

**Program Evaluation
Shooting Sports Education**

Indicate your affiliation to 4-H: 5-parent, 15-certified leader, 0-CES staff

How many years have you been involved (as an adult) in the 4-H shooting sports program?

1-1 year	2-5 years	1-10 years
2-2 years	2-6 years	2-12 years
3-4 years	1-8 years	1-15 years

What discipline(s) are you involved in?

Shotgun - 5	Rifle - 4	Archery - 2
Pistol - 5	H/W - 3	Hunter education - 2
Coordinator - 5	Muzzleloading - 3	Black powder

What needs/improvements would you recommend for the 4-H Shooting Sports education program, as it is delivered in your county?

- Funding
- More equipment
- Possibly a girls only club so that the girls would not be intimidated by the more experienced boys.
- Finding a range to shoot at like we had at Allen County sheriff's range.
- None - 2
- It needs a place to meet and shoot, since it is all air rifle and pistol. The needs at present are basic. It also needs structure, lesson planning and an emphasis on the seriousness of what is taught and discipline.
- Locally we need more instructors.
- First impression is very good, which is a lot of why I wanted to be part of the program. Am not in a position to add nay recommendations at this point.
- A shooting range in our county. We have to travel to Pike County Bird Hunters Club range (15 miles) Petersburg.
- Just more instructors. We have grown from 13 our first year to 46 this year.
- Continue to add certified instructors as numbers of youth interested increase.
- Nothing

In your opinion, has this program had any impact (positive or negative) on the youth you work with (in SSE)? If so, explain the impact.

- Yes, more responsible youth.
- Our youth are a lot more aware of gun safety and strict discipline.
- Positive impact - generates interest in shooting sports and safety.
- Positive - it makes them feel more assure of themselves around other hunters.
- It is hard to tell, since we have such a large club. I would like to think that all of the participants would be able to tell if a firearm similar to what they have had club experience with is safe or how to make it so.
- Positive - some of the kids did not know how to use the guns.

- Teaches safe gun handling and marksmanship.
- Positive – teaches safe gun handling and respect for others.
- In Switzerland County – Yes!! – very positive. In Morgan County due to lack of facilities, a negative impact.
- The impact has been very positive, they have learned more respect for firearm and archery equipment and everything else in the world.
- Yes. Have seen the “light of understanding” come into several young faces. Some of what they learned may save them, or friends and family from a tragic accident or wayward behavior. Have heard positive feedback from adults about what their kids got out of SSE.
- Had a very positive impact on our youth and adults on safety, etc in firearms, wildlife, etc.
- Positive- yes, once involved they just seem to want to learn more, and some want to go and have gone on to shoot competition.
- In our county we have not had any accidental firearms episodes for several years.
- I feel that they have a better understanding of how to safely use a firearm.

Has the local media ever covered your 4-H shooting sports education program? If so, who did they talk to and how would you describe the coverage (positive, negative, detailed, shallow, etc)?

- Yes, myself...
- Not yet, working on it.
- Yes, the other coordinator, very, very positive.
- Yes, more shallow.
- No experience in this area. Am considering a local newspaper reporter visit club activities next season.
- Yes, positive. - 3
- In Switzerland County the local media was positive. In Morgan County due to conditions, no media coverage is noticeable.
- We get good coverage of our Hunter Ed discipline, but very little of the others.
- No. - 2
- The local newspaper (Shelbyville News) and the Indianapolis Star. They both wrote very good articles, a plus for shooting sports as a whole, both youth and adult.
- No, but they have been invited and will again be invited this coming year.
- Not that I know of.

Has your involvement in this program had any impact (positive or negative) on YOUR personal or professional career? If so, what?

- No.
- Not really, I'm very dedicated to youth ed already.
- Positive, makes me feel like I'm helping the youth.
- Not yet, but it should look good on a resume. Working with the combination of firearms and young people has taught me to have more patience and higher level of alertness.
- Positive – I take some of the skills that I learned in the program with.
- Yes, positive. - 2

- Right now! My problem is frustration with the casual attitude and the lack of structure in the two disciplines taught here! In Switzerland County it was structured and tightly controlled.
- Yes, as greater understanding of our youth and need for 4-H and volunteers.
- Some positive impact will necessarily result from learning how to better communicate with others. Have noticed no negative impact.
- Yes, being fortunate, to share my training with the youth of our community.
- A positive impact. It's made me more able to talk to youth so they understand what I'm trying to tell them and also to talk in front of adults, both parents and others.
- When you work with youth in a constructive fashion – your life is enriched.\
- I feel that I am doing something for the youth in my county by teaching them firearm safety.

Would you like to make additional comments?

