

# Garfield County



**2024-2025**

**4-H**

# Shooting Sports Member Reference



**GARFIELD COUNTY**  
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EXTENSION

## Safety, Responsibility and Shooting Sports

The 4-H Shooting Sports program will teach you how to be safe and have fun in a 4-H Shooting Sports activity. The 4-H Shooting Sports program should help you understand and promote the safe, responsible, and ethical use of firearms. Always practice the safety guidelines outlined for you by this program and your adult leader.



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## Welcome to Garfield County 4-H Shooting Sports

Are you interested in firearms and learning to handle them correctly and safely? Then the Garfield County Shooting Sports Program is for you!

4-H Shooting Sports is unique because it is oriented to the individual. Shooting is an activity that can be practiced throughout life, and the entire family can participate. Garfield County's 4-H Shooting Sports program provides opportunity for kids, ages 8 to 18, to learn marksmanship, the principles of hunting and archery, and the safe and responsible use of firearms. We promote the highest standards of sportsmanship, safety and ethical behavior.

Our program also encourages an appreciation of natural resources as well as teaches decision-making, self discipline, and problem-solving, while helping kids to build character and leadership skills.

The best part of the Garfield County Shooting Sports program? 4-H is a great place to meet and make new friends that last a lifetime, while sharing fun learning activities!

### You can learn any or all of these disciplines:

- .22 Rifle
- .22 Pistol\*\* (12 years w/Air Pistol)
- Air Rifle
- Air Pistol
- Shotgun
- Archery
- Muzzleloading
- Outdoor Skills

- Western Heritage\*

\* Members need to be 12 years of age with a minimum of 1 year of .22 rifle or shotgun.

\*\*Members need to be 12 years of age and either have completed 1 year of air pistol or attend a minimum of 3 air pistol practices to pass the safety certification by instructor.

Shooting is a skill that requires self-discipline, concentration, and individual effort. It can also require considerable financial resources. It is important that you keep a good record of what you have learned, and how you learned. You will also keep a record of practices, leadership roles, expenses, property and equipment, expenditures, and other aspects of your shooting experience. Your shooting experience will mean more to you when you look at your records and see how you have progressed from a beginner to a skilled shooter!

Studying and learning about shooting is fun. The Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum is designed to help youth learn how to care for, and the safe use of, shooting sports equipment. Members will learn the safe use of firearms through

practices, talks, demonstrations, and exhibits. The key to any 4-H project is for youth to enjoy themselves and to evolve at their own pace.

Shooting Sports offers many educational experiences, from learning the shooting basics, critical safety practices, to poise and concentration. Parents can be a big help if they are involved with their child's learning, especially for younger 4-H members. Youth are more excited to learn if they have parental support and interest in what they are doing. Therefore, parents are encouraged to sit in on meetings and ask their child about what they learned. As they mature, youth should take on more responsibility for their learning and move to independent learning. Parental involvement will reinforce what youth learn at any age.

In addition to learning about the safe use of firearms, youth enrolled in 4-H shooting sports are also eligible to participate in numerous leadership development and educational activities including: County and State Fair competition, out of county trips, state and national trips, club officer training, scholarships, citizenship, community service and recreational activities.

### **How do I enroll?**

You can enroll by contacting the Garfield County CSU Extension Office at 970-625-3969. Our friendly and helpful 4-H staff will provide you with the names of 4-H clubs and leaders in your area. You'll attend a club meeting and find the club that fits you best.

### **Where can I get more information?**

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or

Colorado State University 4-H Shooting Sports Website  
<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/shooting-sports/>

## Parents!

Parental support in 4-H is just as important as parental support in school. Friends and volunteer 4-H leaders get youth interested in joining 4-H; it is up to the parents to keep their children interested and encouraged.

Parents of shooting sports members should attend practices. This helps ensure the safety of the child or children during practice. It also helps keep parents involved in what their child is learning and doing, which is critical for your child's development, self-esteem and educational experience.

# 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



## How to participate in Shooting Sports Events

**To participate in the Garfield County Shoot:** Members who meet these requirements will be eligible to participate in the Garfield County Shoot.

