

## 4H Shooting Sports – Pistol Project

### Introduction:

In this project the 4H doctrine of “Learning By Doing” is upheld and followed. All students will participate and learn through a series of classes involving lectures, quizzes, maintaining and shooting pistols.

Please allow me to introduce your instructors for this project.

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In this project you will begin learning about safely handling, loading, unloading, shooting and maintaining pistols as used in sporting applications. I say “begin learning about” because handling, shooting and maintaining any firearm is a lifelong learning process. The Key Element here is to perform all of these activities SAFELY every time you touch or handle a firearm. This is especially true when handling and using pistols due to their small size.

**NOTICE:** ALL Classes will entirely be held outside at the Linden Conservation Club. There will be **no indoor** classes for the 2021 Shooting Sports season. Wear weather appropriate clothing. As weather warms up, do not forget insect repellent. Class may be canceled due to Severe Weather and or Thunderstorms. Lightning within 5 miles (25 seconds between lightning and thunder) will suspend or cancel the class, depending upon the storm’s direction of travel. For these reasons it is recommended that parents remain throughout the class as we encourage their participation also.

Class times will be from 6PM to 8PM. The following required materials and supplies are to be provided by the student and observers. Since these are personal items, they will not be supplied by 4H or the Project, but are required for each class in order to participate.

The instructors require a parent/guardians phone number and email contact information in case class cancelation notification must be communicated prior to class or in case of emergency.

### **STUDENT & OBSERVER SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS {REQUIRED FOR EVERY CLASS MEETING}**

1. Eye Protection – Both 4H and Linden Conservation Club require the use of safety glasses (must be ANSI Z87.1 2010 rated or higher) by all shooters and

- observers. Regarding the safety glasses, please look for glasses that have thin, close fitting temple pieces that will minimize opening or lifting the earmuff cushions away from the head. Large temple pieces that bow outward open a channel for sound to enter under the earmuff cushions and expose the delicate parts of the ear to potentially damaging overpressures.
2. Hearing Protection – While 4H and Linden Conservation Club both require the use of ear protection on all shooting ranges for both shooters and observers, I require the use of both ear plugs and earmuffs simultaneously for all 4H shooters and youth observers. Adult observers (21yrs+) may choose either ear plugs, muffs or both. Not using any ear protection is not permitted. [Remember, when our vision and/or hearing are damaged, it is permanent and cannot be reversed. Therefore, we must prevent damage to our eyes and ears by using properly worn protective equipment.](#)
  3. Covid-19 protective items
    - a. Facemasks
    - b. Disposable gloves
    - c. Hand Sanitizer
  4. Pen or Pencil
  5. Shooting Sports 3-Ring Binder
  6. Recommended, but not required is a clip board or means of keeping papers, quizzes, targets and handouts from blowing away.
  7. An open mind with lots of questions and thoughts.

**NOTICE:** Do not bring any firearms to the 4H Pistol Project. The Tippecanoe Shooting Sports – Pistol Project will provide both firearms and ammunition for the training and shooting aspects of this project. Depending upon instructor agreement, student skill sets and parental oversight, permission may be granted to allow certain firearms to be brought to the pistol project classes. Pistols must be legally owned and transported by an adult in compliance with Indiana law. Additionally these firearms must pass inspection by the instructor before permission to use will be granted.

Due to marketing constraints involving ammunition availability and pricing the majority of cartridge shooting this year will be using 22 long rifle cartridges supplied by this project. An attempt will be made later in the season to allow the shooting of higher caliber firearms as ammunition availability allows. The usage of reloaded or remanufactured cartridges is expressly prohibited by 4H rules.

Prior to range usage, LCC Release and Hold Harmless and 4H Health forms must be completed and submitted.

Topics covered in this project.

1. FIREARMS SAFETY
  - a. Safety Equipment (Required for every class)
  - b. Mind Set
  - c. Safe Handling Rules
  - d. Ethics and Mindset
  - e. Medications
  - f. Alcohol
  - g. Illegal drugs
  - h. Malfunctions
2. Range Safety
  - a. Range Commands
  - b. Down Range and Up Range Definitions
  - c. Range Target Setup
3. Pistol Types
  - a. Air Soft (Possibly the most dangerous firearm for youth of any age.)
  - b. Air Pistol – Single Pump, Target
  - c. Revolver
    - i. Single Action
    - ii. Double Action
  - d. Semi-Auto
    - i. Single Action
    - ii. Double Action
  - e. Malfunctions
  - f. Is it safe to shoot?
4. Grip and Aiming
5. Cartridges
  - a. Malfunctions
  - b. Bullet Sizes (Calibers, Diameters, Weights)
  - c. Bullet Constructions and reasons for differences
  - d. Danger Zone - Bullet or Projectile Range
6. Marksmanship
7. Firearm and Ammunition Storage
8. Additional Topics may be introduced based on student/parent requests/interests or instructor's choice.