



CSA proudly supports 4-H. Currently, CSA has certified 4-H shooting instructors for each discipline and several 4-H volunteer leaders with extensive shooting sports experience available to assist 4-H families one on one as requested by local 4-H members.

CSA is working closely with the Columbia and Dodge County UWEX offices to become a county project resource by January 2010. We hope more area youth will sign up for a local 4-H club of their choice to participate in the shooting sports projects at CSA.

CSA is working towards providing beginner classes, having 4-H volunteer leaders or 4-H SS instructors on hand at league events to assist in skill building, and providing equipment for 4-H members in the shooting sports projects keep costs to a minimum.

CSA is offering many opportunities to expose youth to try out the shooting sports before committing to a specific project through educational events and special events this summer, like the NRA Family Day.

#### **WE BELIEVE**

*Human growth and development is the primary goal of the 4-H shooting sports program.*

*Shooting sports is an outstanding way to provide human growth and development opportunities.*

*Introducing safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment opens valuable vocational and life-long recreational education.*

#### **PROGRAM GOALS**

- 1. To encourage understanding of natural resource concepts through participant's interest in shooting and hunting.*
- 2. To enhance development of participant's self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activity.*
- 3. To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision-making, self-discipline and concentration.*
- 4. To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.*
- 5. To expose participants to the broad array of vocation and lifelong vocational activities related to shooting sports.*

6. To strengthen families through life-long recreational activities.

7. To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety and hunter education programs.

### **WHY SHOOTING SPORTS**

*About 2/3 of the homes in the U.S. have firearms. Exposure to safe and responsible handling is vital to preventing accidents at home or next door.*

*Shooting is the second most popular international sport behind track and field. It is nearly unique in being a lifetime sport.*

Shooting Sports attracts a new audiences to 4-H and creates adult-youth bonds.

Shooting Sports is an excellent program to capture the interest of youth and expose them to concepts and issues in conservation, natural resource management and ethical behaviors.

### **SHOOTING SPORTS INCLUDES**

- Archery
  
- Muzzleloading
  
- Hunting and Wildlife
  
- .177 Air Pistol
  
- .22 Pistol
  
- .177 Pellet Air Rifle
  
- .22 Rifle
  
- Shotgun

Each discipline teaches safety, concentration, self-discipline, self-confidence, goal setting, decision-making and courtesy as the young people learn basic skills and build toward more advanced activities. Both competitive and cooperative skills are included. Participants are exposed to local policies, regulations, laws and ethical behavior both by repeated demonstration and through personal practice.

### **PARTICIPANTS GAIN**

**Communication Skills**

**Confidence & concentration**

**Exposure to careers**

**Ethical Standards**

**Friendship**

**Leadership skills**

**Lifetime sports**

**Opportunities to achieve goals**

**Opportunities to compete in matches**

**Opportunities to earn awards**

**Opportunities to set goals**

**Personal responsibility**

**Poise**

**Reasoning skills**

**Respect**

**Safe habits**

**Self-discipline & self-esteem****Social skills****Sportsmanship****Useful knowledge and skills****A SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER IS...**

- Interested in youth and their development
- Interested in some phase of shooting and outdoor recreation
- Willing to learn how to teach shooting effectively
- Willing to be helpful, open and supportive
- Interested in challenges with rewards
- Enthusiastic, positive and energetic
- Honest, self-disciplined and kind

Shooting ability is not essential, but willingness to learn coaching skills is. Training is available for interested people. Program materials provide excellent support.

**LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Learn and practice higher standards of safety
- Learn and practice cooperative coaching techniques
- Learn and practice 4-H teaching techniques
- Invest your time, energy and spirit
- Focus on helping youth develop and learn
- Be a strong, positive role model

Leaders must attend a 2-day training workshop before they are allowed to lead a Shooting Sports Program in Wisconsin. Several workshop options are available each year.

**SUPPORTIVE ORGANIZATIONS**

There are too many cooperators and supporters to list all of them here. The entire shooting and conservation communities are involved. Some of the major supporters in Wisconsin include:

National Wild Turkey Federation

Gander Mountain

Federal Cartridge

Friends of the NRA

Whitetails Unlimited

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Dept of Wildlife Ecology – UW Madison

These organizations are dedicated to the safe, responsible, socially acceptable use of sporting arms; the education of shooters and sound natural resource management.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[Contact Irene for more information on 4-H Shooting Sports at CSA](#)

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