



# 4-H SHOTGUN SHOOTING PROJECT



Shooting sports teach youth a respect for firearms, help them develop discipline, and shotgun in particular encourages conservation of wildlife and habitats through the hunting aspect of the project.

- Practice safe firearms handling at all times.
- Learn how humans affect wildlife areas.
- Develop team building skills.

## 4-H THRIVE

**Help Youth:**

### Light Their Spark

A spark is something youth are passionate about; it really fires them up and gives them joy and energy. Help youth find how this project excites them.

### Flex Their Brain

The brain grows stronger when we try new things and master new skills. Encourage youth effort and persistence to help them reach higher levels of success.

### Reach Their Goals

Help youth use the GPS system to achieve their goals.

- Goal Selection:** Choose one meaningful, realistic and demanding goal.
- Pursue Strategies:** Create a step-by-step plan to make daily choices that support your goal.
- Shift Gears:** Change strategies if you're having difficulties reaching your goal. Seek help from others. What are youth going to do when things get in their way?

### Reflect

Ask project members how they can use their passion for this project to be more confident, competent and caring. Discuss ways they can use their skills to make a contribution in the community, improve their character or establish connections.

#### Starting Out *Beginner*

- Understand the six fundamental steps to firing a shotgun.
- Know the parts of a shotgun and how they work.
- Identify whether or not a shotgun is loaded.
- Recognized range commands.
- Learn the important pieces of safety equipment.

#### Learning More *Intermediate*

- Identify the components of shotgun ammunition.
- Know the necessary pieces of equipment and methods for cleaning a shotgun.
- Demonstrate how to properly store and transport your shotgun.
- Identify types of wildlife and basic hunting practices.
- Understand how to use sights.

#### Exploring Depth *Advanced*

- Identify errors in shooting form.
- Learn how to score a competition.
- Be able to properly fit a shotgun to the shoulder.
- Recognized different shotgun accessories and their functions.
- Understand choke function an affects.

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.



# Expand Your Experiences!

## Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

- Write a report on hunting endangered wildlife and how this is controlled.
- Create a presentation on the types of shotguns and how they are different.

## Healthy Living

- Teach others the health benefits of spending more time outside.
- Create a team building exercise involving shooting exercises.

## Citizenship

- Organize a cleanup of a wildlife area.
- Volunteer during a shooting competition.
- Find a local marksman’s club and visit a meeting or event.

## Leadership

- Become a role model for others by taking the position of Junior or Teen leader.
- Encourage others to join the shotgun project.

### Resources

- National 4– Shooting Sports [www.4-hshootingsports.org](http://www.4-hshootingsports.org)
- California 4-H Shooting Sports [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/SET\\_Projects/ShootingSports/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/)
- National Skeet Shooting Association/National Sport Clays Association <http://www.nssa-nasca.org>

Connections & Events	Curriculum	4-H Record Book
<p><b>Presentation Days</b> – Share what you’ve learned with others through a shooting sports presentation.</p> <p><b>Field Days</b> – At these events, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests related to their project area.</p> <p>Contact your county 4-H office to determine additional opportunities available, such as a field day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia 4-H Shotgun Lesson Plans: <a href="http://www.georgia4h.org/safe/disciplines/Shotgun/Shotgun_2014.pdf">http://www.georgia4h.org/safe/disciplines/Shotgun/Shotgun_2014.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their experiences, learning and development.</p> <p>4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.</p> <p>To access the 4-H Record Book online, visit <a href="http://ucanr.edu/orb/">http://ucanr.edu/orb/</a></p>

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