

# Three-Peaks 4-H Shooting Club News

Iron County, Utah  
April 2024

## Last Month

Our last 4-H shooting sports activity was archer. Thanks to the [NRA Foundation](#) for the bows, arrows, and targets used in this activity.

## Next Activity

Our next 4-H Shooting Sports Club activity will be shotgun shooting on Saturday, April 13 at 2 PM. You may bring your own shotgun and ammo if you have them. The club's shotguns and 12- and 20-gauge ammo will be available at no charge if you don't have your own.

The location will be the Iron County Shooting Range – look for my dark grey Ford truck and matching dark grey trailer.

- May – Black Powder
- June – Handgun
- July – Archery
- August – Rifle
- September – Black Powder
- October – Shotgun, Election, Calendar Planning

## Elected officers for this year are:

- President – TBA
- Vice President – TBA
- Secretary – TBA

## Other announcements:

- I am offering a Utah Hunter Education Course on April 20 and May 4. Register at <https://dwrapps.utah.gov/dwrcourses/he/traditional?id=514140>.
- Applications for the big-game drawing began on March 21 at <https://www.utah-hunt.com/>.
- **If you haven't registered as a 4-H member for the 2023-24 year, please do so right away at <http://4h.zsuite.org/>.** If you need help with the process, call the Iron County 4-H Coordinator, Jessica Anderson, at (435) 267-1754.
- The 4-H program offers leadership opportunities for youth at the county level in addition to within our shooting club. If you are interested, call the Iron County 4-H Coordinator, Jessica Anderson, at (435) 267-1754.
- The Iron County 4-H website is <http://extension.usu.edu/iron/htm/4-h>.
- The State 4-H calendar is online at <http://utah4h.org/htm/calendar/>.



- The state wildlife calendar is online at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/index.php/discover/wildlife-calendar.html>.
- Purchases of hunting licenses and hunting equipment include taxes levied by the Pittman-Robertson Act. This tax provides about \$3-1/2 million per day to fund wildlife conservation and other related activities. - <https://tinyurl.com/y8wt5ec3>.
- I encourage membership in the NRA. Each NRA member should encourage everyone they know to join. Get a substantial instructor's discount on NRA memberships today at <https://membership.nra.org/recruiters/join/XR016818>. Membership benefits include your choice of three magazines (*American Rifleman*, *American Hunter*, and *America's First Freedom*), \$1,000 in firearms insurance, \$10,000 accidental death insurance, and discounts on rental cars and hotels. Youth members also get a subscription to *InSights* magazine. The most important reason to join, however, is that your membership helps give the NRA the horsepower it needs to fight the ongoing battle against gun control. If it weren't for the efforts of the NRA, there would be no 4-H Shooting Sports program.
- One characteristic of the Internet is the constant flood of emails containing hoaxes and out-of-date information. Among these are emails containing incorrect information about gun rights and legislation affecting those rights. The NRA publishes a daily email newsletter with factual information regarding your gun and hunting rights. You can sign up for this free newsletter at <https://www.nra.org/sign-up/>.

As always, I remind our shooters to practice their shooting skills regularly, both live shooting at the range and dry-firing at home.

- Always follow the NRA rules of gun safety
- Handle firearms only with your parents' permission and adult supervision
- When dry-firing, always ensure your gun is empty and never have any ammunition in the same room
- Always concentrate on the fundamentals of shooting – make good shooting form a habit
- You can download targets from the club website - [www.three-peaks.org](http://www.three-peaks.org)

The NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program is designed to be self-paced. It is a good way to develop your shooting skills in shooters of all ages – and get some nice awards. I encourage all club members to use this program with their parents. Go to <https://mqp.nra.org/> for more information.

Please share this letter with your parents and interested friends.

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