

Montgomery County 4-H Shotgun Team: Club Member Expectations 2018-2019

Mission

The mission of the Montgomery County 4-H Shotgun Project is to educate youth about the safe handling and operation of firearms, as well as provide a safe environment where both youth and adults can enjoy shotgun sports. This project is designed to enhance young shooter's life experience and teach them the basics of safe and effective competition and recreation.

We offer hands-on learning in a safe atmosphere where adults and older youth help the younger ones, where rules are minimal and evenly enforced. We offer an environment where early success is part of the process and challenge is matched to ability. We challenge young people to rise to a higher level of responsibility and sportsmanship, and they respond by doing so. We develop positive relationships between adults and youth, involve families as families, and provide a forum for discussing the important things in life for all of them. We create opportunities for kids to excel and to grow in their skills: mental, physical, emotional and interpersonal.

Expectation of Parents

1. Attend all shooting events where you have a shooter.
2. Participate in hosting the Montgomery County Whiz-Bang Shoot.
3. Learn the rules and etiquette of each shooting discipline to better encourage safe gun handling, accurate scoring and if needed, responsible refereeing.
4. Be able to provide assistance with scoring, recording scores and attendance or other duties as they arise.
5. Insure that shooters keep shooting areas clean and neat by picking up spent shells, drink and snack debris for off-field disposal.

Parental Participation Check List

- Support the team with your time, talent and financial support.
- Aid in hosting, financing and working club activities.
- Work at the Montgomery County Whiz-Bang Shoot.
- Become a project committee chair or committee member.
- Become a certified 4-H volunteer/coach.
- Mentor other shooters in your child's age group.
- Work cooperatively with other families and 4-H volunteers.
- Guide and support your shooter's work in the club without doing it for them.
- Encourage your shooter by providing appropriate praise and encouragement.
- Assist in gathering shooting supplies (chokes, cleaning gear, carts...)
- Encourage record keeping and use of his/her shooter's journal.
- Assist organizational and activity leaders by participating in club and project meetings

4H Shotgun Team Members

1. Practice safe gun handling and range discipline at all times.
2. Plan to shoot in the Montgomery County Invitational Shoot.
3. Learn the rules and etiquette of each shotgun shooting discipline to become a competent shooter and skilled competitor.
4. Practice. Expect to shoot a minimum of 50 to 100 targets per week January-June.
5. Leave the shooting area cleaner than you found it. Pick-up spent shells, drink, snack and other debris. Dispose of this debris off the field or at home.

Shooter Participation Check List

- Participate in team activities with an open mind and positive attitude.
- Work with your parents in club activities and fundraisers.
- Practice with the team and compete in county level shoots.
- Set personal shooting improvement/competition goals.
- Develop a budget & practice schedule (with your parents) to accomplish your goals.
- Track your progress and expenses in your Shooter's Journal.
- Take responsibility for your personal shooting gear at practice and in competition.
- Learn how to maintain your shotgun and personally insure that it is clean and functional.
- Help new shooters and other team members by being inclusive.
- Assist organizational and activity leaders by participating in club and project meetings.
- Go the extra mile in cooperation with coaches, parents and range owners/management

SSR Program - Financial Eligibility and Member Expectations/Requirements:

- Be a member in good standing with at least one-year continuous membership and be re-enrolled by the November club meeting.
- Attend a minimum of 5 of the 9 club meetings from Sept-May.

Student Must Sign In at each meeting! Parents may not attend and sign in for student.

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- Participate in at least 1 community service project during the current 4-H season with a minimum of 3 hours served. Hours may be completed in 1 community service project or spread amongst several projects, as long as the total hours is a minimum of 3. Complete and turn in form(s) by last meeting in May or as soon as you complete the project(s).
- Member must participate in and have at least one volunteer during our county shoot. Details will be given closer to the date of our shoot. Everyone should participate in this event unless excused by the Executive Committee.
- Member must participate and have a parent volunteer in the fun shoot or buyout for \$60.00.

Inability to meet any of the above requirements will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis.