

2025 Shooting Sports Packet and Schedules

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****These are not the same as the Hunter Safety class - this is a separate RANGE safety class with the coaches that must be attended in order to shoot on the ranges. Parents must attend.**

Air Rifle		Coach: Eugene Valdez 429-6679	
**Air Rifle Safety Class (mandatory for 1st year shooters) MUST attend one of the classes			
Tuesday	3/18/25	6:30-8:00 p.m.	4-H Bldg.
Tuesday	3/25/25	6:30-8:00 p.m.	4-H Bldg.
Air Rifle Practice Dates			
Mondays beginning	4/07/25	6:00 p.m.	4-H Bldg.

Air Pistol and .22 Pistol		Coach: Eugene Valdez 429-6679	
**Air Pistol (Must be 10 years old, a 2nd year shooter in shooting sports, and complete application with two coaches' recommendations (not a parent). Application Due 3/1/24 for Shooting Sports Council Approval.			
** Air Pistol and .22 Pistol Safety class (Mandatory for 1st year shooters) 3/31/25 6:00 p.m. 4-H Bldg.			
Air Pistol Practice Dates			
Mondays with Air Rifle	4/7/25	6:00 p.m.	4-H Bldg.
** .22 Pistol (Must have successfully completed 1 year of Air Pistol and complete application with two coaches' recommendations (not a parent). Application Due 3/1/23 for Shooting Sports Council Approval.			
.22 Pistol Practice Dates - Project Practice Availability TBD Based on Coach Availability			
Tuesdays tentatively beginning	4/8/25	5:30pm	Cactus Flats

Archery		Coaches: Martin Telck 719-429-0575, Dave Racette 429-3554, Larry Swisher 719-214-0894, Mary Ellen Telck 719-429-8120	
**Archery Safety Class (mandatory for 1st year shooters) MUST attend one of the classes			
Monday	4/7/25	7:00 p.m.	4-H Bldg.
Monday	4/14/25	7:00 p.m.	4-H Bldg.
Archery Practice Dates- Weather permitting			
Tuesdays beginning	4/22/25	5:30 p.m.	Cactus Flats

Muzzleloading		Coaches: Martin Telck 719-429-0575, Eugene Valdez 429-6679	
**Muzzleloading Safety Class (mandatory for 1st year shooters) Must attend this class			
Monday	4/01/25	6:30 p.m.	4-H Bldg.
Muzzleloading Practice Dates - Weather permitting			
Tuesdays beginning	4/15/25	5:30 p.m.	Cactus Flats

.22 Rifle		Coach: Tom Masar 371-5978, Bill Kemp 250-1796	
** .22 Safety Class (mandatory for 1st year shooters) MUST attend one of the classes			
Tuesday	3/18/25	6:30-8:00 p.m.	4-H Bldg.
Tuesday	3/25/25	6:30-8:00 p.m.	4-H Bldg.
.22 Practice Dates - Weather & Light permitting			
Tuesdays beginning	4/08/25	5:30pm - 6:45pm and 6:45pm - 8:00pm	Cactus Flats

Shotgun		Coaches: Mike Marriott 214-3213, Trey Curry 720-275-7823	
**Shotgun Safety Class and Workshop will be required for All FIRST YEAR SHOOTERS.			
Safety Class Dates (mandatory for 1st year shooters)			
Thursday	3/6/25	6:30-8:00 p.m.	4-H Bldg.
Workshops			
Trap Workshop (mandatory for 1st year shooters) MUST attend this workshop			
Thursday	3/13/25	6:00 p.m.	Cactus Flats
Skeet Workshop			
Thursday	Date and Time TBD after Practice Starts.		Cactus Flats
Before State Fair for those who qualify there will be one practice at the Pikes Peak Gun Club with date to be determined.			
Shotgun Practice Dates - Weather permitting (3/20/25 practice is for first year shooters only)			
Thursdays beginning	3/20/25 Trap & Skeet	6:00 p.m.	Cactus Flats

Check out the website:

Fremont County Shooting Sports: <http://fremont.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-shooting-sports-fremont-county/>

Colorado 4H Shooting Sports: www.co4hshooting.org

Fremont County: <http://fremont.extension.colostate.edu>

Facebook: **Fremont County 4h shooting sports**

Be sure to check here for cancellations or delays to practices. Remember we may not know until just before 5 when we can get in the gate. You have to make the choice for your child whether to go out or not.

