

4-H Shooting Sports 2009 Calendar PlyWood Busters Shooting Sports Club



The PlyWood Busters 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers have planned an exciting year. It is their goal to get youth involved in the club all year long. We will be offering 4 disciplines (Shotgun, Archery, Air Rifle, Black Powder) throughout the year along with four quarterly meetings. These meetings allow youth to interact and also gain knowledge provided by great educational presentations. Do not feel that you must buy equipment for your child to participate as we have some available for youth to use at the classes. We also understand that you will invest a lot of time and travel to allow your child to participate. You might consider carpooling with someone from your area to help with this. Thank you in advance for allowing your child to participate in this exceptional youth program offered to you through the Plymouth & Woodbury County Extension Offices.

➤ **August 25, 2009 - Quarterly Club Meeting**

Topic: TBA

Time: TBA

Place: Woodbury County Extension Office, 4301 Sergeant Rd., Sioux City

➤ **September –October, 2009**

Black Powder, Air Rifle, & Archery will be offered

➤ **November 17, 2009 - Quarterly Club Meeting**

Topic: TBA

Time: TBA

Place: Plymouth County Extension Office, 24 1st St. NW Le Mars

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What is Shooting Sports?

Shooting sports is an active program, attractive to youth and adult audiences. The curriculum is designed to assist young people in personal development, establish a personal environmental ethic and explore life-long vocational and avocational activities. The program uses experiential learning and positive interaction with youth and adult role models to help young people develop self-concept, self-assurance and a positive self-image.

The content provides a framework of knowledge and skills for lifetime participation in recreation, hobbies and careers related to shooting sports and wildlife. Core concepts stress safety, ethical development, personal responsibility and life-time recreational skills. The program promotes responsibility, decision-making, and identifying realistic, personal goals. Participants may elect to compete at a level appropriate for their abilities or pursue other objectives. Participants have shown high achievement in the field, shop or classroom and on the target range, but personal development for young people and leaders is the real objective. The program strives to make "every kid a winner" and to "make the best better."

Like other 4-H projects, shooting sports has a subject matter base. It has strong links to natural resources, wildlife, outdoor recreation and safety. The content is drawn from sports medicine, psychology, education, biological and physical sciences, engineering, mathematics, technology, as well as American traditions, folklore and history.

Why does 4-H have a shooting sports program?

4-H uses shooting sports to teach youth development. Our programs are a valuable means for helping young people develop self confidence, personal discipline, responsibility, teamwork, self-esteem and sportsmanship. The discipline and self-control required for responsible firearms use carries over into many other aspects of life.

Hunting and shooting are rich American traditions. 4-H shooting sports programs help continue this tradition through involvement.

Program Objectives

- To enhance the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of youth through safe, educational, and socially acceptable involvement in a shooting related activity.
- To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision- making, self-discipline, and concentration.
- To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- To encourage understanding of our natural resources and the development of a personal environmental stewardship ethic by young people through participation in shooting, hunting, and related activities.
- To strengthen families through life- long recreational activities.
- To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and lifelong avocational activities related to the shooting sports.
- To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety and hunter education programs.