

Introduction

The Caddo Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Program encompasses the initiative goals of volunteer leadership, capacity building for youth and families, and the environmental stewardship with commitments from the Louisiana State University AgCenter. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is an active program that is attractive to both youth and adults. The program uses positive learning and interaction with youth and adult role models. The disciplines are modeled after the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program and are administered by nationally certified-state leaders consisting of extension personnel and volunteers.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is an activity for everyone – girls, boys, young, old, urban and rural. Participation in the program is not limited by skill or physical abilities. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is open to any 4-H youth ages 9-19. It is a fun, action-oriented program.

MISSION STATEMENT: *The mission of the Caddo Parish 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes so that they may become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.*

The program is designed to:

1. Assist youth to learn safe and responsible use of shooting equipment.
2. Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior.
3. Enhance self-confidence, self-concept, decision making, character, personal development, responsibility, and sportsmanship.
4. Develop leadership and citizenship within 4-H parameters for youth and adults.
5. Expand 4-H membership and involve more volunteer adult leaders.
6. To strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
7. Create an appreciation and understanding of natural resources.
8. To encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through hunting/fishing and related activities.
9. To develop an understanding of the principles of wildlife management.
10. To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter educational programs in accordance with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The program relies on state 4-H certified/trained instructors to conduct classes in the various disciplines. In Caddo, we offer archery, .22 rifle, and air rifle.

The program requires 4-H certified instructors to adhere to the safety rules and regulations as dictated by the program to decrease the probability of accidents and injuries as well as enhance the educational experience.

Participation Eligibility

4-H Membership is required for participation within the Shooting Sports Program yearly. Youth must join the Caddo Parish 4-H program as a school club member or a member at large each year, as well as complete the Shooting Sports registration packet.

4-H youth in good standing age 9-19 and in 4th – 12th grade may participate in local 4-H Shooting Sports events.

Educational and practice sessions will be scheduled for each discipline.

A minimum of 8 hours of training and successful completion of basic skills, per coaches' requirements, in chosen discipline is required for eligibility for advancement in any 4-H Shooting Sports competition. Youth are responsible for SIGNING IN AND SIGNING OUT AT EACH PRACTICE!!!!!!

Upon successful completion of the required practice hours in the chosen shooting sports discipline(s), youth may elect to compete at the Northern Regional match held in March and if qualified, the State match held in April.

Regional and State Competition Eligibility will consist of:

- Successful completion of Parish requirements
- Completion of Hunter Safety Course* by youth 10 years old or older, not the bow hunting safety course. By State requirements, youth who have passed their 10th birthday on or before January 1st of the current year **MUST** have completed a certified Hunter Education Course in order to compete at the Regional and State levels.

*The Caddo Parish 4-H program will hold a Hunter Education Course in our office, January 5th and 6th. Youth **MUST** attend both days. The training is only for registered shooting sports participants in need of certification. Shooting Sports youth that are not certified will receive an email in December with instructions on how to register for the course. This course is only for Caddo 4-H members that are registered for Shooting Sports.

If youth are unable to attend the classes held at the 4-H office, it will be the participant's responsibility to complete certification before they can be registered for Regional competition. Hunter education information can be found on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries website: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/hunter-education>.

Safety

The most important part of the program.

- All instructors in the program are volunteers certified by the Louisiana 4-H program to teach specific disciplines.
- A sponsored or scheduled 4-H shooting sport activity shall be conducted by a 4-H Shooting Sports trained/certified instructor.
- The shooting sports program is not an individual 4-H project. It shall be taught as a group project activity, or in sessions such as camp or special interest clubs.
- Upon arrival at designated ranges, all guns and equipment will be stored in the appropriate areas until coaches advise to prepare for shooting.
- Guns will be carried at all times with muzzles pointed up and in a safe manner.
- No tobacco use at practices! No cell phone use during practices! Closed toe shoes should be worn during practices!
- **A parent or guardian must remain at the designated practice at all times.**
- At no time will running or horseplay be allowed, especially while utilizing equipment.
- No abusive, disruptive or foolish behavior will be tolerated. One instance of such behavior may result in the person being removed from the range for that session. Repeated problems may result in being banned from the program.
- A 4-H Shooting Sports instructor of a discipline has the right to refuse any participant from the shooting sports activity in the interest of safety for the participant and others in the class.

Discipline Opportunities

Parents and youth are asked to review each discipline as to the participant's responsibility for appropriate supplies and expenses before registering. Practices are led by volunteer coaches.

Youth may participate in more than one discipline as listed in the discipline opportunities. It is up to the participant to attend practice and pay for any additional expenses that may occur. Communication with the coaches and the Caddo 4-H office is required prior to registering for more than one discipline.

Cost: Individual discipline registration fee: \$60.00; this fee includes a parish t-shirt, awards, \$30 towards regional registration and miscellaneous supplies.

Additional fees may be required for practices held at gun clubs in Caddo, Bossier, and DeSoto parishes. Coaches will communicate cost with parents and youth.

Air Rifle

- **A parent or guardian must remain at the designated practice at all times.**
- Practice will be on the weekends at Long Range Alley Gun Club.
- Must provide own pellets
- Ear Protection and Eye Protection Required
- Utilize personal guns (approved by instructor)
- Participants are responsible for transportation to and from events

Archery, Compound, Genesis, Recurve, Sighted Recurve

- **Archery includes: FITA (paper targets); 3D (lifelike animal targets made of foam); Field; Nationals (Senior only 14-19 years old; includes FITA, 3D & Field)**
- **A parent or guardian must remain at the designated practice at all times.**
- Practices will be on Saturday mornings, 9-11am, at Keithville Elementary/Middle School.
- Targets available for use
- Must supply own equipment (approved by instructor)
- Participants are responsible for transportation to and from events
- Prior to Regional competition, participants will have to choose which events they will participate in and pay additional regional registration fees accordingly.

.22 Rifle

- **A parent or guardian must remain at the designated practice at all times.**
- Practices will be held at various locations, including Gold Point Range (outdoor weekend practices), Long Range Alley (outdoor weekend practices), and the Caddo 4-H office (indoor weekday evening practices).
- New shooters must attend indoor dryfire practices prior to going to range practices.
- Ear Protection and Eye Protection required
- Utilize personal guns (approved by instructor)
- Participants are responsible for transportation to and from events
- Prior to Regional competition, participants will have to choose which events they will participate in and pay additional regional registration fees accordingly.

2022-23 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Competition Dates:

Northern Regional Match – March 25 – April 2, 2023
Caddo/DeSoto Parishes

State Competition – April 15-23, 2023
Caddo/DeSoto Parishes

National Championships – June 25-30, 2023
Grand Island, Nebraska

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