1. Be in good standing with their club and with 4-H.
2. Fulfill their club meeting requirements.
3. Give a club demonstration.
4. Participate in their club Community Service activity.
5. Have a valid Hunter Safety card.
6. Record Book must be 70% complete, signed by a certified Shooting Sports leader in at least one discipline in which the member is enrolled.
7. Record Book and display board or stand- alone project must be turned in at General Projects judging.
8. Attend a 4-H safety class before member is allowed to shoot.
9. Participating in club practices with certified leaders of that discipline in order to count.
  - a. 5 practices for one discipline are required.
  - b. 3 practices per discipline for multiple disciplines are required
    - i. 3 practices per discipline to qualify for all disciplines enrolled in or you must have 5 practices for one discipline.
  - c. Practices must be at a sanctioned practice by GARCO Shooting Sports Council and have certified leaders.
  - d. 4-H Members must sign in and out at each range for practice to count.
  - e. An official practice must have at least 2 certified leaders at a certified range and be approved by the CSU Extension office.
10. For a practice to count in Archery, a member must sign in and demonstrate the use of 24 arrows.
11. To participate in the County Shoot for Shotgun members must have completed the following practices per class
  - a. 2 practices for Trap (1 practice is equal to 50 clays)
  - b. 2 practices for Skeet (1 practice is equal to 50 clays)
  - c. 1 practice for Sporting Clays (1 practice is equal to 100 clays)
12. Submit enrollment in Fair Entry, Garfield County Fair.
13. Upload Hunter Safety Card in 4-H Online by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
14. Members new to 4-H Shooting Sports program should only participate in 1 discipline with a maximum of 2 disciplines the first year.

15. Top Shot Awards are determined by points received from the points possible in the following areas:
- a. Archery – Must shoot in 2 contest areas
    - i. Compound – Limited, Unlimited or Traditional
    - ii. Recurve – Traditional, Limited
  - b. Shotgun – Must shoot in all 3 contest areas
    - i. Trap
    - ii. Skeet
    - iii. Sporting Clays
  - c. Rifle – Must shoot in 2 contest areas
    - i. Hunt
    - ii. Scope
    - iii. 3-P
    - iv. 4-P
  - d. Air Rifle – Must shoot in 2 contest areas
    - i. 25' Utility
    - ii. 4-P
    - iii. 3-P
    - iv. Olympic Off-Hand

**Regional and Non-County Shoots:** There are three events held yearly in the Tri River Area, one in each county (Delta, Mesa and Montrose). There may be other county sponsored events throughout the state. This does not include the Garfield County Invitational, Garfield County Shoot or Colorado State Fair Shoot. To participate as a 4-H member in these events, youth must:

1. Be in good standing with their club and with 4-H.
2. Members need not have a Hunter Safety card however they and their parents will be required to sign a wavier prior to the event.
3. Attend a shooting sports safety training.
4. Participate in a minimum of three practices in each discipline to count.
5. Member's registration form for a competitive event must include a signature from a certified leader from at least one of the disciplines entered.



**To participate in the Colorado State Shooting Sports Championship:** Members who meet these requirements will be eligible to be entered for the Colorado State Fair Shoot.

1. Be in good standing with their club and with 4-H.
2. Fulfill their club meeting requirements.
3. Give a club demonstration.
4. Participate in their club Community Service activity.
5. Uploaded a valid Hunter Safety card in 4-H Online by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. Record Book must be signed by a certified Shooting Sports leader in at least one discipline in which the member is enrolled.
7. Record Book and display board or standalone project must be entered, and interview done either the day of General Projects judging or by special arrangement prior to judging day.
8. Attend a safety class before member is allowed to shoot.
9. Must qualify at County Shoot to be eligible for State Shoot.
10. Contest rules can be found at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/shooting-sports/> under notices, forms, and rulebook tab.