Shooting Sports 4-H Hunter Education Class

**Attendees must be enrolled in shooting sports to participate in this class.
Class size is limited. MUST pre-register by calling the Extension Office at
276-7390. It is required that the child attend all three dates to complete the mandatory
hours required to get their Hunter Safety certification.**

**Parents who wish to earn their Hunter Education certification may also take the class IF there is
room.**

**Instructor: Tom Masar 719-371-5978
Classes will be held at the 4-H Building, 1595 S. 9th St. in Canon City.**

**February 14, 2025, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
February 15, 2025, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
February 22, 2025, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Building & Range)**

If our class fills up, you will need to take a class through the DOW. If you are 8 and 9 you must take our class as DOW will not test kids under the age of 10.

Please read the entire packet and know your responsibility. To make it to the required classes. First year shooters you must attend a range safety class in each discipline you are taking. If your child does not have their Colorado Hunter Safety card, they must take a class and turn in a copy of their card. The practice dates, getting gate passes, getting coaches signatures on county fair entry forms, and paying all fees are your responsibility. We try send out information in the newsletter. Please read your newsletter every month. We are happy to have you as part of the 4-H Shooting Sports program. It takes everyone to make it work. Parents know your part as you have rules to follow as well. And, as always if you have questions, please call the Extension Office at 719-276-7390 or email your questions to csuext@fremontco.com.

2024-2025 Fremont County Shooting Sports

Welcome–We're glad to have you in this project! The Shooting Sports coaches will work with all members. Remember that you must attend at least four practices in each of your disciplines with an approved coach in order to compete at County Fair Shoot. When you do, the coach will sign your County Fair entry form. Members are highly encouraged to shoot an entire round of at least 40 arrows, 25 shells, or 4 targets at each practice. It is your responsibility to contact the coach with questions about practice sessions or meetings.

IMPORTANT: Members are required to have a responsible adult with them at the ranges at all times. They are not to be dropped off and left alone to shoot at any time.

Shooting Sports Project Information

*Shooting Sports members must enroll in their chosen disciplines (air rifle, .22 rifle, shotgun, air pistol, .22 pistol, archery or muzzle loading) prior to enrollment deadline dates of each year and complete the required four practices in order to be eligible for the county fair shoot.

*Members should drop a discipline prior to June 1 or date declared as last official drop date if they are not going to complete in that discipline area.

NOTE: All first-year members must attend a safety class in each discipline in which they have enrolled, or they will not be able to participate in that shooting activity. It is highly recommended that all second-year members attend as well. Parent or guardian must attend with child. Discipline coaches may require second year and higher members to attend the safety class as well.

RANGE PASSES: For those returning who are shooting in Archery, .22 Rifle or Muzzleloading. You can pick up passes from a coach at practice or after the first-year training session to sign for and pick up your Range Passes. Please bring your range pass with you to the range.

All shooters and volunteers must wear closed toed shoes while participating in Shooting Sports.

All Shooting Sports members must have a valid Colorado Hunter Education number prior to shooting with 4-H! Those classes are not the same as the discipline safety classes mentioned above. A copy of the Hunter Safety Card must be on line with the Extension Office. When you get your card please bring your card in to be copied or email a copy to csuext@fremontco.com.

For 1st year Shotgun Shooters, they MAY only shoot skeet and sporting clays at a coaches' discretion if they can be safe after completing 4 practices.

.22 Pistol 4-H members must have a Colorado 4-H Rimfire & Centerfire Permission to Fire a Handgun Form on file with the office and with them anytime they carry the firearm for 4-H according the Youth Safety Handgun Act.

