



Why 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training?

Building Safe, Skilled, and Confident Youth Through Education

What Is 4-H Shooting Sports?

4-H Shooting Sports is a nationally recognized youth development program that uses shooting sports as a vehicle to teach life skills, responsibility, and positive youth development—not just marksmanship.

Why Leader Training Matters

Leader training is the foundation of a safe, high-quality, and successful 4-H Shooting Sports program. Trained leaders ensure youth receive consistent instruction aligned with 4-H values and national standards.

Key Reasons to Complete Leader Training

Positive Youth Development at the Core

- Emphasizes Positive Youth Development (PYD) through Shooting Sports project participation
- Focuses on responsibility, confidence, teamwork, and character

Safety First

- Emphasizes proper range procedures and risk management
- Reinforces safe firearm, archery, and equipment handling

Research-Based, Vetted Curriculum

- Curriculum is researched, vetted, and developmentally appropriate

National Standards & Best Practices

- Follows 4-H National Shooting Sports Best Practices recommendations

University-Approved & Risk Managed

- Approved by the sponsoring university and reviewed through risk management
- Protects leaders from liability when following program guidelines

Volunteer Confidence & Connection

- Leaders gain a strong network of trained volunteers for peer support and networking

What Leaders Gain

- Official 4-H Shooting Sports certification
- Access to curriculum, resources, and support
- Confidence to lead safe, engaging programs

What Youth Gain

- A safe environment to learn and grow
- Positive role models and mentors

A Note About Recertification

- Leaders must re-certify a minimum of every seven years.