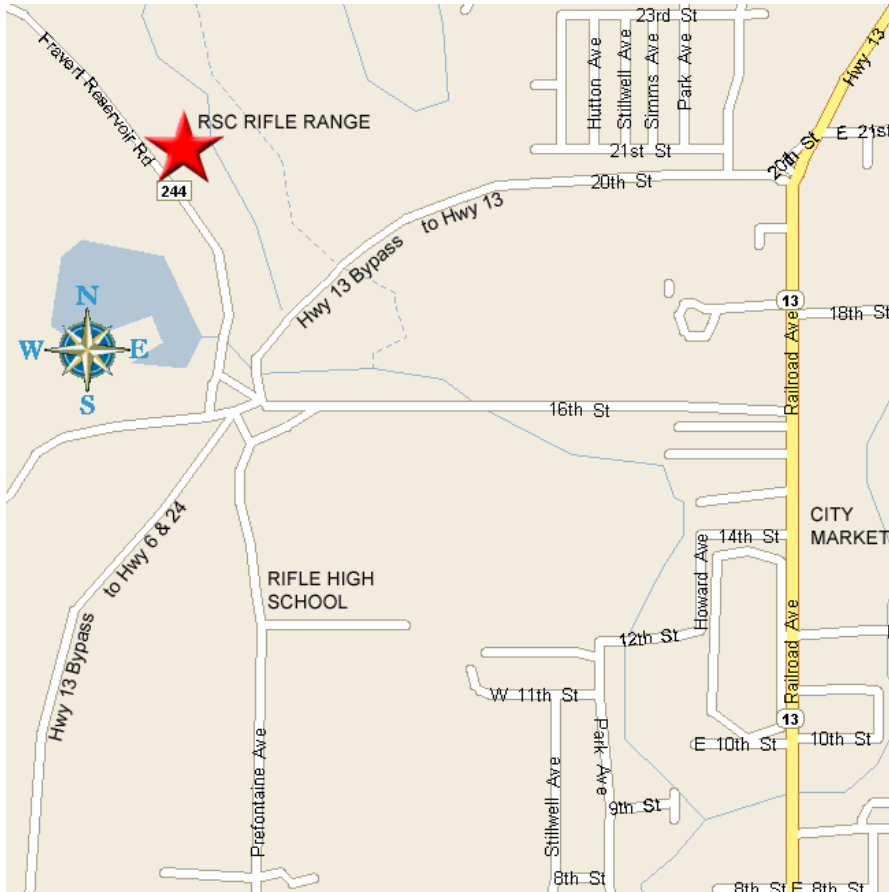






## Where will I shoot?

The Garfield County 4-H Shooting Sports program operates at several different ranges. However, the Garfield County Invitational and Garfield County Shoot are held at The Rifle Sportsman's Club shooting range.



### From Interstate 70, Exit 90

Follow Interstate 70 to the #90 exit. Go north on Hwy 13. At the intersection of Hwy 13 and the Hwy 13 Bypass, turn west (left). At the top of the hill, turn west (left) again at the Forest Service signs. Continue on past the Forest Service building until you see the range signs.

### From Interstate 70, Exit 87

Follow Interstate 70 to the #87 exit. Go east on Hwy 6 & 24. At the intersection of Hwy 6 & 24 and the Hwy 13 Bypass, turn north (left). At the top of the hill, turn west (left) again at the Forest Service signs. Continue on past the Forest Service building until you see the range signs.



**Safety~Safety~Safety**

## Eyes and Ears

Youth involved in shooting activities need to understand the importance of protecting their eyes and ears. Approved eye and ear protection is required when participating in any 4-H Shooting Sports practice or competition.

## Range Safety

Members, parents and leaders should be aware that safe use of the range is critical for everyone to have a fun learning experience. Here are a few safety rules to follow (check with your range officer for more instruction):

- Dogs and other pets are not allowed on the range.
- No climbing or playing on the berms or hills.
- All spectators are to remain in designed areas.
- All plants and wildlife are to be left undisturbed.
- Participants and spectators are encouraged to bring their own shade, water and sunscreen as needed.
- Upon arrival at the range, shooters are to leave their firearms in their vehicle. Shooters will bring their firearms to the firing line only when instructed by their range instructor.
- Shooters are responsible to bring their own firearms, ammo, ear and eye protection and appropriate equipment and supplies.
- Firearms utilized by all shooters are subject to the approval of certified discipline leaders for the compliance with state 4-H Shooting Sports requirements and safety factors.

## Hunter Safety Card

Hunter Safety Education is an important part of 4-H Shooting Sports. Shooting Sports members must have a Hunter Safety card to participant in County and State Shoot Competition. Other area shooting events require either a Hunter Safety card or a special waiver if the member is enrolled to participate in a Hunter Safety Class.

# **You don't have to shoot to participate!**

## **4-H Shooting Sports Display Requirements:**

So, what do you do if you just want to learn more about firearms and ammunition? How do you do that and still participate in the County and State Fair? Well, Garfield County 4-H offers an option to create a Shooting Sports display that you can take to these events. In Garfield County, you may compete in the County and State Fair by completing a display board and qualifying for the State Fair.