Discipline Completion Requirements

To complete this project a member must complete the requirements listed under "Shooting Sports Competition" or "Shooting Sports Display" or both. Record books are required for both the competition and the display or stand alone. Members must complete a County Fair entry form for contest and/or display to compete at the Fair. If you are unable to compete at the Fair, there is a Final Completion Display Day in August at the Extension Office. Payment for shotgun range fees must be included with county fair entries. Contest entry forms must be signed by the appropriate coach for the discipline entered, indicating requirements have been met. Coaches will give the Extension Office a list of members who have met their requirements. As with all other project areas, Shooting Sports members must attend at least 50% of their club's scheduled meetings with minimum of 2 meetings, in order to complete their project.

Shooting Sports Display

Exhibit of records kept during the year and display illustrating a chosen aspect of skill area are required.

- A. Each display must have a record book which relates to that discipline.
- B. Display items should illustrate a chosen aspect of skill areas. This is separate from the competition events. Individual exhibits can be a show board or stand-alone items (such as gun stocks, decoys, etc.) No live ammo, broad heads, knives or functional firearms allowed to be displayed.
- C. Exhibits must be entered in discipline that exhibit relates to. The specific unit entered must be declared on the Shooting Sports entry form for fair.
- D. Units will follow Colorado State Fair classes.
- E. Exhibit requirements can be found at www.co4hshooting.org

Rules

- A. Members must be currently enrolled in 4-H Shooting Sports project.
- B. Every member must possess a valid Colorado Hunters Education Card, regardless of the competition category. A copy of the Hunter Safety card needs to be turned into the Extension Office or emailed to csuext@fremontco.com.
- C. In order to compete in the Shooting Sports Competition a member must have proof of safety training. A member must have attended at least *four (4)* practices on the range with an authorized shooting sports leader and must demonstrate that he/she is proficient in the safety rules and practices. **All four (4) practices must take place prior to the County Fair Entry deadlines. Safety class attendance does not count toward these minimum practices.** One night of practice counts for one practice. The coach will sign the member's county fair entry form when these requirements are met.
- D. Junior division individuals are persons at least age 8 and not more than 13 prior to January 1 of the current year.
- E. Senior division individuals are persons at least age 14 and not more than 18 prior to January 1 of the current year.
- F. Refer to State 4-H Shooting Sports Rule Book for specific details regarding equipment, ammunition, and classes of shooting sports competition. Rule books are available in the CSU Extension Office or online at www.co4hshooting.org
- G. Completed Shooting Sports record books will be due within two days after the last event of the County Fair competition. Record books will be judged, and ribbons displayed at the County Fair. A minimum score of 70% is required for project completion and the privilege of competing at the Colorado State Fair Competition. Members who score below 70% will have one week from the date of judging to make corrections to their books to improve their scores. Depending on the State Fair entry deadlines, that date may be moved sooner. If a member is entering a Shooting Sports display, the record book will be judged along with the display, but it must be turned in at the earlier time as well.
- H. Record book awards will be as follows: 100-85, Blue Award; 70-84, Red Award; 69 & below, White Award (not complete).

Shooting Sports Competition

2025 Fremont County Fair Schedule

Fri., July 11	4:00 p.m.	Trap
Sat., July 12	9:00 a.m.	Skeet
Sun., July 13	9:00 a.m.	Sporting Clays
Sun., July 13	2:30 p.m.	Air Pistol
Sun., July 13	4:00 p.m.	Air Rifle
Sat., July 19	8:00 a.m.	Archery & Muzzle Loading (.22 Pistol to follow)
Sun., July 20	8:00 a.m.	.22 Rifle
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck & Awards
Tues., July 22	5:00 p.m.	Record Books even if for display only, State Fair & Shirt Fees Due
Thurs., July 24	6:00 p.m.	Record Book Judging
Mon., Jul 28		Display Judging

A Shooting Sports Competition will be held for each discipline. Members must shoot at the designated contest time for each event. No special sessions will be allowed.