- Great training materials are already available – stop re-inventing the wheel and plagiarizing material that is out there!!!
- Our parents are very involved.
- Encourage volunteers, they make it work.
- It's a great program, I know because I was a student for 6 years and am now a certified leader.
- Thank you for supporting shooting sports on a state wide level.
- I like to see the program keep going for future 4-H members.
- I started instructing in Switzerland County in 1998 under the guidance of Purdue and Ross Camp. It was structured and a very disciplined teaching experience with backing from the 4-H Board! Morgan county however was using Hunter Education as the foundation of what was taught here. As the thrust of educating the children (due to Purdue backing away from 4-H Shooting Sports), Shooting Sports is a serious business and the emphasis should be on SAFE habits thru repetitions and disciplined handling of any device that shoots pellets, bullets or arrows!
- If I could add or change one thing to 4-H Shooting Sports, it would be to expand or have available to members more shoots and experiences outside of 4-H. Something to have after 4-H years are behind them.
- This is an excellent program, giving the youth an opportunity to share the responsibility of safe firearm, safety handling, etc. and to enjoy the great outdoors. Only program like this in our area available, to our youth! We need more instructors??
- No.

4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop Evaluation

What is your profession?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor • Health sciences instructor • Foreman for a water service company • Retired farmer • Electrician, electrical designer, instrument tech • Self-employed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retired - 3 • Welder • Electronics technician • Heating/ac/refrigeration/plumber • General dentist • USDA food inspector/volunteer fireman/investigator • Corrugated paper industry |
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What professional certifications do you hold?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None - 3 • Secondary education – biology • HAC/RV certificate • NRA-shotgun • No college degrees, many professional certifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State first class firefighter – EMS first responder • BS/DDS degrees, expert class in highpower rifle, bullseye pistol • Fire/arson investigator • SPC continuing ed certificate |
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What 4-H Shooting Sports discipline(s) have you been certified in?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pistol - 5 Coordinator - 6 H/W - 4 Rifle - 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shotgun - 5 Black powder Muzzleloading - 5 Archery - 2 IBEP |
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When did you attend the SSE certification workshop(s)?

(e.g. spring, '02, please estimate if you can not recall exactly)

'88 - 1	'89 - 0	'90- 2	'91-1	'92-0
'93-3	'94-1	'95-4	'96-3	'97-3
'98-4	'99-0	'00-2	'01-3	'02-6

(total, 32 certifications)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2001 • Coordinator- April '93, Hunting and Wildlife- March '94 • 9/96, 3/97, 9/97, 3/98, 9/98 • April 1995, Spring 1996 • Spring '02 • Spring '95 IBEP; Coordinator; 91, Archery '90-95 • Fall 1997 Rifle, Spring 1998- Pistol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring '02, Spring '01, Spring '00 • Spring 90, Spring 93, National Workshop 8-01 • Spring 02 • Spring 02 • Spring 02 • Spring 01 • Spring 00 and 02 • May '88, Spring 93, Fall 98
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How well did the workshop prepare you to work with the youth in your county?

Avg - 4.5 (5—10, 4—4, 3—1, 2—0, 1—0)

How well did the workshop prepare you to work with the county 4-H shooting sports team (or to start a team)?

Avg - 4.2 (5—6, 4—5, 3—3, 2—0, 1—0)

How much did you know about your discipline before the workshop?

Avg - 4.3 (5—8, 4—3, 3—2, 2—1, 1—0)

How much did you know about your discipline after the workshop?

Avg - 4.7 (5—12, 4—2, 3—1, 2—0, 1—0)

How much did you know about youth development before the workshop?

Avg - 3.8 (5—3, 4—7, 3—4, 2—1, 1—0)

How much did you know about youth development after the workshop?

Avg - 4.5 (5—7, 4—7, 3—0, 2—0, 1—0)

How much did you know about risk management, liability issues before the workshop?

Avg - 2.9 (5—1, 4—5, 3—4, 2—4, 1—2)

How much did you know about risk management, liability issues after the workshop?

Avg - 4.6 (5—9, 4—6, 3—0, 2—0, 1—0)

How much did you know about working with your Extension office before the workshop?

Avg - 3.0 (5—2, 4—4, 3—4, 2—2, 1—3)

How much did you know about working with your Extension office after the workshop?

Avg - 4.3 (5—8, 4—5, 3—1, 2—1, 1—0)

What needs/improvements would you recommend for the workshop?

- Nothing
- Re-certification after 10 years
- To have the coordinator class back the way it was or change it to the NRA Range Safety Officer Class cause it is more in depth in the Insurance, controls, ranges, and the require and safety and management needs.
- Improve sleeping accommodations (Trafalgar FFA Camp) very cold
- Friday nite session was to long for its content. One or more adults reading to other adults from materials in all their hands is not an effective use of time. Summarize the material, hit the high points hard, assign specific reading the the material, then move on to round house discussion and dismiss at a reasonable hour. Speakers should spend less time congratulating themselves and each other.
- They do help a lot, yet we could always use more. More support and promotion from extension office in recruiting instructors.

- I cannot comment on the present workshop as they appear to be different since DNR took over!
- None
- More pistol and shotgun shooting in muzzle loading.
- More days
- It all seemed to be well planned and ran smoothly. Try to encourage more women to participate.
- None
- None
- 1 day longer
- use better outside materials such as NRA, NMLRA

Would you like to make and additional comments?