However, in Garfield County, to compete in the State Fair Shoot, it is required to complete a display board or a stand-alone project along with qualifying at the County Shoot.

## **Project Exhibit Rules:**

All Standalone Exhibits will consist of the following:

1. Completed E-record with all pages being complete and in order. N/A should be written on disciplines not applicable for youth.
2. Record Book should be exhibited in a binder with prongs or rings.
3. No live ammo tipped arrows (including field points, broadheads), knives, functional or nonfunctional firearms or bows will be allowed as an exhibit. Cardboard, paper cutouts or décor resembling firearms or bows are allowed for display purposes in stand-alone classes.
4. Stand-alone items are items that are made to enhance discipline, such as a quiver, gun case, gun stand, etc. No display boards or decorative items are allowed in the Stand-Alone Classes.
5. Because of limited floor space, those items that will be displayed on the floor will be a maximum size of 3 feet in width and depth and 7ft in height. The item must be stable when standing to be displayed. If an exhibit is larger than this, a notebook can be used as an exhibit showing how and what was made.
6. No stand-alone items that are an exhibit at the time of the contests will be allowed to be removed from the building to be used at the contests.
7. A new class has been added. This is a decorative item class. Items to be exhibited in this class are items that are used to decorate a room, building, etc. Be sure to look at the classes to determine where your exhibit item fits.
8. Decorative items are items that are made from materials from different disciplines but are for aesthetic value in decorating a room or as jewelry. All items from all the disciplines that are decorative will be in these classes.

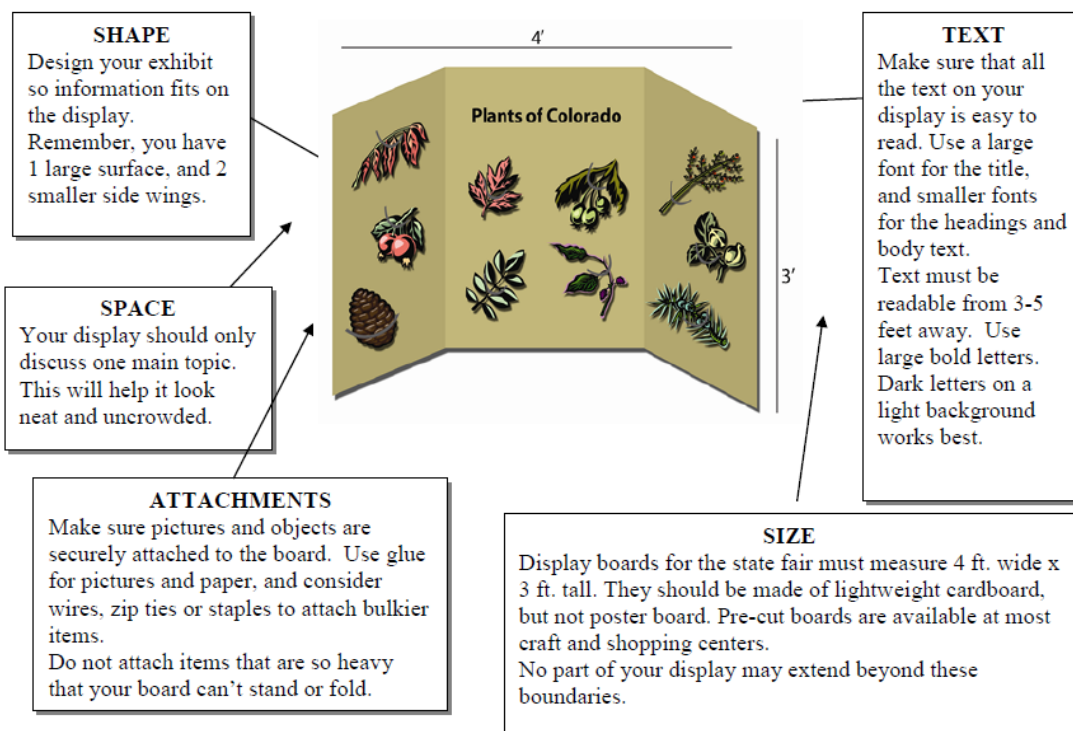
## Display Board:

