Shooting Sports

The shooting sports season is fast approaching for 2026 – 2027. To be eligible to enroll in 4-H Shooting the 4-H member must be 9 by October 1st of 2026. To enroll in 4-H, please go to this site, http://www.msuextension.org/gallatin/4henrollment.html. There are a few items that must be completed prior to the season starting. **The following items must be completed and submitted to the discipline leaders before the participant may shoot. We are also asking that you make additional copies of the paperwork to be given to each of the discipline coaches.**

1. Shooting Sports Fee - **$40.00/discipline.**
    a. Payment is due upon registering in **ZSuite**
2. The following forms must be completed and signed by the shooter and the parent or guardian of the shooter. Complete these forms via **DocuSign**:
    a. **Medical Form**
    b. **Informed Consent Form**

There will be mandatory parent meetings for each shooting sports discipline. Please see the schedule in the monthly 4-H Newsletter for location and time for each discipline.

Archery will be held at Big Sky Archery; 77 Laura Louise Lane located at the intersection of Baxter Lane and Jackrabbit Lane on Sundays from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. The archery season will start on Sunday, December 6, 2026. **The number of archery shooters will be capped at 96. We will then establish a waiting list**. For more information contact Randy Radke 406-539-4903. We need adult leaders to run the project. Please consider this opportunity to work with our 4-H youth.

Air Rifle and Air Pistol. The venue for air rifle and air pistol is located at 123 Doe Road in Belgrade. The season will begin on Wednesday, December 2, 2026, with a mandatory safety and organizational meeting at 6:00pm. The schedule will be determined after the enrollment is completed. We are moving the Air Program to Sundays from 4:00 – 7:00 pm to accommodate the increase in numbers of shooters. For more information contact Lee Nelson – 579-0612.

Smallbore Rifle will begin at Greenway Range on Monday, December 7, 2026, with a safety and organizational meeting starting at 5:00 pm. The day for shooting will be **(Friday)**. If the need arises, we will look at adding Mondays. Greenway range is located at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 901 North Black in Bozeman. Shooters must be 10 years of age by October 1, 2026, to participate. **The number of smallbore shooters will be capped at 25. The returning shooters will be given priority. It is a pre-requisite that the shooters have 1 year of Shooting Sports Experience. We will then establish a waiting list**. For more information contact Scott Francis – 581-6845 or Tom Everett – 570-8878.

Shotgun will start on Sunday, January 3, 2027, at 1:00 pm at Manhattan Wildlife Association Trap Range located at 337 Logan Trident Road in Logan. There will be a mandatory parent and safety meeting prior to shooting. All shooters need to attend. It is strongly recommended that the participant be 10 years of age. For more information contact Scott Francis – 581-6845.

The Muzzle-loading Project will be determined later in the shooting season. The Hunting & Wildlife Project will be determined later in the year. Please check the newsletter for days and times. It is recommended but not required that the participants be 12 years of age and have been in Hunter's Education. Contact Scott Francis – 581-6845 for more information.

Be sure to get registered early in the registration process!!!!!!

Thank You to our Sponsors!

Gallatin County 4-H Shooting Sports is very fortunate to have the support of many individuals and conservation organizations. We are very fortunate to be recipients of a Friends of NRA Grant for this shooting season of 2026 - 2027. We will be able to purchase and obtain the needed targets, ammunition, and equipment to serve our programs. We would like to thank the Rocky Mountain Supply Foundation for a large donation to purchase air rifles for the air rifle program. This support is greatly appreciated. Big Sky Archery, Bozeman Rifle Club, Manhattan Wildlife Association, Southwest Montana Chapter of SCI, The MeatEater – Steven Rinella, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation have been a tremendous supporter to 4-H Shooting Sports. Gallatin County 4-H Air-gun Program would like to sincerely thank the following sponsors of one month's rent for our venue; R Davidson Masonry, Murdoch's, 3 Brothers Plumbing and Heating, Delta Waterfowl, Southwest Montana Chapter SCI, and Rocky Mountain Supply. They embrace the opportunity to help with youth shooting and provide the venue and equipment to offer the various shooting disciplines. Thank you to these sponsors. Without their dedication to youth shooting, our shooting sports program could not do what we do for the members of Gallatin County 4-H Shooting Sports.

Gallatin County 4-H Shooting Sports received a grant from the Rocky Mountain Supply Foundation to purchase 12 air rifles for the air rifle program. This equipment will allow our program to continue to grow and develop. A huge thank you goes out to the Rocky Mountain Supply Foundation. Their support is greatly appreciated.

























Volunteers needed:
Gallatin County 4-H Shooting Sports is in desperate need of adults to become certified leaders in the different disciplines that are offered in 4-H Shooting. We need assistance in all shooting disciplines. For us to provide a safe and educational experience, we need your help. Please consider becoming a leader. More information on leader trainings will be made available as it is received. Please plan to attend. For more information, please contact Scott Francis – 406-581-6845.

Questions: Contact the following leaders
Archery – Randy Radke – 406-539-4903
Air Rifle/Pistol – Lee Nelson – 406-579-0612
Smallbore – Tom Everett – 406-570-8878, Scott Francis – 406-581-6845
Shotgun, Muzzle-loading, Hunting & Wildlife – Scott Francis – 406-581-6845
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