State Fair Qualifications

Fremont County may enter up to 6 persons in each senior and junior division event, if eligible (5 for Shotgun). To be eligible:

1. Must have competed at Fremont County Fair contest in the event they are entering.
2. Must have turned in their completed Shooting Sports record book, with a minimum score of 70 points.
3. Opportunity to compete at the State Fair will be offered to top six with others moving up if space is available.
4. Regular practices must be attended between County Fair and State Fair in order to maintain the member's spot on the State Fair team.

Shooter of the Year awards will be given at the Achievement Program. One Junior and one Senior member will receive a trophy or plaque, and their name on the historical plaque. These awards are intended to encourage participation in a variety of Shooting Sports disciplines. Winners are determined by adding one score in each discipline in which they compete, as well as one display and their record book scores. Members who wish to compete for Shooter of the Year awards must designate prior to the competition which scores they wish to have counted toward this award.

Cactus Flats Shooting Range Location

Cactus Flats Shooting Range is located at 4312 County Road 123 Penrose, CO 81240. From Canon City on US 50 headed out of town, turn left onto CO067/Phantom Canyon Rd and drive 1.7 miles, turn right onto County Road 123. Your destination will be on the right. If you reach County Road F42, you've gone too far.

Be sure to read your monthly 4-H newsletter for current information regarding Shooting Sports.

Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct from Fremont County enrollment form

Colorado 4-H members, leaders, parents and other adults participating in 4-H programs will:

1. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as positive role models.
3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco including e-cig, and vaping device during 4-H events and activities.
4. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
5. Respect other's property and privacy rights.
6. Respect the rights and authority of parents, leaders and Extension Agents.
7. Abstain from abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment
8. Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
9. Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
10. Adhere to principles and rules of safety.

Consequences for violating any of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.

Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect "member in good standing" or "volunteer in good standing" status.

It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules. You will achieve greater success in resolving problems and conflicts by focusing on the issue or behavior and not on the person.

PARENTS: Please note that you need to adhere to the dress code, shoe requirements and code of conduct as the 4-H member does.

What Do I Need to Bring?

Discipline	Every Week on the Range	County May Have Available
Air Rifle	Safety Glasses, .177 pellets (wad cutter type only), Shooting mat not to exceed 1 inch in thickness & kneeling roll needs to not exceed 7 inches in diameter x 9 inches	Air Rifles Grant funded Ammo will be provided if possible while supplies last.
Air Pistol	Safety Glasses, .177 pellets (wad cutter type only)	Air Pistols and Shooting Blocks
.22 Small Bore Pistol	Safety Glasses, Hearing Protection, Ammo--at least 60 rounds per practice.	Ear Plugs We have for sale safety glasses (\$2) Ammo Grant funded Ammo will be provided if possible while supplies last.
Archery	Arm Guard, Quiver, Finger Protection, Bow and arrows to fit the child	Bow
.22 Rifle	Safety Glasses, Hearing Protection, Ammo--at least 50 rounds per practice. Shooting mat not to exceed 1 inch in thickness & kneeling roll needs to not exceed 7 inches in diameter x 9 inches	Rifles, Ear Plugs We have for sale safety glasses (\$2) Grant funded Ammo will be provided if possible while supplies last.
Muzzleloading	Safety Glasses, Hearing Protection, Balls to fit your gun, Powder, Caps, Patches	Guns, Ear Plugs We have for sale safety glasses (\$2)
Shotgun	Safety Glasses, Hearing protection, Shotgun shells to fit your gun, Shell bag or vest, Money to pay range for rounds (currently \$7.00 price is subject to change). Punch cards are available this year for free for 4-H members for clays while supplies last.	Guns, Ear Plugs We have for sale safety glasses (\$2) Ammo may be supplied from grants if possible while supplies last. More info will be shared at the beginning of the practice session.
All Disciplines	Closed toed shoes! Watch the dress code!	