1. Completed E-record with all pages being complete and in order. N/A should be written on disciplines not applicable for youth.
2. Record Book should be exhibited in a binder with prongs or rings.
3. Display should illustrate a chosen aspect of skill areas. This is separate from the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships. (The standardized display board size of 4 ft. x 3 ft. is to be used with 4-H projects. No additional items may be included on or in front of the display board.) No wooden display cases.
4. No live ammo tipped arrows (including field points, broadheads), knives, functional or nonfunctional firearms or bows will be allowed as an exhibit. Cardboard, paper cutouts or décor resembling firearms or bows are allowed for display purposes in the display.
5. Do not use the word weapon when creating your display. Make sure that there are no safety violations in your display. (Example: no earplugs, no safety glasses on a photo of a youth firing his/her gun.) Do not use pictures primarily tactical in design firearms in you display, i.e., AR platform or military type firearms.
6. The display board topics should stay in close relationship with your discipline. Please do not use topics outside the scope of your 4-H project. (Example: .22 Rifle Project should not use the topic of different types of military machine guns.)
7. No additional items may be included on or in front of display board.
8. See attached example display board.

### **Display Board Guidelines for State Fair 4-H Exhibits**

Display boards are a great way to share information, but when viewers walk by, they spend only 60-90 seconds looking at each display board. Make yours stand out by highlighting the main points of your project in a fun, interesting way.

*Follow these guidelines to create a display board for the state fair.*



## What Else Can I Do?

There are lots of fun things to do in the Garfield County 4-H Shooting Sports program! Please check your monthly 4-H newsletter for dates and instructions on how to register for these events. Here are a few of them:

- Delta Invitational Shoot- Held at the Delta County 4-H Range in Eckert. Youth from the Western Slope of Colorado are invited to this competition. Hunter Safety cards are not required to participate in this event. Members without a Hunter Safety card need to fill out a waiver prior to the event. Entry forms are due to the Delta County Extension Office.
- Mesa Invitational Shoot-Held in Mesa County. Youth from the Western Slope of Colorado are invited to this competition. Hunter Safety cards are not required to participate in this event, waivers are required if a Hunter Safety card is not available. Entry forms are due to the Mesa County Extension Office.
- Montrose Invitational Shoot-Held in Montrose County. Youth from the Western Slope of Colorado are invited to this competition. Hunter Safety cards are not required to participate in this event, waivers are required if a Hunter Safety card is not available. Entry forms are due to the Montrose County Extension Office.
- Garfield County Jim Bailey, Bruce Collins & Ali Johnson Memorial Invitational -Held in Rifle at The Rifle Sportsman's Club. Youth from the Western Slope of Colorado are invited to this competition. Hunter Safety cards are not required to participate in this event, waivers are required if a Hunter Safety card is not available. Entry forms are due to the Garfield County Extension Office.
- Garfield County Shoot-Held in Rifle at The Rifle Sportsman's Club. Youth from Garfield County compete to qualify for competition at the Colorado State Fair. Hunter Safety cards are required to participate in this event. County Contest entries are due before July 1<sup>st</sup>. County contest will take place either the second or third weekend of July.
- Colorado State Fair Shooting Events-Held in Pueblo, Colorado. Youth from throughout the state of Colorado participate in this competition. Hunter Safety cards are required to participate in this event. Youth must have competed in County Shoot to qualify for the State Shoot. Colorado State Fair will not accept entries from individuals.

## Complementary Projects

### Outdoor Adventure

Do you like to camp? Then this is the project for you! This project progresses from day to overnight camping trips, to finally planning an extended backpack expedition. Great fun for adventures!

### Wildlife

Colorado's wildlife is one of our state's biggest attractions. This project will teach about wildlife behavior, habitat requirements, how wildlife species fit into nature's scheme, how they manage, and how they relate to humans.

### Forestry

Forests abound in Colorado from the cedars on the Eastern Plains to the pines of the Western Slope and everything in between. This project will help you discover how important these forests are to this state. Join this project and explore the relationship between trees, people, and communities.

### Sportfishing

Make this your year to try the Sportfishing project. As a member you will learn casting methods, selection of tackle, water quality, learn how to tie fishing knots, and much, much more!

Contact the Garfield County Extension Office for more information on these projects today!

4-H is a **community** of **young people**  
 **across America** who are learning  
**leadership, citizenship** and  
**life skills.**

**Garfield County 4-H Shooting Sports 2024-2025 Calendar**

Dates given are based on current knowledge, or in some cases projected. All are subject to change.

