

Warren County 4-H Shooting Sports

Annual Report - 2008



Mission Statement:

The mission of the Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports is to foster youth development in participants using the tools of safety, shooting sports, and natural resource education. The primary focus will always be safety of participants, volunteers, and instructors in an educational, shooting sports setting.

Objectives:

- To enhance the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of youth through safe educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting related activities.
- To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment. This is to include sound decision-making, self-discipline, and concentration.
- To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior.
- To encourage an understanding of NYS' natural resources and the development of a personal environmental stewardship ethic by young people through participation in shooting, hunting, and related activities both consumptive and non-consumptive in nature.
- To strengthen family, personal, and professional relationships through life-long learning activities.
- To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and lifelong avocational activities related to natural resource activities (i.e., shooting, hunting, fishing, forestry, etc.).
- To complement and enhance the impact of previously existing safety and hunter education programs. In NO way is 4-H shooting sports meant to replace these programs.

Program Goals

The Warren County 4-H Shooting Sports program will:

- Host at least one 50-60 hour multi-discipline 4-H Shooting Sports training program per year. Preferably, to broaden the audience, the program will host two programs located at least 20-30 miles distant from one another.
- Train at least 20 youth per year in the 50-60 hour fundamentals program.
- Have at least one shooting sports related club functioning at all times.
- Work with other counties, NYS 4-H Shooting Sports, and the VT 4-H Shooting Sports to allow Warren County youth to attend at least one regional/multi-county/regional 4-H Shooting Sports event per year.
- Disciplines in the fundamentals program will include a minimum of archery, muzzleloading, shotgun, rifle, and Sportsman Education/Bowhunter Education.
- Additional programming will be based on current NYS legislation, instructor availability, and equipment availability.
- Club programming will be based on youth demands as much as possible.

2008 Highlights:

	2007 Youth	2007 Adult	2007 Instr.	2008 Youth	2008 Adult	2008 Instr.
Std	0	0	0	11	6	0
Spcl.	30	10	0	28	10	0
Club	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instr Train	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	1

- A three-session air-pistol program was offered in November and December.
- Establishment of 4-H Shooting Sports sampler program for eleven youth ran from January to April.
- A special interest archery program offered for North Warren PTSA.
- Overall increase of youth participation & community involvement.
- The program applies for \$5000 NRA grant to support Hunter Education and received a \$2820 grant for purchase of air rifles, rifles, and supplies.
- 4-H Shooting Sports Hosts Laser-Shot Fair Booth.