

2023-2024

Livingston Parish



4-H Shooting Sports Club
Information Packet

September 2023

The Livingston Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Club is very excited to begin this year's activities! This year's activities will be tentatively held according to the attached calendar. All participants must be a member of a parish 4-H school club or a 4-H member-at-large. The last date to join Shooting Sports for this school year will be October 31st.

Shooting sports is the fastest growing project in 4-H. It is exciting and involves activities at many different levels; from the beginner to nationally competitive shooters. We will instruct your child in the discipline they most enjoy and let them try out others if they would like. Currently Livingston Parish 4-H offers the smallbore rifle (.22), pistol (air and .22), archery, and shotgun disciplines. **In order for the parish to have a discipline, there must be a certified instructor on the range.** We have instructors certified in the disciplines I have mentioned; however, sometimes we must work around their schedules. When certified instructors are unable to attend the shoots, we will not practice that discipline. **If you are interested in training as an instructor, please let us know.** The state has trainings periodically throughout the year that we are invited to participate in.

If you choose to sign up your child in our shooting sports program, please fill out and sign all the required forms and provide us with your child's Hunter's Safety Education number. Also, your child should have their hunter's safety card with them at all shoots. **Hunter's safety certification is required for all members who are 10 on or before January 1, 2024.** Those without hunter's safety cards will have the opportunity to go to classes to get one. There will be a hunter's safety course taught in the parish the last week of Christmas break. Do not wait until the last minute to sign up, spots will fill up and your child cannot compete without certification! All smallbore pistol participants (.22) must carry written permission to possess and fire a handgun on their person or with their handgun at all times, (this is a Louisiana law). On the following pages you will find a sample permission card that you can cut and fill out.

Along with the shooting practices offered through our club, the state will offer regional and state competitions for students that are interested. You are not required to compete at any event. However, if you do choose to compete you need to be aware that those who are successful at competitions practice at home every day to get better in their chosen discipline.

Those participating in .22 and shotgun may be required to provide their own ammunition at the practice meetings (We will provide as funds allow). As instructors we feel it is very important that every 4-H member who wants to participate in shooting sports be allowed to do so. If the sign-up fee or equipment purchase would cause a financial burden that would keep your child from participating, please see Renette Sequin. Our club has basic equipment in each discipline we offer that your child can use while practicing and we will do our best to work with your family for other expenses. Our club is funded through organizations and individuals that make donations as well as fund-raisers and your sign-up fees. Participants will be required to participate in whole group fundraisers benefitting our program.

This year's sign-up fee is \$45. This fee includes a Livingston Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Program T-Shirt, equipment maintenance, and range set up for practice. This is a non-refundable fee.

To attend advanced meetings such as competitions:

You must have completed 8 hours of 4-H shooting sports training in each discipline you plan to compete in.

You must have completed a Hunter's Safety training and provided us with your Hunter's Safety number or completion certificate. (N/A if under age 10 after January 1, 2024).

Your shooting sports leaders and parents must agree that you can safely handle a firearm.

Please remember that a parent/guardian must attend each meeting with the child. **No drop-offs**. As a safety precaution, only 4-H members, instructors and authorized adults (parents) are allowed on the shooting range. If you bring siblings, please make sure they are supervised off the range. We appreciate your understanding and helping us keep safety as our 1st priority.

You may want to bring chairs and pop-up shade to sit under as there is very little shade on the range. Also please bring water and snacks for your family while at the range.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the 4-H office by phone at 225-686-3020 or by email at mdavenport@agcenter.lsu.edu. We are looking forward to a great year! Thank you in advance for all your help.

Sincerely,

Renette Seguin
Livingston Parish Coordinator
4-H Shooting Sports

We will utilize Sign-Up Genius for every monthly practice. A link will be emailed the week prior to each practice. **You must sign-up and come at your designated time.**

NO SMOKING, TOBACCO, OR ALCOHOL AT THE RANGE!

District matches will not be counted as practice hours. This is in accordance with district match rules. **All members must attend at least 2 whole group monthly practices!**

ATVs are not allowed at practices!

You must be a member of Livingston Parish 4-H through your school or the parish before you can join shooting sports! Registration must be done on 4-H Online and dues must be paid before you can enter the range!

Livingston Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors

Mikaela Davenport--- Agent/Coordinator
Renette Seguin--- Coordinator/Bookkeeper
Harold Seguin--- President/ Archery and Shotgun
Kerry Bertrand--- Vice President/ **Rifle and Shotgun
David Brandon--- Secretary/ **Shotgun and Pistol
Jerry Davenport--- **Archery
Micah Denesse--- Archery
Clay Nettles--- Archery
Hunter Seguin--- Archery
JT Stroder--- Archery and Shotgun
Donald Aime--- Air Pistol
Lauren Compton--- Air Pistol
Jake Wolfe--- Air Pistol
Brian Compton--- Pistol
Katheryn Buffington--- Rifle
Elizabeth Fasbender--- Rifle
Kevin Higginbotham--- Shotgun
Danelle Lacy--- Shotgun
Mary Bertrand--- Hunters Education Instructor
Wayne Bertrand--- Hunters Education Instructor