<b>OCTOBER</b>		
1	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4-H Enrollment and Re-enrollment Opens</b>
7-13	All Week	<b>National 4-H Week</b>
9	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm GCF – Event Hall
30	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm GCF – Event Hall
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
16	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4-H Achievement Awards, Coal Ridge High School 4 pm</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
4	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm GCF – Event Hall
7	Saturday	Parade of Lights, 5 pm GCF
All 4-H Shooting Sports members must be enrolled and active to participate in practices and club meetings. All new members must complete safety <u>training</u> prior to attending a practice. Final enrollment deadline for shooting sports project is April 1 <sup>st</sup> .		
<b>JANUARY</b>		
11	Saturday	Shooting Sports Safety Training, 9 am – Event Hall, Garfield County Fairgrounds
11-26		National Western Stock Show; Denver, CO
17	Friday	4-H Day National Western Stock Show; Denver, CO
25-27	Sat – Mon	Leadership Development Conference – Denver (Youth 14 & above)
29	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm GCF – Event Hall
All 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteers must be enrolled and active to participate in practices or trainings.		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
8	Saturday	Shooting Sports Safety Training, 9 am – Event Hall, Garfield County Fairgrounds
13	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)



20	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
26	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm GCF – Event Hall
27	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
<b>MARCH</b>		
6	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
7-9	Fri-Sun	Shooting Sports Leaders Certification – Morgan County (Tentative)
13	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
14-19	Fri-Sun	Shooting Sports Leaders Certification – Weld County (Tentative)
20	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
21-23	Fri-Sun	Shooting Sports Leaders Certification – Pueblo County (Tentative)
26	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm GCF – Event Hall
27	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
28-30	Fri-Sun	Shooting Sports Leaders Certification – Garfield County (Tentative)
24-26	Fri-Sun	Youth Fest Leadership – Pueblo CO (ages 11 – 13) Tentative
<b>ALL SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT ENROLLMENTS ARE DUE WITH 4-H FEES BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.</b>		
<b>APRIL</b>		
1	Tuesday	<b>General Project Add Deadline:</b> Please notify the CSU Extension Office to add projects by 5 pm
3	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
4-6	Fri-Sun	District 9 Leadership Retreat – Glenwood Springs
7	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
10	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
12	Saturday	Shooting Sports Safety Training, 9 am – Event Hall, Garfield County Fairgrounds
14	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
17	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
21	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
24	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)

28	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
28	Monday	Western Heritage Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm
30	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm GCF – Event Hall
<b>MAY</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Project Drop Deadline:</b> Please notify the CSU Extension Office in order to drop projects by 5 pm
1	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
3	Saturday	Sporting Clays Practice – Glenwood Gun Club 8 am
5	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
8	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
12	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
12	Monday	Western Heritage Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm
15	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
16-18		Rifle Rendezvous & Shamrock Shindig
17	Saturday	Sporting Clays Practice – Glenwood Gun Club 8 am
19	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
22	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
<b>26</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial Day – No Practice</b>
28	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm GCF – Event Hall
29	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
<b>31</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Garfield County Jim Bailey, Bruce Collins, &amp; Ali Johnson Memorial Invitational</b>
<b>JUNE</b>		
2	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
5	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
7	Saturday	Sporting Clays Practice – Glenwood Gun Club 8 am
9	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
9	Monday	Western Heritage Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm
12	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)

## You should be working on Fair Entries with your leader!

16	Saturday	Sporting Clays Practice – Glenwood Gun Club 8 am
16	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
16	Monday	Western Heritage Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm
18	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm <b>TBD</b>
19	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
23	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
June 23 – June 37		National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship, Grand Island Nebraska
26	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
28	Saturday	Sporting Clays Practice – Glenwood Gun Club 8 am
30	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
30	Monday	Last day to have completed the required number of practices for each discipline to compete at County Shoot.
<b>JULY</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>All 4-H Shooting Sports Entries are due for project display and contest. Fair Entries due in FairEntry.com by 5:00 pm (no late entries accepted) Hunter’s Education ID must be uploaded to co.4honline.com.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Practice</b>
7	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
10	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
11	Friday	4-H Air Rifle and Air Pistol Contest, South Hall
12	Saturday	4-H Archery Contest, Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range
13	Sunday	4-H Western Heritage, Muzzleloading, .22 Pistol and .22 Rifle Contest, Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range
19	Saturday	4-H Shotgun Contest, Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range
20	Sunday	4-H Shotgun Sporting Clays Contest
28	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
<b>AUGUST</b>		
2	Saturday	General Projects Judging; North Hall 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

