

**Get Involved**

**Members** • • • • •  
Local 4-H Shooting Sports clubs are open to all youth ages 8 to 19. Each year, 4-H teaches a shooting sport to more than 300,000 boys and girls. Shooting sports can be qualifying for youngsters, especially those who aren't athletes. The program provides a supervised environment in which young people can experience hands-on, fun, learning experiences.

**Volunteers** • • • • •  
Volunteers are needed to coordinate county programs and to work at the local level. Individuals who are interested in shooting sports and are willing to learn about them can become involved in an existing program or club. If none exists, they can work with 4-H youth staff to help establish a program.

All instructors are trained by state instructors certified to teach courses. Adult volunteers receive training in shooting sports at state and regional workshops to provide qualified instructors. 4-H teen leaders may wish to assist with instruction. Shooting sports leaders act as role models and most impart the 4-H philosophy and youth development objectives to 4-H members.

**Meeting Places** • • • • •  
Clubs need meeting places and sites—such as sportsmen's clubs, community ranges, and privately owned facilities where they can meet, train, and practice the disciplines.

There are so many ways to become involved or to support 4-H Shooting Sports. For more information on the National 4-H Shooting Sports program, contact your local Cooperative Extension Office by looking in the government section of the phone book.



**Teen Ambassadors Program** • • • • •  
One of the most exciting programs that 4-H Shooting Sports offers is the Teen Ambassadors. This gives 4-H teens, ages 15 through 19, the opportunity to travel across the U.S. and represent 4-H Shooting Sports.

If you are selected as a National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador you will represent over 50,000 youth and 46,000 institutions across the United States. You will be introduced to donors and supporters who are CEOs of major companies and organizations. As an ambassador, you will be taught the importance of appropriate attire and respectful addresses to those you meet.

To apply for this exciting opportunity you can go to [www.4-hshootingports.org](http://www.4-hshootingports.org) or talk to your State or County Coordinator. There you will find out all about the program and what you must do to apply.

Soon, you could be traveling the country, meeting new people and showing everyone you meet the value of 4-H Shooting Sports.



*As an ambassador you will enhance your leadership skills and develop confidence when speaking in public.*



Richard ... Dan and Ryan Grippio have more in common than their love of shooting sports. All three are pursuing medical careers. The young men grew up in Barry's 4-H club. The 4-H Shooting Sports program with "see" together soccer practice on a target or goal to aim at, diligently and so on. In the highest level of membership in 4-H community service projects cultivate a love of helping others. Grippio's friends are students and other can attend on the time the brother's academy with Habitat for Humanity, Schenck Children's Hospital and Donor. McDonald's, and serve on medical assistance in South America.

4-H shooting sports activities opened many doors for me, even helped me to attend college.

—Ryan Grippio



*Ryan Grippio's trip to Alaska to visit friends from the 4-H Shooting Sports program led to an invitation to become a fishing guide there.*

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**NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS**  
LEARN TO SHOOT

# Meet a few of our members

## Focusing on Youth Development

The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. The National 4-H Shooting Sports Program stands out as an example. Youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, the principles of hunting and archery and much more. The activities of the program and the approval of caring adult leaders provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills, self-worth, and conservation ethics.

## Building Life Skills

Specific objectives for this program are to:

- teach decision making, teamwork, self-discipline, self-confidence, and problem solving;
- promote the highest standards of self-discipline, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior;
- encourage an appreciation and understanding of natural resources;
- develop leadership abilities;
- build character and willingness to assume citizenship responsibility;
- furnish enjoyable, positive relationships with peers and adult instructors;
- strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities;
- build awareness of related career opportunities.

## Something for Everyone

The Shooting Sports curriculum uses the resources of the land-grant university and the time, talent, and dedication of Cooperative Extension agents and certified 4-H leaders, instructors, and trainers who trained 4-H members in firearms safety and marksmanship. The training disciplines include archery, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, shotgun and hunting. Each discipline is taught by a National or State Certified Instructor.

## Healthy Competition

4-H members have opportunities to test their shooting, hunting, and sportsmanship skills in county, regional, state, and national competitions. In fact, they could ultimately see Olympic competition at their goal. There are seven consecutive Olympic shooting sports events which continue to draw the third-greatest number of countries.



At the Grand National Waterfowl Hunt, Joshua (right), General Alenzi (middle), first man to recall in space, and Lt. General Tom Stafford (left), Commander of Apollo 10, the first lunar module to the moon. In the background are numerous decoys they used near the blind to attract the down waterfowl.

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Joshua is president of the 4-H Gun Club in Maryland, where he has been a member for five years. Yet he has a soft spot for elderly neighbors with shotguns. He is an outstanding club member who has received 4-H values awards for his leadership. He is a member of the National Park Service, where he works on the ground. He is a member of the National Rifle Association, where he works on the ground. He is a member of the National Rifle Association, where he works on the ground. He is a member of the National Rifle Association, where he works on the ground.



Joshua in action during the Maryland 4-H State Shooting Sports event.



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