it really fires them up and gives them joy and energy. Help youth find what it is about shooting sports that excites them.

Flex Their Brain

The brain grows stronger when we try new things and master new skills. Encourage youth effort and persistence to help them reach higher levels of success.

Reach Their Goals

Help youth use the GPS system to achieve their goals.

Goal Selection: Choose one meaningful, realistic and demanding goal.

Pursue Strategies: Create a step-by-step plan to make daily choices that support your goal.

Shift Gears: Change strategies if you're having difficulties reaching your goal. Seek help from others. What are youth going to do when things get in their way?

Reflect

Ask project members how they can use their passion for this project to be more confident, competent and caring. Discuss ways they can use their skills to make a contribution in the community, improve their character or establish connections.

Shooting sports teach youth a respect for firearms, help them develop discipline, and shotgun in particular encourages conservation of wildlife and habitats through the hunting aspect of the project.

- Practice safe firearms handling at all times
- Learn how humans affect wildlife areas
- Develop team building skills

Starting Out <i>Beginner</i>	Learning More <i>Intermediate</i>	Exploring Depth <i>Advanced</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the six fundamental steps to firing a shotgun • Know the parts of a shotgun and how they work. • Identify whether or not a shotgun is loaded. • Recognize range commands. • Learn the important pieces of safety equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the components of shotgun ammunition. • Know the necessary pieces of equipment and methods for cleaning a shotgun. • Demonstrate how to properly store and transport your shotgun. • Identify types of wildlife and basic hunting practices. • Understand how to use sights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify errors in shooting form. • Learn how to score a competition. • Be able to properly fit a shotgun to the shoulder. • Recognize different shotgun accessories and their functions. • Understand choke function and affects.

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.



Expand Your Experiences!

Science, Engineering, and Technology

- Write a report on hunting endangered wildlife and how this is controlled.
- Create a presentation on the types of shotguns and how they are different.

Healthy Living

- Teach others the health benefits of spending more time outside.
- Create a team building exercise involving shooting exercises.

Citizenship

- Organize a cleanup of a wildlife area.
- Volunteer during a shooting competition.
- Find a local marksman's club and visit a meeting or event.

Leadership

- Become a role model for others by taking the position of junior/teen leader.
- Encourage others to join the shotgun project.

Resources

- National 4-H Shooting Sports www.4hshootingports.org
- California 4-H Shooting Sports www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/ShootingSports
- National Skeet Shooting Association/National Sport Clays Association: <http://www.nssa-nasca.org/>

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Connections & Events	Curriculum	4-H Record Book
<p>Presentation Days – Share what you've learned with others through a shooting sports presentation.</p> <p>Field Days – During these events, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests related to their project area.</p> <p>Contact your local county Extension Office to determine additional opportunities available, such as a county match or resource fair.</p>	<p>Georgia 4-H Shotgun Lesson Plans: http://www.georgia4h.org/safe/disciplines/Shotgun/Shotgun_2014.pdf</p>	<p>4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their personal experiences, learning and development.</p> <p>4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.</p> <p>To access the 4-H Record Book online, visit www.ca4h.org/4hbook.</p>



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