

Lake Plains 4-H Program (Wayne and Monroe Counties)

NYS 4-H Shooting Sports

2008 Annual Report

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Guns ~N ~Clovers 4-H Club
A Typical 'Rifle' 4-H Meeting



Mission Statement:

The main focus of the Natural Resource Shooting Sports Clubs of Lake Plains 4-H is to promote safety and life long recreational activities in all disciplines of the Shooting Sports areas under the leadership of NYS trained leaders. It is to introduce new areas of knowledge and respect in the Natural Resource area as well as to promote family and community ties.

Objectives:

- To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior.
- 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 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 (occupations) and lifelong a vocational (hobby) 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 Lake Plains 4-H Shooting Sports program will provide a healthy outlet for youth in all Shooting Sports Disciplines and the Natural Resource Project areas. The program will promote respect for others and their environment with Safety being the primary function: Safety First, Last and Always. It will include gaining knowledge in these areas as well as the recreational value. The Lake Plains 4-H Shooting Sports programs will work to maintain an open relationship with the Newark Rod and Gun Club and other gun clubs of Wayne County.

2008 Highlights:

- Offers two Specialty Clubs: Newark with 9 members, 2 certified leaders, and 4 project leaders. Wolcott with 2 members and 1 certified leader.
- Newark program offers approx 50 hours of instruction; club meets 2X month for 2 hours
- Special Program Request for two areas of Shooting Sports at the 2008 Wayne County Fair - Laser Shot and CO2 Pellet Rifle. 170 people participated in this event.

- Special Program Request for CO2 Rifle at 2008 Potato Festival where 60 people participated.
- Natural Resource provides instruction for Wayne County fun days such as Summer Fun in the Breezes, Holiday Special, Clover Bud Days, Fall Garden Workshop and Spring Garden Workshop along with multiple county fun days such as 4-H Expo and 4-H Fun Day.

Disciplines: Archery, Rifle, Shotgun

Project Areas: Shooting Sports, Community Service, Natural Resources, Crafts, Public Speaking