

Larimer County 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Meeting Recap

November 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
McKee Building at The Ranch



Submitted by Rachel Wildman

- Practice times for 2024 have been set. Please reference the shooting sports calendar for the most up-to-date practice times.
- County Shoot dates have been selected for 2024. Please reference the shooting sports calendar for the most up-to-date dates and times.
- There are two scheduled Zoom Safety Trainings: February 2nd and March 8th.
- New member orientations have been scheduled by discipline. Please reference the shooting sports calendar for the most up-to-date orientation times.
- We will have regular leaders meetings on the following dates at 6 pm at the McKee Building at The Ranch:
 - January 12, 2024,
 - May 10, 2024,
 - June 14, 2024, and
 - September 13, 2024
 - While these meetings are designed for leaders, there is a Public Comment section at the beginning of the meeting if there is anything a parent or member would like to bring to the attention of the leaders or me.
- The new Community Arena will be available for events this spring. If you are interested in hosting an event or practice there, please contact Diane Kern to reserve it.
- Shooting Sports Policies and Procedures changes:
 - The Dress Code page will be updated to reflect the County Wide Dress Code Policy. The new dress code policy is available on the Larimer County 4-H website.
 - The Punch Card Practice tracking will be going away in 2024.
 - Practice attendance will be determined by the sign-in sheets so be sure participants are checking in at every practice.
 - There will be 4 required practices to participate in County Shoot and to qualify for the Colorado State Shoot.
 - Club Practices can count for up to 2 of those 4 provided they meet the requirements outlined in the policies and procedures.
 - Joint practices with other counties will also count for up to 2 of the 4 required practices, provided they are overseen by a Larimer County Key Leader within the relevant discipline, as well as meet the other requirements outlined in the policies and procedures.
 - County-hosted 4-H invitationals will count as 1 practice towards the required 4, as long as a Larimer County Key Leader is present.
 - Accommodations are to be requested by emailing the Key Leader within a discipline and the Extension Specialist (Rachel Wildman).
 - If state approval is required, the Extension Specialist will reach out to the state office to have accommodations approved for the state shoot.

- An updated handbook will be available on the Larimer County Shooting Sports website and the Larimer County 4-H website by December 1, 2023.
- Shooting Sports Advisory Council
 - The Larimer County Shooting Sports Advisory Council will not be active in 2024. Instead, we will hold regular leader meetings to discuss any issues that arise in shooting sports.
- Legacy Level 1 leader certifications have expired. Anyone who has not completed their level 1 certifications within the past 7 years will need to be recertified THIS YEAR.
 - You must also have been an active leader (assisted with county shoot, helped with practices, or helped at orientations) for 2 of the last 3 years.
 - I will be contacting you if you need to recertify this year. The leader certifications are tentatively scheduled for the following dates, NOTE you must be enrolled in 4-H online as a volunteer for 2024 BEFORE you can register.
 - March 1-3, 2024 – Morgan County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)
 - March 8-10, 2024 – Pueblo County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)
 - March 15-17, 2024 – Weld County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)
 - March 22-24, 2024 – Garfield County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)
- If you are holding any equipment on behalf of a discipline, please submit an inventory to me and the key leader for that discipline by December 31, 2023.
 - Going forward, updated inventories will be due at the September meeting. (This helps us be prepared to apply for the NRA Grant.)
- The shooting sports leaders will be requesting that the Foundation provide funds to purchase pins as awards for County Shoot at November's Larimer County 4-H Foundation meeting.
- Keep an eye out for rule book changes that may be coming down the state pipeline in early spring.