

Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports



Q: Does Wisconsin 4-H offer programs that work with firearms?

A: Wisconsin 4-H has a large Shooting Sports program that reaches nearly 6,000 youth and 1,000 adult volunteers during the current 2017-18 membership year. Shooting Sports includes the five disciplines ranked below, followed by approximated participation. Archery is the most popular discipline by far.

- Archery: 4,700 participants
- Air rifle: 1,600 participants
- Rifle: 700 participants
- Shotgun: 700 participants
- Pistol: 200 participants
- Muzzleloading: 180 participants

Q: What is the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Program?

A: Like every 4-H program, the Shooting Sports teaches young people life skills through instruction and facilitating mastery of a project in a safe, supportive environment. In particular, Shooting Sports teaches marksmanship, the responsible use of and safety procedures for archery equipment and firearms.

Q: Who serves as 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors?

A: All 4-H Shooting Sports instructors are UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension volunteers who participate in the organization's high standard of vetting and training. In addition, all Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports instructors are required to complete an additional 12-hour certification workshop before they are approved to teach youth.

Q: Does the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Program get funding from the National Rifle Association (NRA) or Friends of the NRA?

A: No. Individual county-based 4-H Shooting Sports Programs may receive educational grants or funding for equipment and supplies from Friends of the NRA, a non-profit that raises funds to support firearm safety and education and are not politically-based.

Q: Is the NRA or Friends of the NRA involved in Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports program development?

A: No. Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum is developed by youth development professionals with support from the University of Wisconsin System and is peer-reviewed by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.

Q: Is Wisconsin 4-H in favor of gun control legislation?

A: Wisconsin 4-H neither endorses nor opposes legislation and political stances. Wisconsin 4-H is a positive youth development program of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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