2-9		<b>Garfield County Fair</b>
4	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
10	Sunday	General Projects Check Out; North Hall 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
10	Sunday	All Projects for State Fair are due in the CSU Extension Office by 12 pm.
11	Monday	Shooting Sports Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
14	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
17	Thursday	Air Practice for Active 4-H Members, 6 pm – South Hall (Sign-up required)
16-17		Colorado State Shooting Sports Championship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archery – Colorado City</li> <li>• Muzzleloading &amp; .22 Rifle – Pueblo West</li> <li>• Air Rifle &amp; Air Pistol – Colorado State Fairgrounds</li> </ul>
18	Monday	Shotgun Practice – Rifle Sportsman’s Club Range 6 pm – 8 pm (Sign-up required)
Aug 22 – Sep 1		Colorado State Fair; Pueblo, CO
30-31		Colorado State Shooting Sports Championship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .22 Pistol – Pike Peaks Gun Club, Colorado Springs</li> <li>• Shotgun – Pike Peaks Gun Club, Colorado Springs</li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
	Saturday	Colorado State 4-H Western Heritage Invitational – Yuma County
	Sunday	Colorado State 4-H Hunting/Outdoor Skills Invitational – Yuma County
24	Wednesday	GARCO 4-H SS Council Meeting, 6:30 pm GCF – Event Hall



# National 4H Shooting Sports Code of Ethics Volunteers/Leaders



A complete 4-H shooting sports program must convey life skills development and be presented in a way that is safe, technically competent, and helps to instill 4-H values in participants through teaching and example. Certified shooting sports instructors and volunteers must be cognizant of their role as a moral and ethical mentor, as well as teacher to youth and adults in their state and community.

As a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor or Volunteer:

- ❖ I will respect the participants, volunteers and property associated with the 4-H shooting sports program.
- ❖ I will set a good example as a mentor and role model for 4-H shooting sports youth and volunteer leaders.
- ❖ I will conduct myself and my 4-H shooting sports program in a professional and ethical manner.
- ❖ I will strive to be knowledgeable of the life skills embodied in the 4-H shooting sports program and aid positively in the development of youth through adherence to those principles.
- ❖ I will strive to be technically competent in the subject matter I teach and adhere to the national 4-H shooting sports guidelines and curriculum.
- ❖ I will respect the dignity of each participant in the 4-H shooting sports program regardless of gender, origin, ability, achievement or conviction.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Please return this page to the CSU Extension Office.



## Colorado 4-H Rimfire & Centerfire Pistol / Western Heritage Project Permission to Fire a Handgun Form



The Youth Safety Handgun Act (<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/atf-i-53002-%E2%80%94-youth-handgun-safety-act-notice>) as included in the Gun Control Act of 1968 puts restrictions on the use and possession of handguns by youth under 18 years of age. Youth participating in the Colorado 4-H Rimfire Pistol, Centerfire Pistol or Western Heritage Project must, at all times, follow all provisions of this act. Therefore, Colorado 4-H Rimfire Pistol, Centerfire Pistol or Western Heritage Project Leaders will require “the prior written consent of the juvenile’s parent or guardian who is not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from possessing a firearm.” This written permission must be in possession of the youth or on file with a Colorado 4-H Rimfire Pistol, Centerfire Pistol or Western Heritage Project Leader – even if a parent/guardian is present. Please fill out the form below with the name of the youth, a parent’s name, address, as well as their signature, and that of a witness and dates. If participating with another club or 4-H Rimfire Pistol, Centerfire Pistol or Western Heritage event, the 4-H member can provide a copy of this form to any 4-H Pistol or Western Heritage Project Leader. Failure to have this document will require officials to disqualify the shooter to avoid violation of federal law.

I/we \_\_\_\_\_, **parent/guardians** of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(**print shooter’s name**), grant permission to participate with a handgun in the Colorado 4-H Rimfire Pistol, Centerfire Pistol or Western Heritage Project and Events sponsored by County, State, and National 4-H organizations as per The Youth Safety Handgun Act.

Signature of 4-H Shooter \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Garfield County 4-H Shooting Sports Members Requirement



When a member meets these requirements, the member will have a successful year.

