



Brown County 4-H Shooting Sports Club

Taking Aim at 4-H Youth Development

The Brown County 4-H Shooting Sports program teaches children from 3rd to 12th grades the fundamentals of air rifle, archery, and wildlife ecology while in a safe and structured environment. The group meets on about 10 selected Saturdays at the DePere Sportsmen's Club from January through May, with competitions at locations throughout the state. The program provides all the equipment for the member's use as well as instruction and training by certified instructors in each discipline. Members are responsible for the cost of ammunition, range fees, and all costs associated with attending competition meets.

Learning Opportunities:

- Safety
- Leadership
- Sportsmanship
- Wildlife management
- Proper shooting techniques
- Life long recreation skills
- History and tradition of shooting sports

Developmental Objectives:

- Self-esteem
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving skills
- Positive relationships with peers
- Positive adult and family relationships
- Responsible environmental behaviors

Healthy Competitions:

Shooting Sports members also have the opportunity to test their shooting, wildlife identification, and sportsmanship skills by participating in various county, regional, state, and national competitions. The competitions are structured to provide multiple levels for the shooting equipment and experience levels while providing the opportunity to receive positive reinforcement for hard work.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program:

Involves youth who have an interest of firearms, guns, archery, wildlife, etc. with an accepting, safety-conscious, caring and mentoring group of individuals.

The primary function of the program is to promote **safety, discipline and respect**. These traits are useful in the sportsman environment as well as personal lives. Respect is taught not only for firearms, but for people as well. The club members are not permitted to use a firearm until they prove that they can handle those three prerequisites and have committed in writing that they and their guardian will follow the guidelines established.

4-H Shooting Sports members learn what it means to be a **good citizen** and to **help** and **respect** others. They develop the highly sought-after skills necessary for success in the workplace as well as interpersonal relationships (**life skills**).