



Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports

Grades 4-12 Ages 9-19

2022-2023 New Shooter/Round Robin and General Information

We offer: Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol – pistol is reserved for those 14 and up/space is limited for pistol

The 2022-2023 enrollment DEADLINE for Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports is November 15th

New Shooters' Meeting

- **The 2022-2023 New Shooters' Meeting will be held 6:00-7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 6th in the 4-H Auditorium – 704 Cypress Street – West Monroe. We encourage new families to join us to receive important information! No sign-up required to attend the new shooters' meeting.**
- Please be sure to read carefully on the Shooting Sports Facebook Page, when announcements begin, about practice start dates for **New** Shooters, etc. It will vary for each discipline: Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, and Pistol - pistol is reserved for those 14 and up and space is limited for pistol.
- **Please ask to join the Shooting Sports Facebook page! "Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports"**
- Please also follow our Main Ouachita 4-H Page, "Ouachita 4-H"
- **Note:** You Must be completely registered as a 4-H Shooting Sports member before attending the Round Robin or any Practice. (see details below)

• **Important note for Returning Shooters:** Returning Shooters must **re-enroll** each school year. If you have not enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year, please see the new online enrollment information. **No shooter will be allowed to practice until they are registered with us AND all Outdoor Skills/Shooting Sports paper forms are complete!**

Practice information will be posted by each discipline on the "Ouachita 4-H Shooting Sports" Facebook page.

Round Robin Information

- **The 2022-2023 Round Robin will be held 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 23rd at the OPSO Range - 357 Fewell Road in West Monroe.**

- The Round Robin gives youth the opportunity to try out Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun! (Pistol will not be part of the Round Robin) Instructors and coordinators will be available to give information and answer questions.

What to bring to Round Robin...

• SHOTGUN

20 gauge shotguns AND a 12 gauge shotgun will be provided for use, but please bring your own ammo.

For the 20 gauge you will need:

2 3/4 shell

7.5-9 shot size

And no more than 1 oz.

If you are shooting a 12 gage you will need:

2 3/4 shell

7.5-9 shot size

And no more than a 1 1/8 oz.

• RIFLE

.22 rifles will be available for use. The type of .22 ammo is any standard velocity long rifle. No hollow points. Bring ammo if you can. Instructors will have some extra ammo.

• ARCHERY

Bows and arrows will be provided

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Enrollment Information

Please see the information about enrolling through our Online Enrollment System, located on a separate document.

If there is an existing 4-H club at your school, you may sign up to become a 4-H member at that school, if you choose to do so. If there isn't a club at your school, that does not stop you from signing up to be part of our Shooting Sports Program! You have the option of enrolling in our 4-H program as a Member-At-Large, whether or not you have a club at your school. In order to be enrolled in our Shooting Sports Program, youth must be enrolled as a regular 4-H member as well.

Fees: The fee for regular 4-H Enrollment is \$7 this year. The Shooting Sports fee is \$15 with a family maximum of \$25. A Shooting Sports Member must be enrolled in 4-H. Checks are payable to Ouachita 4-H. Please put the 4-Her name(s) on the memo section of the check. Checks and completed forms may be mailed or placed in our drop box in the front of the building at 704 Cypress Street, West Monroe, LA 71291.

Hunter's Ed

- If your 4-Her plans to compete in Shooting Sports this year, they must complete the Hunter's Education Course. (unless they are 9-years-old... see below) ALL 4-H shooters who are 10-years-old or older by January 1, 2023, MUST be certified in HUNTER EDUCATION to compete.
- 8 hours of 4-H Practice Time in the discipline your child wishes to compete in, is required in order to compete.
- LDWF rules state that you have to take Hunters' Education when you are at least 10 years of age. If you take it when you are 9, you will have to take it again. They will not give you a permanent card.
- So, if your shooter is 9 years old, they do not need Hunters' Education to go to Regional or State Competition. However, if your shooter is 10 years old when the shooting season starts (now) they will need hunters' education to be able to attend regional or state competition.
- A Hunter's Ed card is NOT required to practice!
- Below is the link to the LDWF website where you can check for Hunters' Education classes. If you sign up for the field day, be sure you understand what is required - it's more than just a 1-day class.
- Hunter's Ed classes are available through the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, there is a limit on class sizes and social distancing guidelines must be followed. Below is the Link for more information.

- Link to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: <https://la-web.s3licensing.com/Events/Search?eventTypeld=2>
- We will notify everyone if a Hunter's Ed Class will be available at the 4-H Office.

• Please be sure to join the Ouachita 4-H Facebook Page as well as the Ouachita Shooting Sports Facebook Page to get the most up to date 4-H information.

• 2022-2023 Match Dates/Locations

- **Dates for 2023 Regional, State and National Matches**
- **State Hunting Skills** **February 25-26, 2023** – Grant Parish
- **Southern Regional Match** **March 11-19, 2023** – Ascension Parish/West Baton Rouge
- **Northern Regional Match** **March 25-April 2, 2023** – DeSoto Parish/Caddo Parish
- **State Match** **April 15-23, 2023** – DeSoto Parish/Caddo Parish
- **National Championships** **June 25-30, 2023** – Grand Island, Nebraska

If you have questions, please contact our office at 323-2251 or email tgarlington@agcenter.lsu.edu. We are looking forward to a great year!

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Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the AgCenter will make reasonable accommodations to enable persons with disabilities to perform essential duties of their positions and to make program services available to all. If you need an ADA accommodation for your participation, please contact the Ouachita Parish Extension Office at (318) 323-2251 at least two weeks prior to the event. The LSU AgCenter and LSU provide equal opportunities in programs and employment.