1. I understand that I must meet all Project Completion guidelines in order to complete my 4-H Shooting Sports project(s) for the 4-H year, including: Attending 50% of Club Meetings, participating in the required number of certified practices, Giving a Demonstration, Participating in a Community Service Project, Exhibiting My Project and submitting a Project Record Book by the required date.
2. I understand to participate in the County Shoot and/ or the State Shoot; I must have uploaded a valid Hunter Safety Card in 4-H Online by July 1st.
3. I understand that Shooting Sports Leaders will conduct range safety meetings prior to the start of practices and that I am required to attend one of these safety meetings before I will be allowed to participate at any practice.
4. I understand that I will be required to Exhibit My Project via a stand-alone or display board to demonstrate my learning at the 4-H General Project Judging event during the current year. Specifics about projects displays are available are located on pages 9 and 10 of the Garfield County Shooting Sports Member Reference Book.
5. I understand that if I do not turn in my project and record book with an interview on or before Exhibit Day judging, I will not eligible to participate at the State Shoot.
6. If I receive a white ribbon on my project and record book, I will not eligible to participate at the State Shoot until I have revised my book and project to at least a Red Ribbon Quality within the given time allotted by the 4-H Agent.
7. I understand that practices are generally held on a weekly basis throughout the warm weather months and that I must communicate with my discipline Leader(s) in the event of bad weather, etc.
8. I understand that my Project Record Book (E-Record) may be found on <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/natural-resource/> and that is my responsibility to obtain and begin to work on my Record Books in a timely fashion. Printed copies may be obtained from the Extension Office if you do not have access to a printer. E-Records may be completed by hand or on the computer; there is no preference.
9. I understand that poor or unsafe behavior by myself will result in my removal from the shooting line and may restrict my activities in current and future shooting sports activities.

Our signatures indicate that we have read and understand the above statements.

Exhibitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this page to the CSU Extension Office.

**READ THIS DOCUMENT COMPLETELY BEFORE SIGNING. ITS EFFECT IS TO RELEASE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, ITS GOVERNING BOARD, AND THE STATE OF COLORADO FROM ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED BELOW, AND TO WAIVE ALL CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES OR LOSSES AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY, WHICH MAY ARISE FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES.**

**Permission to Participate in the Garfield County 4-H Shooting Sports Program**

Valid from January 1 to December 31, 2025

I hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in organized and sanctioned Garfield County 4-H Shooting Sports classes and competitions offered by the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program as administered by local Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Staff. It is my understanding that my child will learn, understand and follow established guidelines for safely handling firearms, bows and ammunition, arrows. We understand that certified shooting sports leaders will offer trainings, and it is our responsibility to learn when those trainings will be offered and attend scheduled practices and shoots. We also agree to follow the Colorado State 4-H Code of Conduct.

Release From Responsibility, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver

**PARTICIPANT'S FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH (MO/DAY/YR):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION OF ACTIVITY (IES):** Garfield County designated locations and other sanctioned locations

**DATE(S) OF ACTIVITY (IES): START DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **END DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:** Garfield County 4-H Shooting Sports classes and sanctioned 4-H Shooting events

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above named participant, hereby release and discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System and Colorado State University, and their members, officers, agents, employees, and any other persons or entities acting on their behalf, and the successors and assigns for any and all of the aforementioned persons and entities, against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, whether presently known or unknown, either in law or in equity, relating to injury, disability, death or other harm, to person or property or both, arising from my child's participation in and/or presence at the above listed activities.

I acknowledge that I have been informed of the nature of the activities and that I am aware of the hazards and risks which may be associated with my child's participation in the above-named activities, including the risks of bodily injury, death or damage to property which may occur from known or unknown causes. I understand, accept, and assume all such hazards and risks, and waive all claims against the State of Colorado, The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System, and Colorado State University, and other people as set forth above. I understand that I am solely responsible for any costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through my child's participation in normal or unusual acts associated with the above-named activities.

I have had sufficient time to review and seek explanation of the provisions contained above, have carefully read them, understand them fully, and agree to be bound by them. After careful deliberation, I voluntarily give my consent and agree to this Release From Responsibility, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver.

**READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED TO THIS** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAY OF** \_\_\_\_\_, **20** \_\_\_\_\_.

I, (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of the participant who has signed above. I have read and I understand the provisions of this document, I consent to the participant taking part in the activities described above, and I fully enter into and agree to the above Release from Responsibility, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness over 18 years of age (Parent or Guardian must sign in the presence of the Witness)