

Shawnee County 4-H Shooting Sports

Air Rifle

First Year (Shooting Sports I: SS102) Min. Age 9

Gun safety and the mechanics of target shooting an air rifle are taught. Our six week program is taught by a certified air rifle instructor. The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is a state-wide program with instructor training and certification. We'll cover parts of the gun, range commands, general gun safety and four shooting positions; standing, kneeling, sitting and prone. We provide the air rifle, shooting glasses, targets and air pellets. Small fee required.

After First Year (Shooting Sports II: SS105) Min. Age 10

After completion of SS102 the shooter can enroll in SS105 beginning the following year. Each shooter is allowed to shoot for an hour, about once a month. They can use their own air rifle (lead pellets, only) if the instructor approves the rifle, or continue using the program rifles. We have a structured self-paced program where each shooter tracks their scores and maintains a record for as many years as they shoot in the program. Fifteen levels of skill are advanced through as the shooter gets better and better, with a certificate of completion awarded for each level (and can optionally purchase a medal for each level). Small fee required.

We also provide opportunities to attend competition (participation optional). Kansas has regional and state competitions for Shooting Sports. Shawnee County has had shooters compete at the State level several years. Minimum scores needed to compete:

For Postal (mail-in) competition: no minimum score, all can compete

For regional competition: minimum score of 180 of 600 (Shawnee County requirement)

For State competition: minimum score of 400 of 600 (Kansas requirement)

Note: Shawnee County 4-H Shooting Sports has instructors certified in air rifle only. With volunteers properly trained we can pursue air pistol, archery, shotgun, black powder, BB gun and small bore.