

Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports Program

Discipline Descriptions



Learn the basics of shooting in a fun, safe environment taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors. Most disciplines have club equipment for participants to borrow during practices. *Please note that this document serves as an overview only – contact the County Coordinators for details on getting started with the Shooting Sports program.*

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Archery

- **Prerequisite:** Archery SPIN Club Completion
- 20, 30, & 40-meter competition, some 3-D targets
- Recurve, Olympic, bow hunter compound, open compound divisions
- SPIN Club – approximately April

BB Gun (Required prerequisite for other rifle disciplines)

- 5-meter competition in the prone, standing, sitting, and kneeling positions
- Some test knowledge of NRA and Daisy BB Gun curriculums
- Everyone shoots the same model of gun – Avanti Champion Model 499B

Air Rifle

- **Prerequisite:** BB-Gun Program Completion
- 10-meter competition in the prone, standing, and kneeling positions

Air Pistol (Required prerequisite for other pistol disciplines)

- 10-meter competition; some silhouette targets
- SPIN Club – approximately October

Small Bore Pistol

- **Prerequisite:** Air Pistol SPIN Club Completion
- 25-yard competition and silhouette targets

Small Bore Rifle

- **Prerequisite:** Air Rifle Program Completion
- 50-meter competition in the prone, standing, and kneeling positions; some silhouette targets

Shotgun

- Trap, skeet, and sporting clays competition
- 20 or 12-gauge guns only

Muzzle Loader –

- **Prerequisite:** BB-Gun or Air Rifle program completion
- 25 & 100-yard competition, silhouette targets, and “novelty” targets (critters & bottles)

Western Heritage (Kick-Off in November but open to enrollment all year)

- Combination of learning living history of the Frontier West from 1860 to 1900 and shooting sports
- Members dress in old west-period clothing, shoot replica firearms of the Frontier period, and expand knowledge of US History

Hunting Skills - Wildlife identification, hunter knowledge, compass & orienteering, and shooting skills

(If continuing past a SPIN Club, all 4-H'ers must be enrolled in the Shooting Sports Project in 4-H Online.)

What are SPIN Clubs?

These short-term, introductory classes that will help you learn the basics in a fun, safe environment. Most equipment will be provided and emphasis will be on safety, handling, and technique. SPIN Clubs are open to all 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers.

- Archery – April
- Air Pistol – October
- BB/Rifle - November

Age Requirements

(Before January 1)

Archery: 8-18

BB: 9-15

Air Rifle: 12-18

Air Pistol: 12-18

Small Bore Pistol: 12-18

Small Bore Rifle: 12-18

Shotgun: 12-18

Muzzle Loader: 12-18

Western Heritage: 8-18

8-18 Hunting Skills