**Discipline Chief Range Officer

General Participation and Safety Rules

1. Safety will be first and foremost at all times.
2. Participants are required to **complete 8 hours of 4-H Shooting Sports discipline training each year in each discipline in which they want to complete.** A 4-H Shooting Sports certified discipline instructor will verify hours and validate registration forms for competitions. **ALL participants must come to at least 2 group practices at the scheduled whole group practices.**
3. It is the **participant's responsibility** to make sure you **sign in and out** at the ranges.
4. While on the firing line, each team or individual must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must have a sponsoring adult who will be responsible for them at all times during all practices and competitions.
5. Instructors are responsible for handling and control of all ammunition.
6. **All firearms and archery equipment must be cased and carried in a safe manner while being transported to and from the vehicle to designated areas on the range.**
7. All firearms must have the action open when out of the case and/or not in use. **The use of an "open action indicator" (OAI), "open bolt indicator" (OBI), or "clear barrel indicator" (CBI) is mandatory for Air Pistol, .22 Pistol, .22 Rifle, and Shotgun.** This may be purchased or made from a piece of colored weed-eater filament or similar material.
8. Arrows will not be nocked until the participant is on the firing line. The use of a hip or ground quiver is required.
9. All firearms will be pointed and bows drawn in a safe direction at all times.
10. Shooters must obey all range commands.
11. Rifles must be single loaded, except where safety would be better served and the range officer dictates. Shotgun participants must load only one shell unless the range officer instructs that doubles are to be thrown. Coaches must certify when each firearm is clear.
12. Participants must wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line.
13. Ammunition will be stored so as to not be readily accessible except on the firing line.
14. All equipment will be checked to ensure it conforms to regulations, safety rules, and equipment classifications.
15. Participants **MUST** wear appropriate clothing and footwear on the range! Closed-toe shoes (no flip flops, crocs, or sandals of any kind) are required. No short or tight clothing!
16. Participants, parents, and/or coaches violating **any safety rules** will be given one warning and then be disqualified from further participation if a second infraction occurs. If the safety violation is severe, a warning may not be given. **Participants bringing loaded firearms will be reprimanded.**
17. Any person (participant or spectator of any age) found on a range in a restricted area (on berms, behind berms, behind targets, past the firing line, etc.) will be asked to leave the range immediately.
18. 4-H rules apply!! Each participant must have a completed Parental Consent/Code of Conduct Form and Health Card in order to participate in any event.
19. Smallbore (.22) pistol participants **MUST** have a parent consent card **in their possession** at any 4-H event. Please use the form on a following page to make a business card size form for the 4-Her to keep with them or their pistol at all times.
20. All students, **10 years** of age or older, must have a Hunter's Education Certificate or Card acquired before **January 1, 2024** to continue to participate in shooting sports. They must bring this with them to all meetings and competitions.

Things you should bring to each practice:

Items marked with an * will NOT be provided.

For .22 Rifle and Pistol:

- Something to drink*
- Gun in a case
- Pistol card signed*
- Bullets/magazines
- Stand
- Mat
- Safety glasses
- Ear plugs
- Bolt action indicators*
- Small notebook*
- Pen and pencil*
- Chairs*
- Spotting scope*
- Clothes for the weather*
- Calculator for adding score*
- Binoculars*
- Sling*
- Knee roll*
- Hunter's Ed Card*

For Shotgun:

- Something to drink*
- Gun in a case
- Shells
- Choke tubes*
- Safety glasses
- Ear plugs
- Vest/bag*
- Rag/towel*
- Clothes for the weather*
- Score card or paper*
- Pencil and black marker*
- Hunter's Ed Card*

For Archery:

- Something to drink*
- Bow in a case
- Arrows
- Arrow holder
- Quiver
- Finger guard*
- Arm guard*
- Tools to work on bow
- Clothes for weather*
- Hunter's Ed Card*

For Air Pistol:

- Something to drink*
- Air pistol in case
- Pellets
- Safety glasses
- Clothes for weather*
- Hunter's Ed card*

LIVINGSTON PARISH 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS 2023-2024 CALENDAR

- Sept. 9th Practice and sign up for returning members
8:00-10 AM
- Sept. 12th New members open house @ LP Fairgrounds Green Barn
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- Sept. 16th Practice and sign-up for new and returning members
8 am- 4th-6th grade
10 am- 7th grade and up
- Oct. 21st Practice and sign up
8 am – 4th-6th grade
10 am –7th grade and up
- Oct. 31st **LAST DAY TO SIGN UP**
- Nov. 18th Practice
8 am – 4th-6th grade
10 am – 7th grade and up
- Dec. 16th Practice
8 am
- Jan. 2nd-3rd Hunter Education Course
- Jan. 13th Practice
8 am
- Feb. 17th Practice
8 am

Please fill this out and keep it with your child when they are to handle a hand gun.

Pistol Permission Card (Keep with gun at all times)

I _____ give my
permission to _____
to possess and fire a handgun until June 30, 2024 at which time
it may be extended.

Parent's signature Date

Witness signature Date