
Gun Safety & BB Gun Marksmanship



District & State 4-H O-Rama
Junior & Senior 4-H'ers



OBJECTIVES

Targeted Life Skills: Responsible citizenship, self-esteem, self-responsibility, character, cooperation, communication, wise use of resources, decision-making

Opportunities will be provided for faculty to share information about related college degree programs in forestry, zoology, biology, fish and wildlife, natural sciences; and career options in wildlife biologist, natural resources specialist, forester and wildlife officer.

The purpose of this activity is to offer 4-H members the opportunity to learn safe gun handling, proper care of guns, and rules of gun safety. The BB gun target-shooting contest and a brief examination will offer 4-H members the opportunity to demonstrate their skill in target shooting and their knowledge of gun safety.

ELIGIBILITY

District participation is limited to one Junior and one Senior contestant from each county. No one will be allowed to participate in the target shooting who is not familiar with gun safety (through Extension firearms safety materials or the Arkansas Hunter Safety program).

State O-Rama participation is limited to Seniors who placed in the top seven at each District 4-H O-Rama.

While at State O-Rama, participants will use the shooting range that the collegiate shooting team at the University of Arkansas, Pershing Rifles Marksmanship Association, uses to practice and hold matches.

Currently, this is the only collegiate marksmanship team available in Arkansas.

ACTIVITY

This activity will consist of three parts:

1. A general gun safety session where these topics will be discussed:
 - a. Gun safety rules
 - b. Safe handling and care of guns
 - c. The four basic shooting positions
 - d. Shooting range procedure

2. A brief written examination – Material for the exam will come from the 4-H Gun Safety/O-Rama Activity Guide, Arkansas Game and Fish Hunters Ed materials, and the 4-H Gun Safety/BB Gun O-Rama Range Guide located on the 4-H Website.
3. Target shooting – Each participant will be provided with a target, which is to be signed by the shooter. Following a discussion of shooting range procedures, each contestant will fire one round from each of the four basic shooting positions (prone, sitting, kneeling and standing) and one round from the position of the participant's choice.
 - a. The target used will be a National Rifle Association Official 5-Meter Rifle Target for spring-type, smoothbore air rifle.
 - b. The shooting distance will be 5 meters.
 - c. The 4 shooting positions will be prone, sitting, kneeling and standing.
 - d. Target scoring will be based solely on the size of the shot group, regardless of where the shot group is on the target. The tightest shot group will receive the highest score. Gun sights will not be individually adjusted for each shooter because of time constraints.
 - e. The gun must be shouldered during firing (the butt of the stock must be placed on the shooter's shoulder and not tucked under the arm or placed on top of the shoulder).

JUDGING

Each participant will be scored on the combination of the examination score and the target score. Violation of shooting range instructions may, at the discretion of the judge, result in eviction from the range because of the level of safety that must be maintained at all times on the range. Total score possible is 100 (50 points examination and 50 points for shooting). The shooting emphasis is on the skill of shooting through shot group scoring rather than on the chance of picking up a gun that is sighted in just right for an individual shooter.

In case of a tie for any of the top five places, the highest shooting score will be used to break the tie. If a tie still remains, then the wildest BB shots will be thrown out progressively until the tie is broken or, at the judge's option, the highest 3-shot score(s), using new targets and shooting from the prone positions, will break the tie.

Note: Do not bring your own gun. All guns, BBs, pencils, and targets will be furnished.

AWARDS

At District, one trophy will be presented to the first-place winner in the Junior contest and one to the winner of the Senior division. Ribbons will be awarded to second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place winners in Junior and Senior divisions. At state, the first-place winner will receive a trophy. Ribbons will be awarded to second- through fifth-place winners. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all participants not placing at both the district and state events.

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