



2020-2021 River Valley District 4-H Shooting Sports



River Valley District 4-H offers five Shooting Sports disciplines – **BB Gun, Air Rifle, Archery, Small Bore Rifle (22), and Shot Gun**. We host all Shooting Sports Safety Meetings, Practice Shoots, and Fair Shoots at the Cloud County Fairgrounds (East of Concordia – Just south of the intersection of Industrial Road and Kansas Highway 9). This year, all Safety Meetings and Registrations will take place in the **Hosie Building**.

Eligibility & Requirements

Per National and State 4-H Bylaws, enrolled 4-H members between the 4-H ages of 8 to 18 (before January 1st, 2021) are eligible to participate in Shooting Sports. Kansas 4-H competitive age is 9 (before January 1st, 2021), a state event or state qualifying match. Youth must be enrolled in the project through 4-H Online and attend a safety meeting. Our Shooting Sports instructors may determine if youth are developmentally able to participate in each discipline.

A parent/guardian **MUST** accompany youth to each discipline at each shoot.

Safety Meetings

Our coordinator and instructors host two safety meetings each year. All participating 4-H'ers **MUST** attend one of these two safety meeting before they can participate in Shooting Sports. A parent/guardian **MUST** accompany youth to the Safety Meeting. Completing paperwork for Shooting Sports will occur after the safety meeting and all youth may shoot following the completion of their paperwork and payment received.

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| ☘ Sunday, November 1, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot following immediately) |
| ☘ Sunday, November 22, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot following immediately) |

Safety Parameters

For each discipline, instructors may have safety parameters set up that only the 4-H'ers may enter upon direction from the instructor(s). Parent/guardian(s) must also obey and observe these parameters. It is important to follow the instructor's directions to keep everyone safe.

Registration & Sign-In

Each day Shooting Sports events are held, youth **MUST check-in** with our volunteers at the Hosie Building before going to any discipline. When you check-in, you will receive a name tag. You must have this name tag on before any instructor will allow you to participate. Once you have completed your disciplines for the day, you **MUST** check-out at the Hosie Building. **Failing to check-in and/or -out will result in no credit for that shoot.**

At each discipline, instructors will have a sign-in sheet. After practicing that discipline, instructors will have youth sign-in acknowledging participation. **Failing to sign-in at each discipline will result in no credit for that shoot.**

Practice Shoots

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| ☘ Sunday, January 17, 2021 | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, January 31, 2021 | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, February 21, 2021 | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, March 21, 2021 | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, April 11, 2021 | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |
| ☘ Sunday, May 2, 2021* | Practice Shoot (Start times listed on next page) |

**May 2nd will be a make-up date for any previously cancelled shoots due to weather)*

To help alleviate the waiting times at the disciplines, we have implemented a time schedule. These times are for Practice and Fair Shoot dates only. Safety Meetings will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. with shooting following immediately for all youth.

- ☘ RVD-Clay Center & RVD-Cloud 1:00 p.m.
- ☘ RVD-Republic & RVD-Washington 2:00 p.m.

The **last time for check-in will be 2:30 p.m.** Youth will **NOT** be allowed to participate if they check in after this time.

Fair Shoot

To participate in the Fair Shoot, each 4-H'er must complete FOUR regular practice shoots in each discipline prior to the Fair Shoot. If this requirement is not met, youth may still participate in the Fair Shoot, but will be dropped one ribbon place per discipline in which the four practice shoot requirement is not met.

Once they have completed their requirements, youth may designate either of the following two dates as their Fair Shoot. However, once youth have designated a Fair Shoot day, they will not be able to change that date. Youth are NOT able to complete a practice shoot and the Fair Shoot on the same day.

- ☘ Sunday, May 23, 2021 Fair Shoot #1 OR Practice Shoot
- ☘ Sunday, June 13, 2021 Fair Shoot #2

County Champions

Results from the Fair Shoot will be displayed at your local county fair. In order to be eligible to be a county champion, 4-H'ers must participate in the following throughout the year and at the Fair Shoot:

- ☘ Seniors (14-18 4-H age) must do four out of five disciplines.
- ☘ Juniors (8-13 4-H age) must do three out of five disciplines.

If a 4-H'er chooses to do all disciplines at the Fair Shoot, only their top scores will be used. The lowest discipline score(s) will be dropped. (*Example: A 10-year-old 4-H'er competes in all five disciplines. She does best at Archery, Shot Gun, and BB Gun. These three scores are used to calculate her overall score. Her two lowest scores are not used to calculate her overall score for County Champion consideration.*)

Weather

If we have to cancel a shoot due to weather, we will put an announcement on area radio stations, send an e-mail to all 4-H families with youth enrolled in Shooting Sports, and post it on the "River Valley 4-H" Facebook page. If you hear of a cancellation, please help us by contacting fellow 4-H members with the news!

Fees

Shooting Sports fees help cover the expenses of materials, instructor training, etc. The total cost due per 4-H member will depend on which disciplines the 4-H'er is participating in. If they want to participate in all disciplines, the total cost due is \$25. All fees **MUST** be paid prior to youth participating in their first shoot.

- ☘ \$5 for combination of Archery, BB, and Air Rifle
- ☘ \$5 for Small Bore Rifle (22)
- ☘ \$15 for Shotgun

NOTE: If your 4-H'er was enrolled and paid to participate in Shooting Sports during the 2019-2020 4-H year, this year's fees will be waived due to the many cancellations of COVID-19.

