



Shooting Sports General Information

The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. Youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, the principles of hunting and archery, and much more. The activities of the program and the support of caring adult leaders provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills, self-worth, and conservation ethics.

Specifically, the program strives to:

- teach decision making, teamwork, self-discipline, self-confidence, and problem solving;
- promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior;
- develop leadership abilities;
- build character and willingness to assume citizenship responsibility;
- furnish enjoyable, positive relationships with peers and adult instructors;
- strengthen families through participation in lifelong recreational activities;
- build awareness of related career opportunities

In Sedgwick County, the program is operated as a county wide project, with trained volunteers for the different disciplines. Space is limited based on availability of certified instructors. A special sign up form will be distributed to all 4-H families in September about the fall sign up time which begins October 1. A similar process may be used for spring shooting sign up

Each year, a **REQUIRED SAFETY TRAINING** for BB, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol will be held in the fall for all new members. Any youth who wants to do shooting sports **MUST ATTEND** and pre-register by the deadline as listed in the 4-H newsletter. The Shooting Sports fee is \$25.00 per discipline. In addition, once accepted youth must enroll in 4-H thru www.4honline.com. The membership fee is an additional \$15 and is paid online to the State 4-H program.

Cost: Initially equipment is provided and shared by youth at the meetings. Youth may want to consider purchasing their own equipment later. Pellets and targets run about \$15 to \$30 per season. Other costs include safety glasses. Youth are also eligible to participate in matches around the state. Travel and registration fees are the 4-H members responsibility.

The following chart explains the disciplines and requirements.

Discipline	Age Requirement	Meeting date/time	Season	Location
BB	9 as of 1/1 current year	Tuesday or Wednesday 6:30 pm	November thru April	Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 21st& Ridge
Air Rifle	12 as of 1/1 current year	Tuesdays or Wednesday 6:30 pm	November thru April	Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 21st& Ridge
Air Pistol	12 as of 1/1 current year	Tuesdays or Wednesday 6:30 pm	November thru April	Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 21st& Ridge
Archery	10 as of 1/1 current year	TBD	May thru October	TBD
Shot Gun	10 as of 1/1 current year	Sat. 10 am to noon	May thru Oct.	Ark Valley Gun Club
Small Bore	12 as of 1/1 current year	Pre-requisite: Air Rifle and permission of instructor. May thru October,		

Additional information is available from the Sedgwick County Shooting Sports handbook, available at the extension office.