



Madison County 4-H Shooting Sports

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Mission Statement: Learn By Doing!

Objectives for the program are:

- To enhance the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of youth through safe educational and socially acceptable involvement in a shooting related activities.
- To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and related shooting 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 Madison County 4-H Shooting Sports program will:

- Have at least one active shooting sports related club with 6-10 members.
 - Youth will complete project records to document what they've learned.
 - Youth will be involved in planning, implementing and evaluating activities.
- Host at least one multi-discipline 4-H Shooting Sports training program per year, training at least 8-10 youth per year.
- Offer a minimum of 3 disciplines (muzzleloading, air rifle, and rifle) in the fundamentals program.
- Work with other counties and NYS 4-H Shooting Sports, to allow Madison County youth to attend at least one regional/multi-county/regional 4-H Shooting Sports event per year.
- Offer additional programming based on instructor & equipment availability.
- Develop a system for equipment storage and equipment security.

Long term goal for this project:

- Establish 1-2 more clubs.
- Recruit 3-4 more instructors who will be trained in different disciplines such as: archery, shotgun and living history.

Madison County Shooting Sports Teaches Youth Leadership

Tyler Curtis, member of the Shooting Stars 4-H Club takes the lead during a recent firearm safety training and tells his fellow 4-H members about eye Dominance, sites on the rifle and the different shooting positions.

The firearm safety training was presented by Certified Rifle Instructor and 4-H Leader, Bill Curtis of Hamilton.



2008 Highlights:

	2008 Youth	2008 Adult	2008 Instructor
General*	6	0	2
Special Interest~	70	20	3
Club+	5	2	3

General refers to program delivered as multi-discipline program

Special Interest would be a stand alone program, usually one discipline

Club is for youth who may have already gone through General or Special Interest and are now continuing on through a club.

- * August 2008 8 hour- Firearm safety training. 2 Instructors and 6 Members in attendance.
- ~ July 2008 Club manages target shoot at our local 4-H youth fair. 3 Instructors, 20 adults and 70 youth participated.
- + March 2008 Shooting Stars 4-H Club Starts in Madison County. 3 Instructors, 2 Adult volunteers and 5 active youth involved in local club.

We have one Shooting Sports Club that started this spring with the help of a start-up grant in the amount of \$500.00. This grant covered cost of certifying 2 instructors and purchasing 2 Air Rifles, targets and some ammunition.

Planned activities for the Madison County Shooting Sports Program are as follows:

- Our local club will plan to hold regular meetings where the 4-H members will practice with shooting equipment to develop skills.
- Members would be encouraged to do public presentations on shooting sports topics.
- Members will participate in community service projects related to shooting sports for example, volunteering to help with maintenance at a local shooting range.

We also plan to hold at least 2 promotional/educational events that would be open to all youth in Madison County for a nominal fee to cover administrative expenses.

With the support of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County staff, Madison County Shooting Sports Coordinator, volunteers and certified instructors we will work with the youth in Madison County to carry out the goals, objectives and activities outlined in this project.

Start-Up Grant Expenses

Listed below are the items that were purchased using the \$350.00 from the start-up grant Madison County received from Saratoga County 4-H Shooting Sports Program

Starting Balance \$350.00

2	Crosman Air Rifles @99.95 ea.	199.90
1	CD-ROM Educational Computer game	10.99
	Targets	3.95
	Target Stand	13.95
	Board	3.95
12	Shooting Glasses	40.92
	Misc. Shooting Supplies	<u>29.06</u>
	Total Amount	\$302.72

Balance Remaining \$47.28

Amount received from the Madison Co. 4-H Foundation to purchase additional Air Rifles \$52.72

Purchased:

5	Crosman 782 Air Rifles	
1	Crosman 1200 Air Rifle from CCE Warren Co.	\$100.00

Gallery



Logo Design by: Tyler Curtis,
Member,
Shooting Stars 4-H Club



The above pictures show the Shooting Stars 4-H Club in action!!

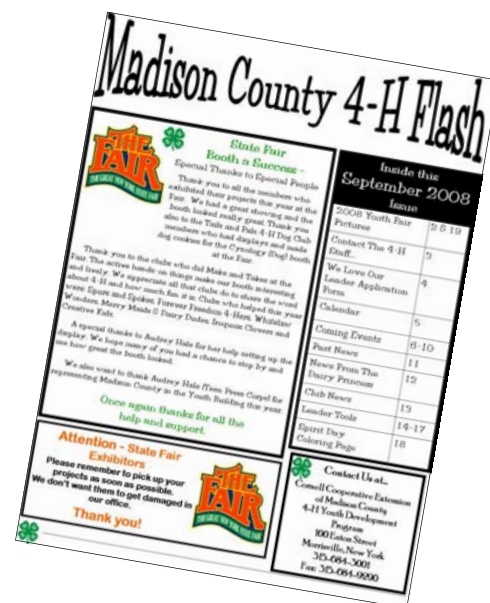
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We're in the News!

The following articles on page 7 & 8 were printed in the monthly county newsletter "Madison County 4-H Flash"



Shooting Stars 4-H Club is Right on Target!

On August 12, 2008, members of the Shooting Stars 4-H Club attended a firearm safety training presented by Certified Rifle Instructor and 4-H Leader, Bill Curtis of Hamilton while Darlene Curtis, Madison County Shooting Sports Coordinator was observing. Firearm safety is a very important part of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program and Mr. Curtis did a great job working with the club members to go over many important safety tools such as: **Shooting Range Rules** and **M.A.T**, Muzzle in a safe direction, **Action** is Open and **Trigger** finger off until ready to shoot.



Tyler Curtis shows one type of shooting position

The Air Rifle and Safety training which is a required training to get our club on target to start shooting. The training not only covered safety, it also covered: Parts of the Rifle, Eye Dominance, Sites on rifles and different shooting positions. Members of the Shooting Stars 4-H club who attended the training were: Kyle Hagmann, Brent Harris, Tyler Curtis, Shelby Curtis and Ethan Holcomb all of Hamilton. The club is preparing to participate in the Junior USA Shooting Team Riflery Program, Target Shoot, the end of August.



Instructor, Bill Curtis goes over the different rifle sights

The Madison County 4-H Shooting Sports program has been able to purchase 2 air rifles and targets with the help of a Start-up grant from the Saratoga County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. We are still in need of more equipment, If you are interested in sponsoring our club or making a donation to the Madison County 4-H Shooting Sports Program please contact Darlene Curtis at 315-243-4264. **Madison County Shooting Sports - Safety, Knowledge, Understanding and Skills. We Learn by Doing.**

If you are between the ages of 9 and 19 and are interested in Volunteering or Joining our Shooting Sports club please contact Bill or Darlene Curtis at 315-243-4264 or feel free to contact the 4-H office.

We're in the News! cont.

Shooting Stars 4-H Club is doing great things...

Shooting Stars 4-H Club, a Shooting Sports club from Hamilton, started last October and in just a few months we are doing great things! Our club meets twice a month and consists of 5 members right now. Bill & Darlene Curtis, from Hamilton are the Leaders. We have enjoyed making homemade bread, doing a bird watching project, building blue bird houses, learning about animal tracks and hiking the trails at Rogers Environmental Center in Sherburne. Recently we attended part 1 of a 2-part training on fly tying at Colgate University, which was very interesting. We plan to do some kayaking, hiking, continue with our bird watching project, outdoor photography, learn survival skills and most important...**HAVE FUN!!**

