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## Guidelines for Virtual 4-H Shooting Sports Activities



For the safety of our 4-H members and volunteers, the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program follows stringent guidelines and training structures set by both the National and Michigan 4-H programs. During this period of virtual programming, 4-H youth and volunteers are reminded that 4-H Shooting Sports activities that require handling of shooting equipment cannot be performed without the physical, in-person presence of our certified coaches. Alternative suggested activities for virtual programming are listed below.

Without the in-person presence of a certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructor, 4-H members are:

<i>Encouraged to:</i>	<i>Suggested topics:</i>	<b><u>Not permitted to:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a poster, video or demonstration</li> <li>• Host a virtual guest speaker</li> <li>• Organize games that test skills or demonstrate knowledge of safety. Skill-a-thon style platforms include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🌀 <i>KaHoot!</i></li> <li>🌀 <i>Family Feud</i></li> <li>🌀 <i>Jeopardy</i></li> <li>🌀 <i>Quizziz</i></li> <li>🌀 <i>BINGO</i></li> <li>🌀 <i>GooseChase (scavenger hunt)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Host a virtual field trip or video viewing party and debrief together (equipment manufacturing plant, wildlife management lands, hunter education videos, Olympian tournament or shooting footage to analyze technique)</li> <li>• Static exhibits (construct a quiver; design targets, like “battleship” targets, etc.)</li> <li>• Meet virtually with your club to plan a community service project to be held once clubs meet in-person</li> <li>• Plan a club event (fun shoot, tournament, recreational gathering) in preparation for a time when a certified instructor is present</li> <li>• Create club brochures or newspaper articles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Parts of equipment</li> <li>• STEM activities (such as building marshmallow catapults or discuss Archery’s Paradox; see lesson plans on MSU Extension website)</li> <li>• Hunter education</li> <li>• Risk management</li> <li>• Record books</li> <li>• Wildlife management</li> <li>• Equipment care and cleaning</li> <li>• Life skills activities (ask your county PC for suggestions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Handle shooting equipment</u> in conjunction with a 4-H sponsored event without the physical presence of a certified instructor.</li> <li>• <u>Fire shooting equipment</u> in conjunction with a 4-H sponsored event without the physical presence of a certified instructor. This includes postal/virtual shoots, or posters, videos, or demonstrations involving handling of equipment.</li> <li>• Clubs may not loan out equipment.</li> </ul>

Have ideas not listed? Please share suggestions with your 4-H county program coordinator and Laura Quist.

**If you have questions, contact Laura Quist, [quistla1@msu.edu](mailto:quistla1@msu.edu) or call 231-942-7552.**

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